

## **MIDDAY EXPRESS**

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### **Commissioner Dalli receives petition calling for initiatives of applied anthroposophy**

Commissioner for Health and Consumer Policy, John Dalli, met today with representatives of the European Alliance of Initiatives for Applied Anthroposophy (ELIANT) who handed him a petition signed by over 1 million European citizens inviting the European Commission to take action in support of initiatives of applied anthroposophy, such as biodynamic agriculture and foods, anthroposophic medicine and holistic therapeutic disciplines.

Commissioner Dalli said: *"I am committed to look seriously at the request made through this petition on measures in support of various aspects of applied anthroposophy since over one million European citizens have signed it. ELIANT'S request is clearly inspired by Art. 11 of the Lisbon Treaty and the recently adopted regulation on citizens' initiatives. I noted to the alliance's representatives that the Commission has already taken action on some of the petition's aspects. I also pointed out that the Council and European Parliament regulation on citizens' initiatives (no. 211/2011) applies from 1 April 2012."*

"Anthroposophy" is a philosophy relating to humanity's cardinal spiritual questions and the need to relate to the world through a scientific attitude of mind in complete freedom based on purely individual decisions. "Applied anthroposophy" concerns the practical implications of anthroposophy.