



European Citizens' Initiative - Recent updates



Welcome to
(new) members!



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Today's agenda

- 1. Welcome** [14:30-14:35]
- 2. Presentations from the Commission & ECI Forum** [14:35-14:45]
- 3. Presentations from organisers (2 mins each)** [14:45-15:00]
- 4. Breakout discussions** [15:00-15:20]
- 5. Plenary takeaways** 15:20-15:30



Initiative updates

ECIs submitted for EC examination and reply in 6 months



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

- ✓ Submitted to the Commission on 1 Sep with 1.12 million verified signatures
- ✓ Initiative organisers met with the Commission on 1 Oct
- ✓ Public hearing in the European Parliament took place on 2 Dec
- ✓ [FEMM Committee vote on draft motion for resolution](#) on this ECI passed on 8 Dec
- ✓ Plenary session debate and vote on the resolution: 16-17 Dec

Next steps:

- Commission reply by 2 March 2026



'Ban on conversion practices in the European Union'

- ✓ Submitted to the Commission on 17 Nov with 1.12 million verified signatures
- ✓ Initiative organisers met with the Commission on 12 Dec

★ Reference to this ECI in the LGBTIQ+ equality strategy 2026-2030 adopted by the Commission on 18 October ([press release](#))

Next steps:

- Public hearing in the European Parliament
- Commission reply by 18 May 2026



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Initiative updates

ECIs under verification of collected signatures

'Stop Cruelty Stop Slaughter'

- ✓ Signature collection closed on 24 Sep with more than 1.3 million signatures reported
- ✓ Signature verification started on 20 Nov



'Stop Destroying Videogames'

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



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Initiative updates

Newly registered ECIs

25 November

- ✓ ['EU Stars On My Passport \(STAR-PASS\)'](#)
- ✓ ['Demand the full suspension of the EU-Israel Association Agreement in view of Israel's violations of human rights'](#)

3 December

- ✓ ['No more double standards on human rights'](#)

8 July

- ✓ ['Food is a Human Right for All! Guaranteeing healthy, just and sustainable food systems'](#)



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Facts & Figures – overview since 2012

124
initiatives
registered



11 initiatives
replied to by
the EC



2 initiatives
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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Presentations from ECI organisers

Today, we are joined by organisers from 7 ECIs:

- Demand the full suspension of the EU-Israel Association Agreement in view of Israel's violations of human rights
- No more double standards on human rights
- Food is a Human Right for All! Guaranteeing healthy, just and sustainable food systems
- EU Stars On My Passport (STAR-PASS)
- Save your right, save your flight!
- HouseEurope! Power to Renovation
- Air-Quotas



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Breakout discussions (20 mins)

1. How do you explain the ECI clearly to people who have never heard of it?
2. What do you do to reach people in different EU countries/regions?
3. What makes it hard to get people involved – and what helps?



Breakout discussions

Group 1:

- Save your right, save your flight!
- No more double standards on human rights

Group 2:

- HouseEurope! Power to Renovation
- Demand the full suspension of the EU-Israel Association Agreement in view of Israel's violations of human rights

Group 3:

- Food is a Human Right for All! Guaranteeing healthy, just and sustainable food systems
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