



European citizens' initiative

latest developments

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Latest developments

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Key figures (September 2025)



149

requests
submitted



121

initiatives
registered



12

valid
initiatives



7

initiatives
collecting signatures



± 24M

EU citizens supported
an initiative since 2012

3

initiatives pending
verification or
submission

Registered initiatives since January 2020

- 51 ECIs registered (5 in 2020, 11 in 2021, 10 in 2022, 11 in 2023, 11 in 2024, 3 so far in 2025)
- 2 registration requests currently under scrutiny
- Use of two-stage procedure in 15 cases
- One request partially registered
- Only one request for registration has been refused
- 7 initiatives currently collecting statements of support
- 1 initiative to start collecting statements of support soon

Registered initiatives since 22 February 2024 (last EG meeting)

- Save your right, save your flight!
 - Registered on 16 July 2025
 - Collection start date: 8 August 2025
- Food is a Human Right for All! Guaranteeing healthy, just and sustainable food systems
 - Registered on 8 July 2025
 - Collection start date to be announced

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Registered initiatives since 22 February 2024 (last EG meeting)

- HouseEurope! Power to Renovation
 - Registered on 21 January 2025
 - Collection start date: 31 January 2025
- PsychedeliCare
 - Registered on 11 September 2024
 - Collection start date: 14 January 2025
- Air-Quotas
 - Registered on 19 June 2024
 - Collection start date: 16 December 2024

Registered initiatives since 22 February 2024 (last EG meeting)

- ECI for a Water-Smart and Resilient Europe
 - Registered on 11 September 2024
 - Collection start date: 23 October 2024
- Stop Cruelty Stop Slaughter
 - Registered on 24 July 2024
 - Collection start date: 24 September 2024
- Stop Fake Food: Origin on Label
 - Registered on 24 July 2024
 - Collection start date: 21 September 2024

Registered initiatives since 22 February 2024 (last EG meeting)

- Stop Destroying Videogames
 - Registered on 19 June 2024
 - Collection start date: 31 July 2024
 - Submitted to Member States for verification on 11 August 2025
- My Voice, My Choice: For Safe And Accessible Abortion
 - Registered on 10 April 2024
 - Collection start date: 24 April 2024
 - Member State verification completed on 28 August 2025

Valid initiatives (answered in 2025)

- **Cohesion policy for the equality of the regions and sustainability of the regional cultures**
 - 1,269,351 statements of support validated - thresholds reached in 8 Member States
 - Submitted to the Commission on 4 March 2025
 - Meeting with the Commission on 25 March 2025
 - EP public hearing on 25 June 2025
 - Commission Communication of 3 September 2025, C(2025) 6015

Valid initiatives (to be answered in 2026)

■ **My Voice, My Choice: For Safe and Accessible Abortion**

- 1,124,513 statements of support validated - thresholds reached in 19 Member States
- Submitted to the Commission on 1 September 2025
- Meeting with the Commission on 1 October 2025
- EP public hearing by 1 December 2025
- Commission Communication by 2 March 2026

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ECIs pending submission to the Commission

- **Ban on conversion practices in the European Union**

- Deadline for Member State verification: 16 September 2025

- **Stop Extremism**

- Registered under the old ECI Regulation where there was no deadline to submit

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ECIs in verification process/verification to start soon

■ Stop Destroying Videogames

- Verification to be completed by 11 November 2025
- Deadline for submission to the Commission: 11 February 2026

■ Stop Cruelty Stop Slaughter

- Signature collection period ends on 24 September 2025
- Transfer to Member States for verification by 24 December 2025

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Court cases

Final judgments:

- Case C-54/22 P, *Romania v European Commission*, appeal judgment of 22 February 2024
- Case C-26/23 P, *Citizens' Committee of the European Citizens' Initiative 'Minority SafePack – one million signatures for diversity in Europe' v European Commission*, appeal judgment of 5 June 2025

Ongoing:

- T-151/24, *Citizens' Committee of the European citizens' initiative 'End the Cage Age' v European Commission*

Outlook regulatory framework

- Follow up of 2023 review report commitments:
 1. **Enhancing ECI awareness and visibility**
 2. **Strengthening support for ECI organisers**
 3. **Continued improvement of the central online collection system**
 4. **Strengthening ECI implementation at national level and in cooperation with civil society**
 5. **A more visible follow-up of ECIs**
- Next review report on the application and functioning of the ECI Regulation (due in 2027)

Tour de table

- Developments at national level: e.g. minimum age to support ECIs, integration of national eIDs, awareness raising
- Experiences with recent and ongoing verifications

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