



Press release

"Pulse of Europe" reaches out to Brussels

Since mid-March the pro-European citizen's movement "Pulse of Europe" stage a demonstration every Sunday at 2 pm, in Brussels, the Belgian capital and at the same time the heart of Europe. The aim of these events is to give a voice to all those who consider the European Union a positive achievement worth maintaining albeit the weakness' it may have.

"Pulse of Europe" is a citizen's movement and does not belong to any party or other organisation. The movement, which is now represented in more than 70 European cities, has its origins in Frankfurt am Main, Germany. It was founded by couple who decided to actively send a positive message in support of the European Union.

Utta Tuttlies, one of the organisers in Brussels says: "At this moment in time you mostly hear from those who are against Europe. With the upcoming elections in France and Germany there are decisive moments ahead of us. Therefore, we want to lend our voices to those who want to maintain the European Union even despite weaknesses it might have".

The first two events in Brussels were attended by around 300 people gathered as a sign of European cooperation. The organisers aim to mobilise many more supporters so that each week more and more people will join in. Already, there are more than 20,000 people taking to the streets across Europe every weekend for the the Pulse of Europe.

The core organisation team currently consists of six Europeans living in Brussels, some of whom work in the private sector, others for NGOs or for European Institutions.

"It is essential to us to be clear that we are here as private individuals, not on behalf of any institution or political party", says Thorsten Petrowski.

Everyone is welcome to join the Sunday demonstrations: Belgians, Europeans and anyone else, big or small, who shares our concerns for Europe. Following speeches at the beginning, anyone who wishes to speak is welcome to do so via the open microphone. Every demonstration ends with the European Hymn, the Ode to Joy.

The next meeting will be held on Sunday 2 April 2017 at 14.00 in front of the Brussels Opera (Place de la Monnaie).

Please see here the ten points of Pulse of Europe: <http://pulseofeurope.eu/?lang=en>

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