European Citizens' Initiative

EUROPEAN CITIZENS' INITIATIVE: FROM YOUR **SIGNATURE** TO **EU ACTION!**

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The European Citizens' Initiative (ECI) gives EU citizens a direct say in shaping EU laws and policies.

If an initiative gathers at least 1 million valid signatures from citizens in at least 7 EU countries, the European Commission will respond, explaining what action it will take or why it decides not to act.

WHAT HAS BEEN ACHIEVED SO FAR

When EU citizens come together, they can have an impact on EU law and policies. For example, successful European citizens' initiatives have led to:

- improved **access to safe water**
- **more transparent pesticide approvals**
- better **protection of endangered species**
- strengthened EU commitment to **reduce animal testing**

And more is to come – every initiative builds momentum for policy change.

Read more on **EU actions sparked by citizens' initiatives**

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