



Meeting of the Expert Group on the Citizens' Initiative

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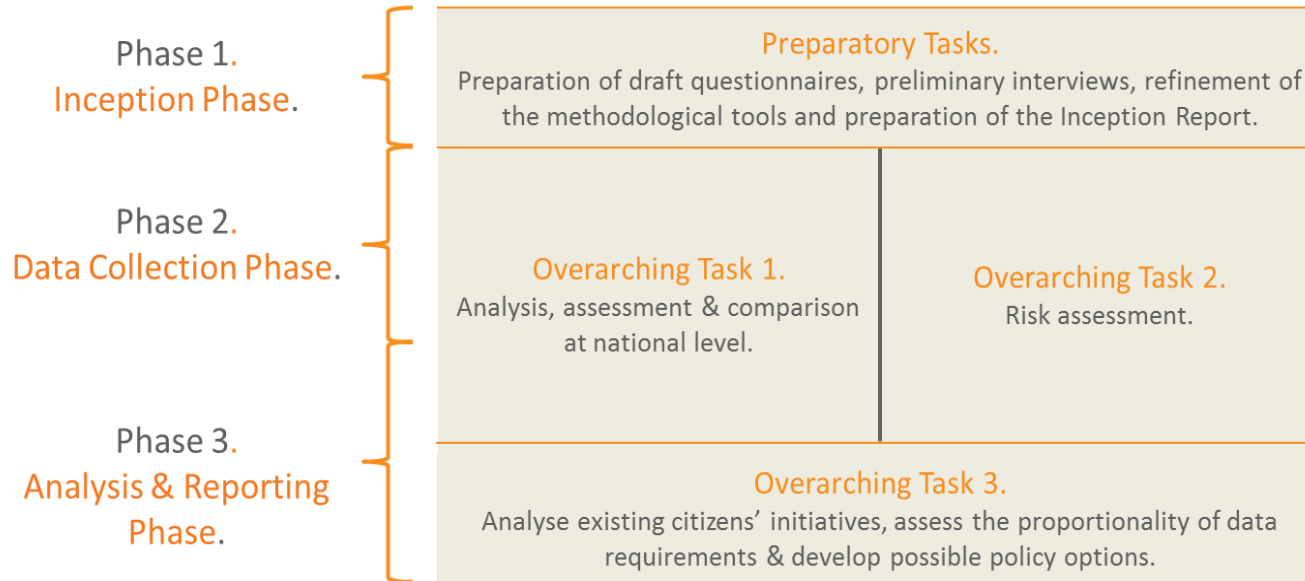
AGENDA

- 01 Objectives of the study
- 02 The Study (design, methods and team)
- 03 What we need from you
- 04 Timeline

Objectives of the study

- **Study Objective 1:** to assess the scope and possible approaches for simplifying the **data requirements for ECI signatories** within the existing legislative framework;
- **Study Objective 2:** to assess the scope for streamlining the related **data security requirements for organisers**, while ensuring the protection of these data in accordance with the ECI Regulation; and
- **Study Objective 3:** to assess more broadly the proportionality of the provisions of the Regulation as **regards data requirements for signatories and the verification of statements of support**, also in relation to other instruments of direct and participatory democracy at national/regional level, and put forward possible **alternative options** in this regard should the Commission decide to propose a revision of the ECI Regulation.

STUDY DESIGN.



Task 1 - assess the scope and possible approaches for simplifying the data requirements for ECI signatories within the existing legislative framework

- **Key issues:**

- Provide a picture of the situation at MS level (background, rules practice) – the baseline
- From the baseline, identify the shortcomings of the ECI, in particular with regard to (i) Participation by citizens, (ii) Impact of data requirements on citizens' participation, (iii) Rationale for adoptions of the national rules / law, and (iv) Scope for simplification of the rules

- **Data collection methods**

- National data collection (rules implementing Art. 8 of the ECI regulation, processes and practices, information on similar participatory instruments etc.) through interviews, desk research,=> Country fiche
- EU data collection (desk research & interviews)

- **Analysis (descriptive, comparative legal & statistical)**

- **Outputs :**

- country fiches
- assessment of the sensitivity of various data requirements in the different Member States
- analysis of the extent to which the requirement to provide certain data impacts the support
- list of best practices
- assessment of the scope for the simplification of the rules

- **Key issues:**

- Interface between the ECI data and data protection rules, including the overall legislative framework.
- Assessed from a legal data protection point of view and from a technical one.

- **Data collection methods**

- National data collection (same as Task 1)
- EU data collection (desk research & interviews – commission and ECI organisers)
- Case studies research (3/4 countries)

- **Analysis (Risk assessment, Assessment of scope to simplify and/or streamlining provisions on online collection systems)**

- **Outputs :**

- Case studies
- Risk assessment
- List of proposals for the simplification and streamlining of the technical specifications

- **Key issues:**
 - Forward looking element.
 - Provide possible options for the amendment and update of the ECI
- **Data collection methods**
 - Data collected for Task 1 and Task 2
- **Analysis (comparative, Assessments and proportionality assessments, development of options)**
- **Outputs :**
 - Possible solutions
 - Proportionality assessment

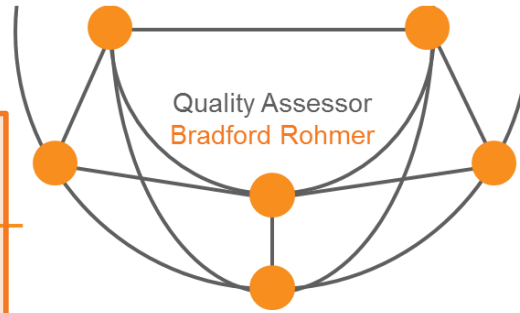
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Where necessary, EDRI will support us in collecting data and identifying the necessary information and risks they identify.

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Where we will need your cooperation

You will be contacted by our partner TIPIK early in 2017 – the type of question we will seek to find answers to include:

- Information on the data requirements and verification (legally and in practice);
- Information on other similar types of initiatives;
- Understanding of the sensitivity of certain types of data
- Information on other similar initiatives
- Any relevant documentation / information you can point us to

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THANK YOU

Thank you for your valuable time.

Please ask any questions you might have

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