

Cleanup in Europe and Let's do it World 2012

Declaration of the European Parliament of 12 May 2011 on Cleanup in Europe and Let's do it World 2012

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 123 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas implementation and enforcement of EU waste legislation is poor,
- B. whereas the lack of social responsibility and awareness of environmental issues continues to be a problem in many Member States,
- C. whereas national civilian grass-root initiatives in the framework of the 'Let's do it!' action movement have taken place and have led to huge participation by citizens in Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Portugal, Slovenia and Romania since 2008 and these initiatives have produced concrete results such as mapping and cleaning up illegal waste littering,
- 1. Considers that 'Let's do it world!' is a voluntary action movement inviting all the countries of Europe to join together for the biggest clean-up action ever in their country on one day in 2012;
- 2. Invites politicians to actively promote initiatives and citizens to join the action;
- 3. Considers that this effective instrument should be widely promoted in order to raise awareness and responsibility for waste management aiming at the highest possible recycling rate;
- 4. Calls on the Commission to support this initiative by all available means and also to launch a website publishing existing data on national waste registers and maps showing the location of illegal dump sites;
- 5. Calls on the Member States to make additional efforts to fully implement and enforce the existing EU waste legislation in their countries;
- 6. Instructs its President to forward this declaration, together with the names of the signatories¹, to the Commission, the Council and the governments and parliaments of the 27 Member States.

¹ The list of signatories is published in Annex 1 to the Minutes of 12 May 2011 (P7_PV(2011)05-12(ANN1)).