



European Citizens' Initiative - Recent updates



Welcome to (new) members!



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Initiative updates

ECI answered – 3 September 2025

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

- ✓ Received official reply from the European Commission on 3 September

Overview of the main conclusions of the Communication and new Factsheet (soon available in all EU languages)



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

Follow the Steps towards the Commission's answer



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Initiative updates

ECIs under verification of collected signatures:

'Ban on conversion practices in the European Union'

- ✓ 3-month verification phase started on 16 June

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



'Stop Destroying Videogames'

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



Worth mentioning:

- **Stop Cruelty Stop Slaughter:** 1.26 million signatures so far; closes on 24 September



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Initiative updates

Recently registered ECI:

'Save your right, Save your flight!'

- ✓ Registered on 16 July, opened signature collection on 8 August

ECI answered in 2023 - Follow up actions

'Fur Free Europe'

- ✓ **4 July - 1 August:** Call for evidence launched to collect views on the impacts of fur farming (see [public contributions](#))
- ✓ **17 July:** American mink was added to the Invasive Alien Species Regulation, effective August 2027
- ✓ **30 July:** The European Food and Safety Authority (EFSA) published its scientific opinion on welfare of animals kept for fur production



Follow the [latest developments](#)



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Facts & Figures – overview since 2012

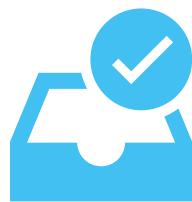
121
initiatives
registered



11 initiatives
replied to by
the EC



1 initiative
submitted for
Commission
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3(2)
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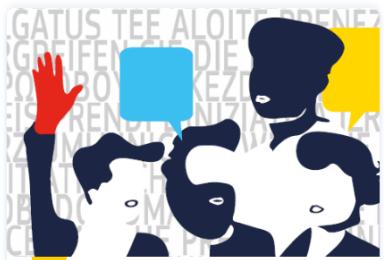
More info:

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



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Ongoing initiatives (15 September 2025)



COLLECTION ONGOING

Save your right, save your flight!

2,688 supporters

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COLLECTION ONGOING

HouseEurope! Power to Renovation

40,295 supporters

[Support this initiative](#)



COLLECTION ONGOING

PsychedeliCare

36,250 supporters

[Support this initiative](#)



COLLECTION ONGOING

STOP FAKE FOOD:
ORIGIN ON LABEL

822,812 supporters

⚠ Last call for support

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COLLECTION ONGOING

Air-Quotas

6,111 supporters

[Support this initiative](#)



COLLECTION ONGOING

ECI for a Water-Smart and Resilient Europe

4,169 supporters

[Support this initiative](#)



COLLECTION ONGOING

Stop Cruelty Stop Slaughter

1,261,910 supporters

⚠ Last call for support

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Communication ‘hooks’

- **International Day of Democracy (15 September)**
 - Democracy works best when citizens have a say. With the European citizens’ initiative, you can help shape EU policy. #EUTakeTheInitiative #InternationalDayofDemocracy
- **European Day of Languages (26 September)**
 - With the European citizens’ initiative (ECI) you can submit an idea in any EU language – and it will be translated into all 24 official EU languages. That way, everyone can  read,  sign and  take part in shaping Europe’s future. #EUTakeTheInitiative #MLD2025



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Communication updates

- EU-wide **social media campaign** on Facebook, Instagram & YouTube
- Updated [Educational toolkit](#) now available online
 - Teachers can request a certificate of completion and printed copies to be delivered to their schools
 - Fill out the [ECI materials request form](#) (also if you want to distribute the toolkits)
 - Revamped ECI website [homepage](#)



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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**

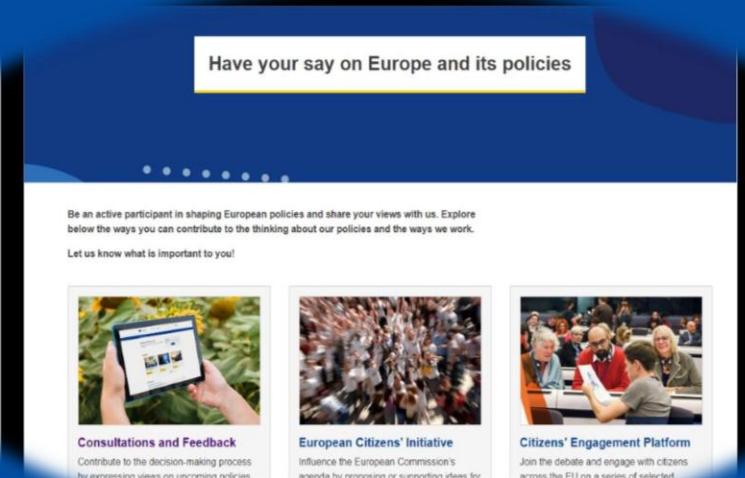


ECI Communicators Network in 2025

- **Reminder: New approach to events**
 - 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:** 4 or 5 November, time TBC



Have Your Say Portal



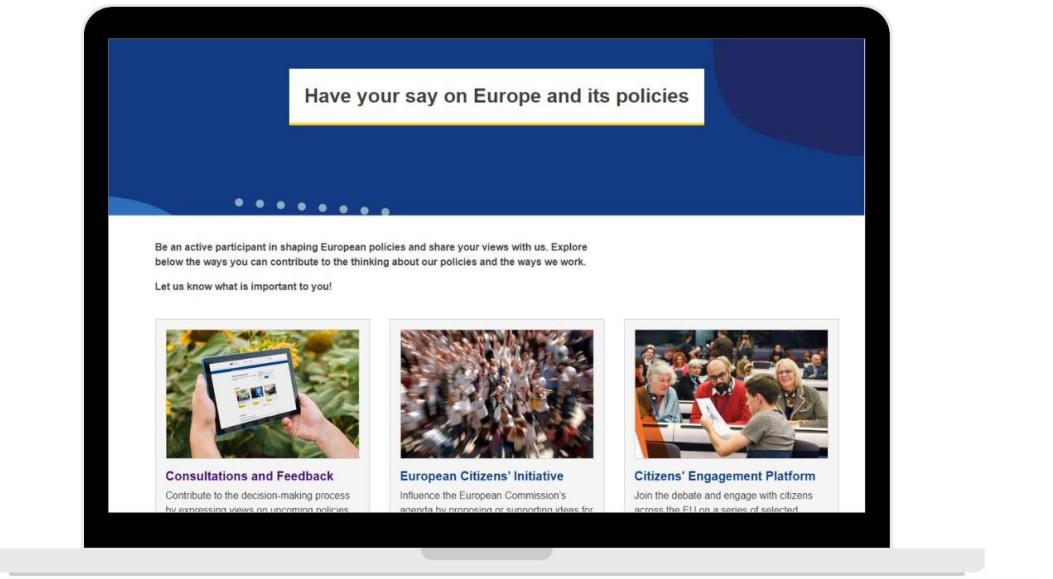
Have Your Say Portal

- The Portal is part of the **new ecosystem** of democratic citizen engagement.
- Its launch follows citizens' proposals (in the Communication released after COFE).
- **Three gateways** of the Have Your Say portal:

Public Consultations and Feedback

European Citizens Initiative

Citizens' Engagement Platform (CEP)



Public Consultations and Feedback



Public Consultations and Feedback

What is it?

A multilingual single-entry point for public consultation and feedback opportunities inviting stakeholders, businesses, citizens and the civil society to make their voice heard



Main goal

Allow everyone to share their views on existing or new Commission initiatives

Multilingual

Shows content and enables interaction in the **24 official EU** languages.

Examples



Past example

The **EU Disability Card** had 3,300 contributions:
90% thought this is a good idea
70% wanted the card is both physical & electronic
These views became reality.



Revision of the CO2 emission standards for cars and vans

831

[Have your say >](#)

Example of consultation where you can share your view **NOW**

Public Consultations and Feedback



You can contribute to impact assessments, preparation and evaluation of policy and legislative initiatives, draft delegated and implemented acts.

Log in/Register, share your opinion by completing a survey. You can also subscribe to the subject you are interested in to stay updated.

After you leave your feedback, Commission analyses and sums up the feedback. Reports become available under some initiatives. This way you can see how your contribution was used. The results of the Public Consultations and Feedback will feed into the policymaking cycle.



The floor is yours!



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