



## *Eliant - promoting core values*

Parents should be able to decide themselves how they wish their children to be educated!

Everyone should be able to choose the medical approach he or she has confidence in!

We should stand up for environmentally sustainable products that preserve our planet's resources!

**E**liant is an abbreviation that stands for "European Alliance of Initiatives for Applied Anthroposophy". It is backed by an association of interests that wishes to secure legal safeguards for anthroposophic initiatives and products at European level. This is a question of free opportunities for choice, both in matters of education and child-rearing, as well as in medical care, food production and natural cosmetics.

### **Frau Dr. Glöckler, what moved you to become a founding member of the European Alliance ELIANT in 2006?**

*Dr. Michaela Glöckler:* Firstly, the dire news from Nikolai Fuchs of Demeter International that, following the EU vitamin decree, we could no longer keep Demeter infant foods on the market. Why was this prohibited? Because the EU vitamin decree requires artificial vitamin supplementation of infant foods, which is not allowed under Demeter guidelines. Secondly, the fact that proper legal regulation for complementary medicine in Europe still does not exist – which would allow complementary, holistic collaboration between modern medicine and alternative healing methods.

### **Who is behind ELIANT?**

All Europe-wide umbrella organizations working to support anthroposophic initiatives and their cultural services: medicines and

cosmetics producers such as Weleda and Wala, the International Association for Biodynamic Agriculture, the European Council for Steiner Waldorf Education, the European Patients' Federation, and umbrella associations for curative educators, social therapists and physicians.

### **What are the chief aims of the ELIANT charter?**

There are three:

1. Based on the Lisbon Treaty we want to create legal framework conditions so that the initiatives of applied anthroposophy remain viable in Europe and can continue to develop.
2. As active civil society non-governmental organization (NGO) we want to work with other organizations with related ecological and ethically oriented aims to make a positive contribution to greater quality of life in Europe and healthy working conditions.
3. The cultural integration and further development of Europe is a heartfelt concern for us. Europe, with its diversity of languages and peoples, offers precious and highly differentiated scope for development. Reflecting on our common roots of Christian spirituality and values is not only important for mutual understanding and communication but is also something that should be reflected in the products and produce that we send out from here into the world.

### **How do you intend to achieve these goals?**

First we are collecting a million signatures. That's the prerequisite for being taken seriously in Europe as a civil society force. EU-wide we only need another 40,000 or so signatures and in global terms we have already passed the million mark. Following this, we wish to submit draft legislation to the Commission in Brussels, and then also contribute to the further cultural development of Europe wherever this is possible.

### **After you've passed the million threshold, are there particular themes that you personally would rank at the top of the list for Eliant proposals to the EU Commission?**

It seems to me that the most important thing would be to create legal framework conditions that enable parents to decide for themselves how their child is to be educated, that enable everyone to choose the medicine they trust, and to promote the sale of products and agricultural produce that ensure sustainable care of the earth and the environment.

*Interview with Dr. Michaela Glöckler by freelance journalist Ines Teitge-Blaha, Weimar/Lahn.*



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### **The goal:**

#### **1 million signatures!**

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