



# European citizens' initiative

## latest developments

Expert Group on the citizens' initiative  
Meeting of 22 February 2024

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# Key figures (February 2024)



**134**

requests  
submitted



**110**

initiatives  
registered



**10**

Valid  
initiatives



**11**

initiatives  
collecting signatures



**± 18M**

EU citizens supported  
an initiative since 2012

**2**

initiatives pending  
submission

## Registered initiatives since January 2020

- 40 ECIs registered (5 in 2020, 11 in 2021, 10 in 2022, 11 in 2023, 3 so far in 2024)
- Use of two-stage procedure in 11 cases
- One request partially registered
- Only one request for registration has been refused
- 11 initiatives currently collecting statements of support
- 4 initiatives to start collecting statements of support soon

# Registered initiatives since 6 June 2023 (last EG meeting)

- European Cannabis Initiative
  - Partially registered on 6 February 2024
  - Collection start date to be announced
- European Citizens' Initiative in Defence of Agriculture and Rural Economy in Europe
  - Registered on 24 January 2024
  - Collection start date to be announced
- Ban on conversion practices in the European Union
  - Registered on 24 January 2024
  - Collection start date to be announced

# Registered initiatives since 6 June 2023 (last EG meeting)

- **4 initiatives registered on 8 November 2023:**
  - Trust and Freedom
    - Collection start date: 28 November 2023
  - Creation of a European Environment Authority
    - Collection start date: 10 January 2024
  - EU Live Bus Stop Info
    - Collection start date: 26 April 2024
  - 'I'm Going European': An ECI to Connect your National and European Citizenship
    - Collection start date to be announced

# Registered initiatives since 6 June 2023 (last EG meeting)

- Preservation and development of Ukrainian culture, education, language, and traditions in EU States
  - Registered on 16 August 2023
  - Collection start date: 13 February 2024
- Taxing great wealth to finance the ecological and social transition
  - Registered on 11 July 2023
  - Collection start date: 9 October 2023

# Valid initiatives (answered in 2023)

## ■ Fur Free Europe

- 1 502 319 statements of support validated - thresholds reached in 18 Member States
- Submitted to the Commission on 14 June 2023
- Meeting with the Commission on 20 July 2023
- EP public hearing on 10 October 2023
- Commission Communication of 7 December 2023, C(2023)8362



## Valid initiatives (answered in 2023)

- **Save Cruelty-Free Cosmetics – Commit to a Europe without Animal Testing**
  - 1 217 916 statements of support validated - thresholds reached in 21 Member States
  - Submitted to the Commission on 25 January 2023
  - Meeting with the Commission on 17 March 2023
  - EP public hearing on 25 May 2023
  - Commission Communication of 25 July 2023, C(2023)5041

## Valid initiatives (answered in 2023)

### ■ Stop Finning – Stop the Trade

- 1 119 996 statements of support validated - thresholds reached in 15 Member States
- Submitted to the Commission on 11 January 2023
- Meeting with the Commission on 6 February 2023
- EP public hearing on 27 March 2023
- Commission Communication of 5 July 2023, C(2023)4489

## Valid initiatives (answered in 2023)

- **Save bees and farmers! Towards a bee-friendly agriculture for a healthy environment**
  - 1 054 973 statements of support validated - thresholds reached in 11 Member States
  - Submitted to the Commission on 7 October 2022
  - Meeting with the Commission on 25 November 2022
  - EP public hearing on 24 January 2023
  - Commission Communication of 5 April 2023, C(2023)2320

## ECIs pending submission

- Stop Extremism
- Cohesion policy for the equality of the regions and sustainability of the regional cultures

Both registered under Regulation 211/2011 – no deadline for submission

# Modification of Annex I

- Delegated act to modify Annex I of Regulation (EU) 2019/788 to comply with European Council Decision (EU) 2023/2061 establishing the composition of the European Parliament for the 2024-2029 parliamentary term
- Expert group consulted in November 2023
- Information on outcome of consultation sent on 7 December 2023
- Adopted on 6 February 2024 and transmitted to European Parliament and Council
- Will apply from the date on which the 2024-2029 parliamentary term begins
- New thresholds will apply to initiatives registered on or after the date on which the new parliamentary term begins