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Meeting of the expert group on the citizens' initiative

Results of the questionnaire on the verification of the
statements of support

12/06/2014



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ANALYSIS

- State of play
- Based on the results of the questionnaire
- 3 main ECIs: Right2Water, One of Us, Stop Vivisection



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SUBMISSION

How did the organisers submitted their statements of support (SoS)?

	Right2Water	One of Us	Stop Vivisection
In person (only)	21 MS	24 MS	2 MS
By post (only)	3 MS	2 MS	20 MS
By email or electronic means	1 MS	-	2 MS
.. + by email or electronic means	2 MS	2 MS	2 MS



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How were the SoS submitted?

→ Partly on paper, partly in electronic form:

Right2Water (92%)



One of Us (89%)



Stop Vivisection (71%)



→ *Some rare cases of all in paper (printed) /all in electronic form (scanned)*



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As regards SoS submitted in electronic form, how were they submitted?

- **On a physical support (CD/USB, etc.)** (R2W 71% - One of Us 82% - Stop Vivisection 71%)
- **By Email/by another means** (*e.g. DE: encrypted internet download*)
- **Encrypted: yes** (> 80%)



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As regards SoS submitted in electronic form, how were they submitted?

- In XML format

Right2Water (92%)

One of Us (92%)

Stop Vivisection (82%)





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XML format: Did you need to convert them?

No 54%

Yes 46%

- *some MS encountered difficulties in converting from XML into Excel*
- *some MS encountered difficulties with files exported from the OCS of the Commission*



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Do you provide any specific guidance in addition to the Commission's ECI Website?

Yes, 16 MS



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Alert to the expert group:

***Don't forget to alert
the expert group if
you are the first one
to receive SoS from
the organisers!***

Was it helpful to be informed? YES (16 MS)



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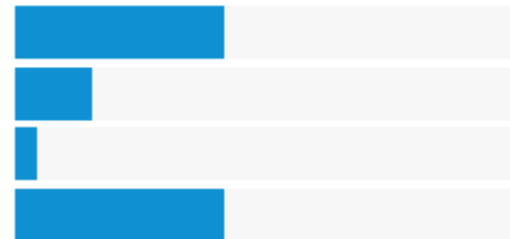
Do you use random sampling methods?

Yes (12 MS)

Yes, but only for paper SoS (4 MS)

Yes, but only for online SoS (1 MS)

No (11 MS)





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Do you prepare one sample or two samples ?

1 sample for all SoS (7/12 MS)

2 samples (5/12 MS)

one for the paper SoS, one for the SoS collected online –

➔ *ESTAT study*



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Have you used Optical Recognition Tool (OCR) for the paper SoS?

Yes (2 MS): LU, FI



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Have you encountered particular issues with the format of the paper SoS?

Yes 36%

No 64%

➔ *State of play of forms available on the Commission website*



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CROATIA

STATEMENT OF SUPPORT FORM FOR THE EUROPEAN CITIZENS' INITIATIVE: ¹ XXX	
1.All signatories on this form hold personal identification numbers of: CROATIA <i>See Part C of Annex III of Regulation (EU) No 211/2011 for personal identification numbers / personal identification document numbers one of which must be provided</i>	
2.European Commission registration number: EC(2014)xxx	3.Date of registration: 05/08/2014
4.Web address of this proposed citizens' initiative in the European Commission's register: http://www.acceptance.ec.europa.eu/citizens-initiative/public/initiatives/ongoing/details/2014xxx	
5.Title of this proposed citizens' initiative: XXX	
6.Subject matter: xxx	
7.Main objectives: xxx	
8.Names and e-mail addresses of registered contact persons: xxx	
9.Names of the other registered organisers: xxx	
10.Website of this proposed citizens' initiative (if any):	

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE SIGNATORIES IN CAPITAL LETTERS - Unless stated otherwise, all fields on this form are mandatory

I hereby certify that the information that I have provided in this form is correct and that I have not already supported this proposed citizens' initiative.

FULL FIRST NAMES	FAMILY NAMES	RESIDENCE (street, number, postal code, city, country)	NATIONALITY	PERSONAL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER	DATE AND SIGNATURE ²
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¹ The form shall be printed on one sheet. Organisers may use a double-sided sheet.

² Signature is not mandatory if the form is submitted electronically via an online collection system as referred to in Article 6 of Regulation (EU) No 211/2011

Privacy statement: In accordance with Article 10 of Directive 95/46/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 October 1995 on the protection of individuals with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data, the personal data provided on this form will only be made available to the competent authorities for the purpose of verification and certification of the number of valid statements of support received for this proposed citizens' initiative (see Article 6 of Regulation (EU) No 211/2011 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 February 2011 on the citizens' initiative) and, if necessary, further processed for the purpose of administrative or legal proceedings relating to this proposed citizens' initiative (see Article 12 of Regulation (EU) No 211/2011). The data may not be used for any other purpose. Data subjects are entitled to obtain access to their personal data. All statements of support will be destroyed at the latest 16 months after the date of registration of the proposed citizens' initiative, or, in the case of administrative or legal proceedings, at the latest one week after the date of conclusion of the said proceedings.



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SWEDEN

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How long did it take you in average to complete the verification and issue the certificate ?



Have you improved the time since the first verification?

Yes definitely (50%)

Not really (43%)



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Which personal data are verified?

1. **First name and family name** (28 MS)
2. **Nationality** (20 MS)
3. **Date of birth** (19 MS)
4. **Residence** (16 MS)
5. **Personal identification (document) number** (15 MS)
6. **Place of birth** (10 MS)
7. **Name at birth** (4 MS)
8. **Father's name** (1 MS)
9. **ID Document Issuing authority** (1 MS)

*Don't forget to check
the age and the
nationality of the
signatory*



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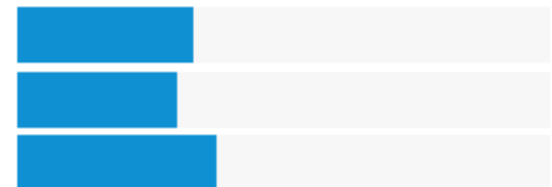
***RECOMMENDATION:
check manually SoS
considered as invalid
after the automatic
check***

Have you been able to carry out automatic checks?

Yes (9 MS)

Yes, but only for SoS collected online (8 MS)

No (11 MS)



➔ **Manual double-check** → "The automatic check results in a number of SoS being suggested as valid and a number of SoS being suggested as invalid. **All invalid SoS are processed manually.** A great deal are found to be valid (minor errors)"



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OUTCOME OF THE VERIFICATION (percentage of SoS considered as valid)

ON PAPER

Paper - Right2Water	Paper - One of us	Paper - Stop vivisection
85.8%	86.3%	84.4%
15 MS	15 MS	10 MS

ONLINE

R2W -online	Online - One of us	Online - Stop vivisection
90.6%	88.7%	82.1%
15 MS	16 MS	15 MS

TOTAL

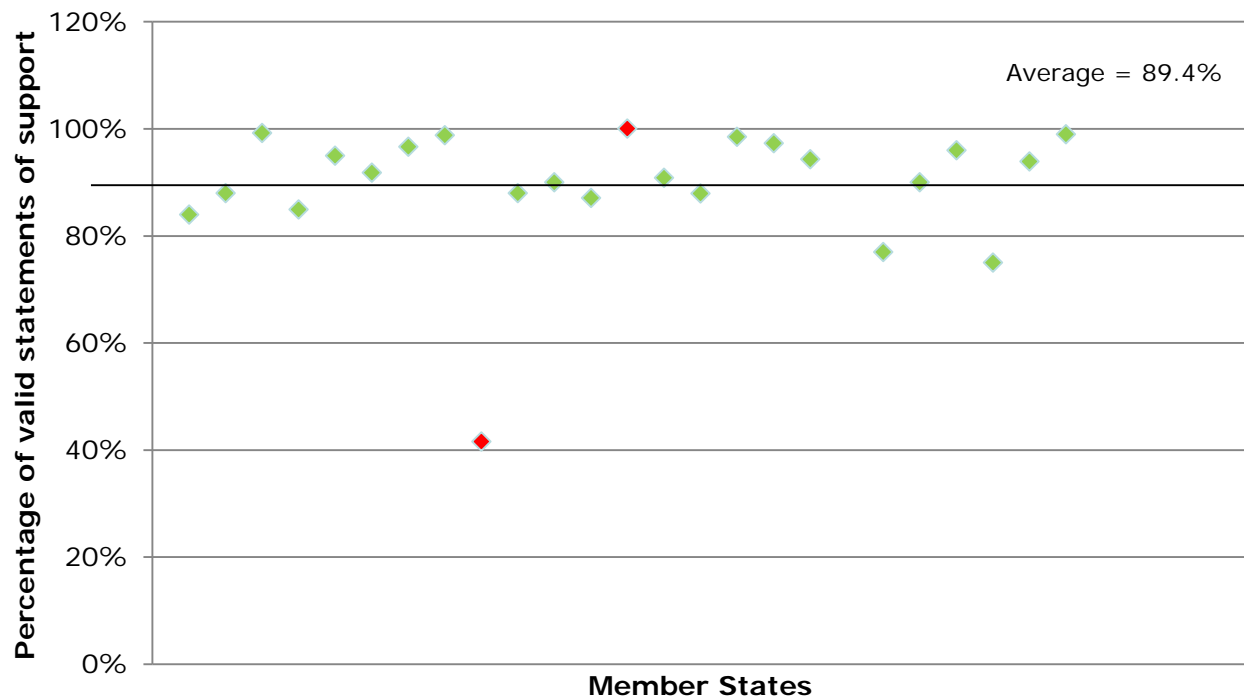
Total R2W	Total One of us	Total Stop vivisection
89.4%	85.4%	82.5%
(between 41.6 and 100%)	(between 46.4 and 98.9%)	(between 40.5 and 98.3%)
24 MS	25 MS	22 MS



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OUTCOME OF THE VERIFICATION (percentage of SoS considered as valid)

Total - R2W

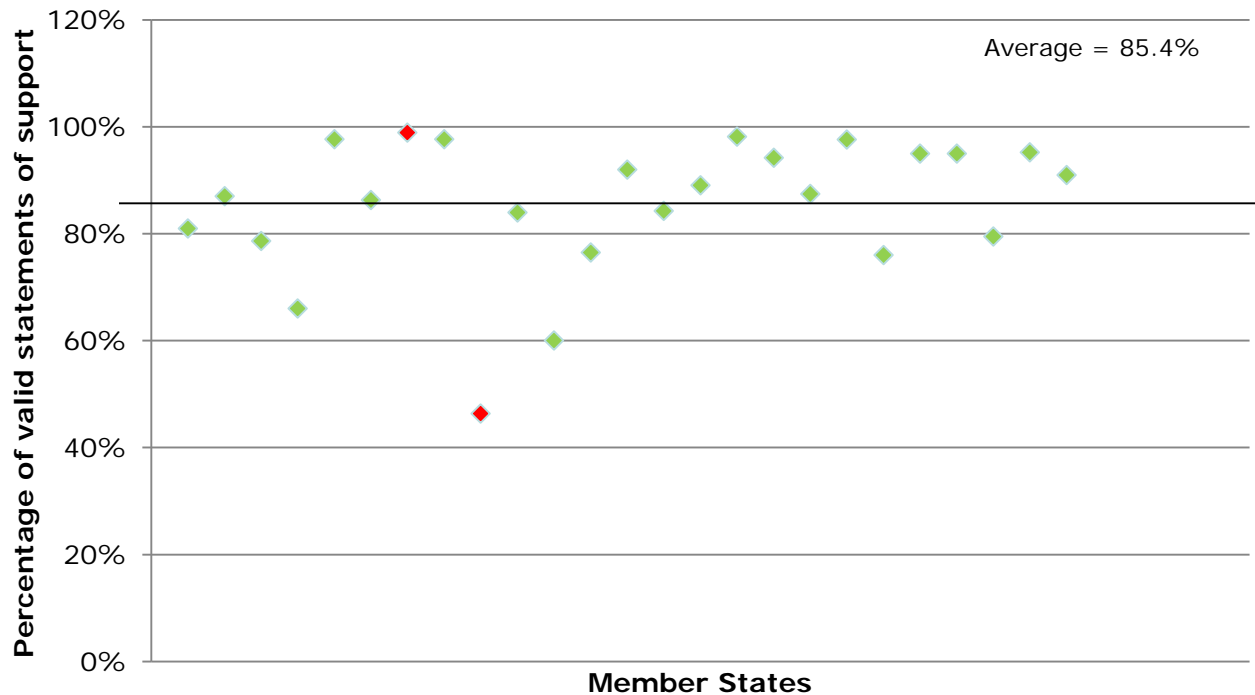




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OUTCOME OF THE VERIFICATION (percentage of SoS considered as valid)

Total - One of us

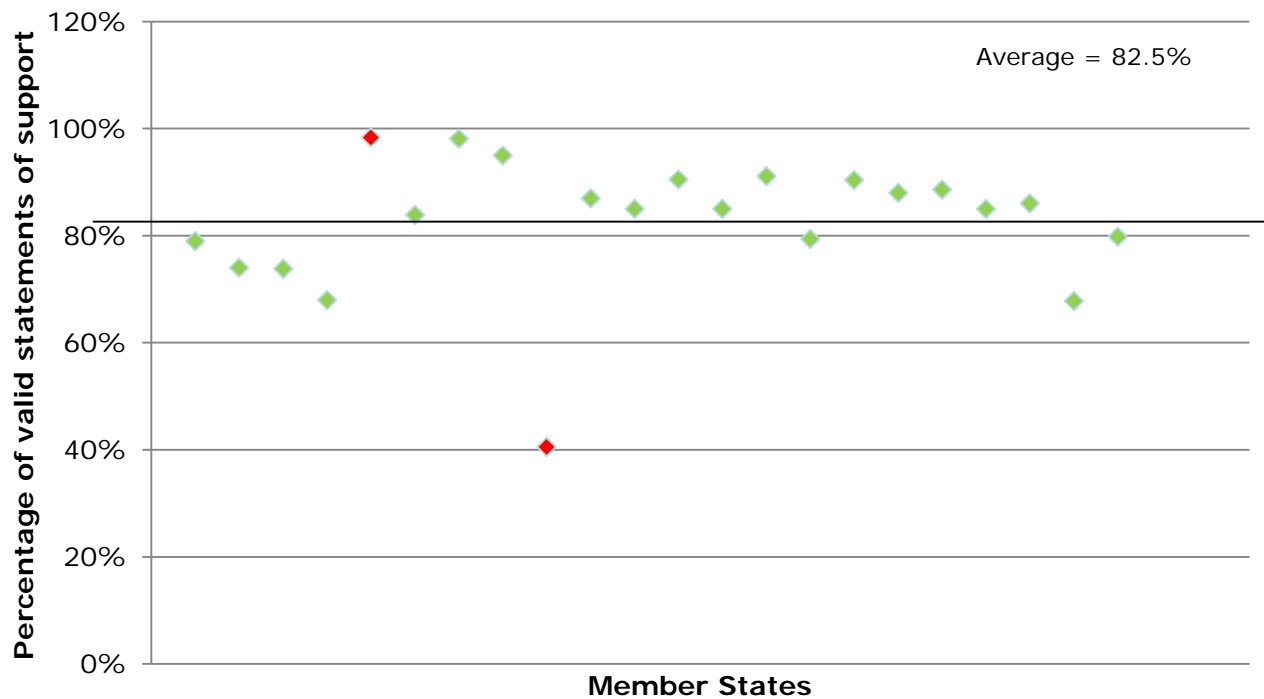




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OUTCOME OF THE VERIFICATION (percentage of SoS considered as valid)

Total - Stop vivisection





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OUTCOME OF THE VERIFICATION

Main grounds for invalidation:

- **Wrong data leading to the impossibility to identify the signatory (25 MS)**
- **Multiple statements of support (19 MS)**
- **Too many missing data leading to the impossibility to identify the signatory (18 MS)**
- **Less than minimum age (16 MS)**
- **Non EU-citizen (11 MS)**
- **Missing signature on paper (10 MS)**
- **Unreadable data (10 MS)**



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OUTCOME OF THE VERIFICATION

- RECOMMENDATION:**
send a copy of the certificate via email to:
- ***The representative & substitute***
 - ***The Commission***

To whom have you addressed the certificate confirming the number of valid statements of support?

- To the local contact person (*in most of the cases*)
- To the representative
- To the organiser



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ADDITIONAL COMMENTS/QUESTIONS?