



**“Does the new Reform Treaty bring Europe  
closer to the citizens?  
Views from the European Parliament”**

**Citizens' Europe?  
Reflections on the Implications of the Reform Treaty**

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**The Lisbon Treaty:  
*Bringing More Democratic Accountability***

**The new improvements:**

- Parliamentary scrutiny on the European Union legislation;
- President of the Commission will be elected by the European Parliament ;
- A new budgetary procedure will require the approval of both the Council and the European Parliament for all Union's expenditure.



## **The Lisbon Treaty:** ***Bringing More Democratic Accountability***

### **The new improvements:**

- New democratic control of the exercise of delegated legislative powers by the Commission;
- Public meetings of the Council when debating and adopting Union legislation;
- The procedure for revising the Treaties will be more open and democratic.



## **The Lisbon Treaty:** ***More rights and clarity for citizens***

### **The new improvements:**

- Recognition of the binding nature of the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights ;
- The Union will accede to the European Convention on Human Rights;
- Civil participation in the deliberations of the Union.



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**Better focus on policies that visibly benefit citizens e.g:**

- ✓ Promotion of a high level of employment;
- ✓ Guarantee of adequate social protection;
- ✓ Fight against social exclusion;



## **The Lisbon Treaty:** **More rights and clarity for citizens**

**Better focus on policies that visibly benefit citizens e.g:**

- ✓ Elimination of all kinds of discrimination;
- ✓ Promotion of sustainable development and protection of the environment;
- ✓ Economic, social and territorial cohesion is reaffirmed as an objective of the Union;

