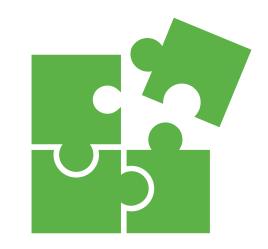


# Welcome to (new) members!





## Al or ECI?

Game by Sebastian (Stand Up for Europe)

Check out the recap video from SUFE's latest picnic:



### **Initiative updates**

### Initiatives recently registered

- <u>'Food is a Human Right for All! Guaranteeing healthy,</u> <u>just and sustainable food systems'</u> registered 08/07
- New registration decision on 16/7

What happens after an initiative is registered?

Check out the step-bystep process



### **Initiative updates**

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

- ✓ Submitted 4 March 2025, for reply by 4 September 2025
- ✓ Organisers met with Commission representatives on 25 March 2025
- ✓ Organisers presented their objectives at a public hearing in the European Parliament in Brussels on 25 June 2025
- ✓ Members of the European Parliament debated on the ECI in a plenary debate in Strasbourg on 10 July



Follow the <u>Steps towards the Commission's answer</u>

> **Next step:** Commission's reply by 4 September

#### 'My Voice, My Choice: For Safe And Accessible Abortion'

- ✓ Signature collection closed on 24 April 2025 with over 1.22 million signatures
- √ 3-month verification phase started on 28 May





### **Initiative updates**

#### 'Ban on conversion practices in the European Union'

- ✓ Signature collection closed on 17 May 2025, with over 1.24 million signatures
- ✓ 3-month verification phase started on 16 June



#### Next steps for 'My Voice, My Choice' & 'Ban on conversion practices':

- National authorities are verifying signatures
- If minimum thresholds reached, initiative can be submitted to the Commission followed by meeting with Commission representatives and a hearing on the European Parliament

#### **Honourable mentions:**

- > **Stop Destroying Videogames:** 1.34 million signatures collected so far; closes on 31 July
- > **Stop Cruelty Stop Slaughter:** 964k signatures so far; closes on 24 September







### Facts & Figures –

overview since 2012

120 initiatives registered **10** initiatives replied to by the EC



**3** initiatives under verification









#### **More info:**

- The European Citizens' Initiative in key figures
- ECI Forum infographic (2025)

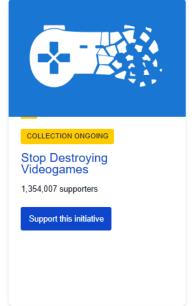


### Ongoing initiatives (15 July 2025)

















Find initiative | European Citizens' Initiative (europa.eu)



### ECI Communicators Network in 2025

- **10 focus countries:** Bulgaria, Czechia, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Poland, Romania, Spain, Sweden.
- New approach to events reminder

You can choose the relevant events to attend to showcase the ECI.

- Request ECI materials from us
- Limited number of allowances and travel cost reimbursements to apply for\*
- Tips: Europe Day, book fairs, democracy festivals, International Democracy Day, etc.
- Need contacts or country-specific information? Ask us!
- Next online meet-up: 15 September e.g., 14:00 TBC



### **Communication updates**

- **Educational toolkit** update for the new school year
- Fill out the ECI materials request form
- We listened to your feedback! Report up to 3 activities at a time in the <u>updated</u> reporting template
- Share your contributions via email for the <u>ECI Newsletter</u>
- Continue the conversation in the <u>ECI Official Facebook Group</u> & <u>WhatsApp group</u>
   (Contact Nico Janis)
- Check out also the <u>EU Rights LinkedIn page</u>



# The floor is yours!

