

Lisbon and sovereignty

Statement by the Connolly Youth Movement

The German Constitutional Court this week ruled on the constitutionality of the Lisbon Treaty, and while finding the treaty compatible with the German Constitution it has withheld immediate ratification of it because of the significant transfers of sovereignty that the treaty entails. It appears that the court is demanding that a law be enacted that would guarantee the rights of the German Parliament to be involved in EU decision-making.

According to the Constitutional Court the German lower house and upper house “have not been accorded sufficient rights of participation in European lawmaking procedures and treaty amendment procedures.

“The Basic Law [Constitution] does not grant the German state bodies powers to transfer sovereign powers in such a way that their exercise can independently establish other competences for the European Union.”

In addition, “Open Europe” has published the result of an opinion poll showing that 77 per cent of German voters want a referendum on the Lisbon Treaty.

This ruling once again highlights the significant loss of sovereign power Ireland faces if Lisbon is passed. It is vital for democracy across Europe that people vote No to the Lisbon Treaty AGAIN.