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Second contribution

**Services of general interest :
CELSIG's proposal to the establishing Treaty**

The European Liaison Committee on Services of General Interest (CELSIG) suggests that one or several articles in the draft of the "Establishing Treaty" recognise the place and the role of services of general interest (SGI) and define conditions of their operation, financing and participation of citizens and residents in the process of their establishment.

To this end the Treaty should therefore:

i/ recognise:

-the role of SGI: to guarantee the fundamental rights; to strengthen economic, social and territorial cohesion; to create conditions for sustainable development.

-the right of initiative to the public authority in the economic activity, at all territorial and institutional levels.

-the possibility to allocate and reserve resources for services of general interest whenever the general interest requires. This option should be rendered possible at all territorial and institutional levels of the Union (European Union, Member States, territorial communities).

ii/ clearly state that the "European Law" will set up types of participation for citizens and residents to the operation of these services through appropriate legislation.