#### European Citizens' Initiative - Recent updates



## Welcome to (new) members!





#### **Initiative updates**

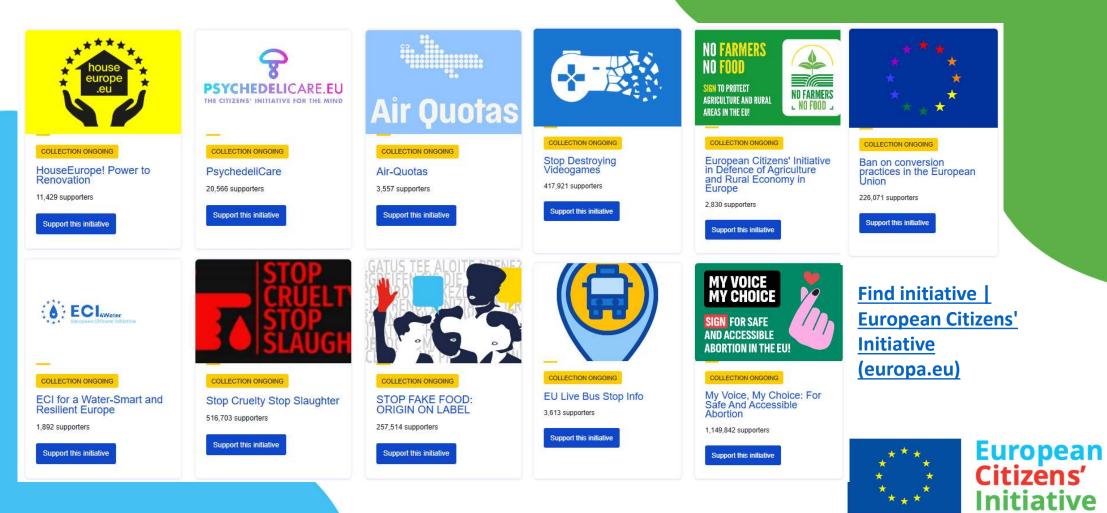
#### Recently registered or open for signature collection

- <u>HouseEurope! Power to Renovation</u> registered 21/1, open for collection 31/1
- <u>PsychedeliCare</u> open for collection 13/1



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#### **Ongoing Initiatives (13 March 2025)**



#### **Initiative updates**

#### Initiative submitted for Commission examination

#### Cohesion policy for the equality of the regions and sustainability of the regional cultures

Submitted 4 March 2025, for reply by 4 September 2025

Next steps:

- Meeting with Commission representatives
- Public hearing at the European Parliament





**Facts & Figures** – overview since 2012



**11** initiatives collecting signatures



**10** initiatives replied to by the EC



1 initiative submitted for Commission examination



### **Communication updates**

- New communications contract
- New focus countries: Bulgaria, Czechia, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Poland, Romania, Spain, Sweden.
- Incoming relevant dates (We count on you!):
  - **1 April**: ECI Anniversary (marking the entry into application of the first ECI Regulation in 2012)
  - 9 May: Europe Day
- New approach to events
- Form for requesting paper publications: <u>https://ec.europa.eu/eusurvey/runner/ECI-</u> material-request

Reminder about the <u>ECI Facebook group</u> and the <u>ECI Newsletter</u>. Check out also the <u>EU Rights LinkedIn page</u>



## ECI Communicators Network in 2025

#### • 10 focus countries

#### Member State events

- You can choose the relevant events to attend to showcase the ECI.
  - Request ECI materials from us: <a href="https://ec.europa.eu/eusurvey/runner/ECI-material-request">https://ec.europa.eu/eusurvey/runner/ECI-material-request</a>
  - Limited number of allowances and travel cost reimbursements to apply for\*
  - Tips: Europe Day, book fairs, democracy festivals, International Democracy Day, etc.
- In-person gathering in Brussels, 8 April 2025
  - Online meet-ups will continue
- Need contacts or country-specific information? Ask us!



# **ECI Network Gathering on 8 April**

- •New: High-level panel debate, with Commissioner Šefčovič
- Interactive networking gathering
- •New: participation of organisers of ongoing ECIs
- •Bring examples of actions
- •Bring ideas

•Recording of videos for social media – looking for volunteers!



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# ECI Network Gathering on 8 April draft agenda

- 8:45h Welcome & networking with coffee
- 9:30h Welcome and opening debate.

Opening remarks by Maroš ŠEFČOVIČ, Commissioner for Trade and Economic Security, Interinstitutional Relations and Transparency

- 10:30h Interactive session: Getting (re)connected to the ECI and to each other
- 11:00h Coffee break
- 11:15h Introduction to ECI Knowledge Café
- 12:30h Walking lunch
- 13:30h For ECI Communicators' network: Continuation of the programme For ECI organisers: Session organised by the ECI Forum (ECAS)
- 16:30h Networking cocktail



## Key dates for 2025

- **18 March** ECI Day as part of the EESC Civil Society Week
- 1 April ECI Anniversary (marking the entry into application of the 1<sup>st</sup> ECI Regulation in 2012)
- 8 April ECI Communicators Network gathering in Brussels
- 9 May Europe Day (and EU Open Days in Brussels on 10 May)
- 15 September International Day of Democracy
- **1 December** Anniversary of the Lisbon Treaty entry into force
- 2025 is the Council of Europe's Year of Digital Citizenship Education
- EU Council presidency countries: Poland (Jan.-June) and Denmark (July-Dec.)



# The floor is yours!



