European citizens' initiative

Questionnaire to Member States

Expert Group on European citizens' initiative

Meeting of 30 September 2022

# Context and objectives

- Review of Regulation (EU) 2019/788

- Collection of information from MS about their experience with the ECI

- Focus on all MS responsibilities, including:

  1. General questions
  2. Questions on verification of Statements of support (SoS) (for competent authorities)
  3. Questions on information and assistance (for National Contact Points - NCPs)
  4. Questions on certification of Individual Online Collection System (IOCS) (only for concerned MS'authorities)

# 1. General

- Minimum age to support an initiative

- Sanctions in case of false declarations or fraudulent use of data

- Availability of eID means? Which ones?

  - If not, when does eID plan to be introduced?

- Impact of Covid-19 crisis

  - Effectiveness of temporary measures?

- Data protection

  - Procedure for erasure of SoS in compliance with Article 19(6)

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# 1. General

- Most significant improvements from MS perspective:

  ❑ Clearer rules which make the European citizens' initiative more accessible

  ❑ Clearer roles and responsibilities for personal data protection

  ❑ Enhanced support for organisers

  ❑ Easier access for citizens to support initiatives (also via the Central Online Collection System)

  ❑ Increased visibility for the ECI, including with the help of the National Contact Points Higher impact for initiatives

  ❑ None of the above

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# 2. Verification

- MS general feedback

  - Type of Statements of support requiring more efforts/time to verify?

    - ❑ Paper forms
    - ❑ Online forms via IOCS
    - ❑ Central Online Collection System (COCS) forms
    - ❑ COCS forms with eID

  - Type of Statements of support with highest rejection rate?

    - ❑ Paper forms
    - ❑ Online forms
    - ❑ eIDs (in case of MS having enabled it in COCS)

# 2. Verification

- Method used?

  ❑ Exhaustive
  ❑ Sampling

    - Sample size?
    - Identification of false errors rate?
    - Extrapolation of results

- Type of registry(ies) relied on?

  ❑ Population
  ❑ Electoral
  ❑ Other

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# 2. Verification

- Most common irregularities?

  - ❑ Lack of identity details
  - ❑ Multiple SoS
  - ❑ Lack of coherence of the personal data
  - ❑ Content of initiative inconsistent with the text published in the Eci register
  - ❑ Scanned paper versions not readable
  - ❑ Signatory is not resident
  - ❑ Invalid date
  - ❑ Signatory below legal age
  - ❑ No signature and/or date

- Suspicions of fraud or fraudulent use of data?

# 2. Verification

- File Exchange Service (FES)

    - Level of satisfaction with the support and guidance materials provided?

    - Suggestions for improvements?

    - Overall satisfaction regarding the functioning of the FES?

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# 3. Information & assistance to citizens – Role of National Contact Points (NCPs)

- Frequency of citizens'requests

- Means to provide information to citizens/organisers

  - ❑ institution website
  - ❑ institution's social media channels
  - ❑ national events
  - ❑ targeted publications on the ECI
  - ❑ ECI visibility in public spaces
  - ❑ By reaching out with other relevant national institutions and partners
  - ❑ By responding to citizens/media requests

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- Cooperation with other actors (ECI ambassadors, COM rep.)?

- Feedback on communication materials

  - Is current material enough to fulfill your role?

  - How useful is current material?

  - Which additional material may be needed?

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# 4. Certification of Individual Online Collection System (IOCS)

- Do you use testing procedures on security rules and requirements for the certification of IOCS?

- Encountered difficulties in checking compliance with the technical specifications provided in Article 11(4) of the ECI Regulation?

- Quality of documentation relating to risk management provided by organisers?

- Have you detected issues preventing the certification of an IOCS?

- Have you conducted checks in the course of collection?

- Other challenges?

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Thank you