



European Citizens' Initiative - Recent updates

Initiative updates

ECI submitted for EC examination and reply in 6 months

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

- ✓ Initiative submitted to the European Commission on 1 September with 1.12 million verified signatures
- ✓ Initiative organisers met with the Commission on 1 October



Next steps:

- Public hearing in the European Parliament on 2 December (it will be web streamed)
- Commission reply by 2 March 2026

Follow the [Steps towards the Commission's answer](#)



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ECIs under verification of collected signatures:

'Ban on conversion practices in the European Union'

- ✓ Signature collection closed on 17 May with more than 1.24 million signatures reported
- ✓ 3-month verification phase started on 16 June
- ★ Reference to this ECI in the LGBTQ+ equality strategy 2026-2030 adopted by the Commission on 18 October ([press release](#))



'Stop Destroying Videogames'

- ✓ Signature collection closed on 31 July with more than 1.44 million signatures reported
- ✓ Signature verification started on 11 August



If minimum thresholds are reached, these ECIs can be submitted to the Commission – followed by meeting with Commission representatives and a hearing on the European Parliament



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ECIs to start verification of collected signatures:

'Stop Cruelty Stop Slaughter'

- Signature collection closed on 24 September with more than 1.3 million signatures reported



Recently registered ECI:

'Save your right, Save your flight!'

- ✓ Registered on 16 July, opened signature collection on 8 August
- One registration request rejected in September



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Facts & Figures – overview since 2012

121
initiatives
registered



11 initiatives
replied to by
the EC



1 initiative
submitted for
Commission
examination



3(2)
initiatives
under
verification



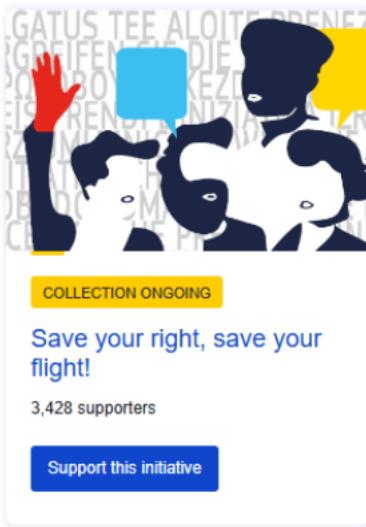
More info:

- [The European Citizens' Initiative in key figures](#)
- [ECI Forum infographic \(2025\)](#)



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Ongoing initiatives (4 November 2025)



GATUS TEE ALOITE DRENÉ?
Save your right, save your flight!

COLLECTION ONGOING

Save your right, save your flight!

3,428 supporters

[Support this initiative](#)



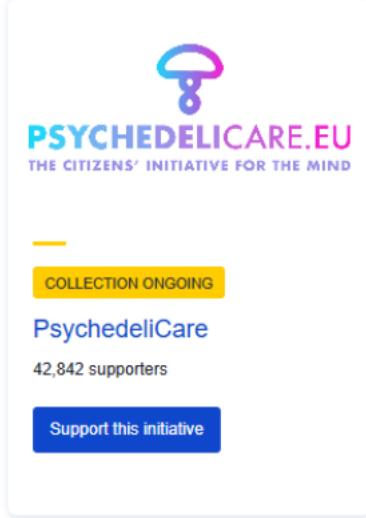
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europe
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COLLECTION ONGOING

HouseEurope! Power to Renovation

47,683 supporters

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PSYCHEDELICARE.EU
THE CITIZENS' INITIATIVE FOR THE MIND

COLLECTION ONGOING

PsychedeliCare

42,842 supporters

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Air Quotas

COLLECTION ONGOING

Air-Quotas

6,787 supporters

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ECI Ambassadors activity report

You've been busy!

- **139 activities** reported across **21 EU countries**
- Over **150,000 people** reached

How you did it:

- 56 social media posts – reaching 43,000+ people
- 42 events – reaching 17,000+ people
- 13 school talks – reaching 1,800+ students
- 8 other creative actions – reaching 75,000+ people



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TOMA LA INICIATIVA
Iniciativa Ciudadana Europea
 Ayuda a modelar la Unión Europea
#EUTakeTheInitiative

3.623.990 impacts in CORDOBA SPAIN



👉 Europejska Inicjatywa Obywatelska, czyli jak obywatele i obywatelki mogą realnie wpływać na prawo UE?

Jako obywatel lub obywatelka UE możesz oficjalnie zaproponować nowe prawo dla całej Unii Europejskiej! Tak działa ECI, czyli Europejska Inicjatywa Obywatelska. Jeśli zbierzesz 1 milion podpisów z co najmniej 7 krajów UE, Komisja Europejska musi się odnieść do Twojego pomysłu – a nawet może rozpoczęć prace legislacyjne.

To nie petycja, tylko formalny mechanizm demokracji ucz... See more



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The floor is yours!



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Communication updates

- **Updated Educational toolkit**
 - Teachers can request a certificate of completion and printed copies to be delivered to their schools
 - **Coming soon:** social media materials to help promote the toolkit
 - Fill out the **ECI materials request form** (also if you want to distribute the toolkits)



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New social media materials

3 new ready-to-use carousels:

“What happens after you sign an ECI?” – explains the signature verification process



“3 myths about the ECI” – tackles common misconceptions about the ECI



“ECI step-by-step” carousel
with latest stats



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New social media materials

Production of several new videos, here's a sneak peak:



[ECI - 30 min challenge.mov - ECI - 30 min
challenge - Frame.io](#)



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Upcoming events

- **6 November:** EESC debates on two ECIs ([event information and livestreaming](#))
- **2 December:** Public hearing of “My Voice, My Choice” at European Parliament

How about you? Got any upcoming events?

- **ECI Ambassadors are encouraged to attend relevant events to showcase the ECI.** We can offer a limited number of allowances and travel cost reimbursements.
 - [Request ECI materials from us](#)
 - Tips: Europe Day, book fairs, democracy festivals, International Democracy Day, etc.



Communication updates

- Please report the activities implemented so far this year in the **updated reporting template**. Reminder: reporting is **mandatory for Ambassadors** and optional for NCPs.
- Share your contributions via email for the **ECI Newsletter**
- Continue the conversation in the **ECI Official Facebook Group** & **WhatsApp group (Contact Nico Janis)**
- Check out also the **EU Rights LinkedIn page**



Let's co-create next year's ECI Ambassadors Gathering!

We'd love to hear your ideas to help shape the next annual gathering.

In groups, discuss what would make it:

- **Useful:** relevant topics/content, practical outcomes
- **Engaging:** interactive sessions, time for exchange
- **Enjoyable:** the right rhythm and event duration, good atmosphere

