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MEETING OF THE EXPERT GROUP ON THE CITIZENS' INITIATIVE

Friday, 30 September 2022

10:00 – 15:30

**European Commission, Berlaymont building, 200 Rue de la Loi, 1040 Brussels
(Schuman room, Mezzanine)**

Draft Agenda

- 1. Welcome and introduction**
- 2. Latest developments around the European Citizens' Initiative (ECI) including state of play of citizens' initiatives, COVID-19 developments, and latest court case law**
- 3. Upcoming review of Regulation (EU) 2019/788 on the European citizens' initiative (by 1 January 2024) – presentation of planned consultations and of objectives, followed by Q&A**
- 4. Implementation by Member States**
 - 4.1. Review of Regulation 2019/788 – feedback on Member States' experiences and implementation, including on verification – Member States' questionnaire
 - 4.2. Tour de table on update on other national developments of common interest (e.g. minimum voting age, national points of contact)

Lunch break (12.30 – 14.00)

5. Implementation of Regulation (EU) 2019/788 – update on IT developments

- 5.1. Implemented and planned improvements of Commission’s Central Online Collection system
- 5.2. Use of File exchange service (Secure CircaBC) for transfer of statements of support: exchange of recent experiences
- 5.3. State of play eID implementation by Member States

6. ECI Communication, guidance and information

- 6.1. ECI Communication Campaign, planned communication activities, events in Member States, webinars and trainings
- 6.2. Improvements and features of the ECI website and the ECI forum
- 6.3. Role and activities of national contact points – report from ECI multipliers gathering on 1 June 2022 followed by a tour de table to share information and best practices

7. Any other business