Video ECI "Water is a human right!"

(23 October 2012) <u>A video</u> to promote our European Citizens' Initiative (ECI) for the right to water and sanitation has been launched last week.

In the first month 30,000 people signed our ECI. We have to increase our efforts to raise awareness and get more signatures. Signing is NOT just a click on a button. Some people have been surprised about the personal details they had to provide. These are requirements set by national governments to be able to verify the signatures. All European Trade Union Federations are now supporting our ECI. This means we should be able to reach out to millions op people in Europe.

Our ECI has become even more topical following a <u>Commission letter</u> that openly includes privatisation of water as a condition for bailout. It shows that market interests continue to prevail over essential human rights. It also shows that the Commission is going beyond the remit of Treaty which regards privatisation as a matter of national sovereignty.

Our ECI campaign is a means of getting a EU-wide commitment to the human right to water and sanitation. It is a tool to change the mind-set in the European Commission from the market to people's rights. Sign the ECI at <u>www.right2water.eu</u> !

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