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Your tool to shape European policy



The European Citizens' Initiative is an opportunity to become directly involved in the European democratic process, allowing you to have a greater say in EU policies that affect your life.

The European Citizens' Initiative is unique. It is the first tool that allows citizens from several EU countries to join together and propose concrete legal changes on a common cause. As an EU citizen, you can either join a group of organisers to launch an initiative, or lend your support to an existing initiative.

To launch an initiative, it takes **7 EU citizens**, living in at least **7 different Member States** who are old enough to vote. Once a project gathers **1 million signatures**, the European Commission must decide whether or not to take action.

A citizens' initiative is possible in any field where the European Commission has power to propose legislation, such as the environment, consumer protection, agriculture, fisheries, energy, transport or trade.

*For more information on the European Citizens' Initiative, including the list of initiatives currently open for support, go to:*

**[ec.europa.eu/citizens-initiative/](https://ec.europa.eu/citizens-initiative/)**

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