Implementation of Regulation (EU) 2019/788 on the European citizens'

Update on IT developments

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1. Central Collection System State of play
2. Use of eID
3. Use of File exchange service (Secure CircaBC) for transfer of statements of support

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Initiatives status since last Expert group

- 2 initiatives closed claiming more than 1 million supports
  - *Stop Finning – Stop the trade*
  - *SAVE CRUELTY FREE COSMETICS - COMMIT TO A EUROPE WITHOUT ANIMAL TESTING.*
- 6 new initiatives started using the E.C. COCS
  - *Green VAT - An EU Green VAT to stimulate sustainable and eco-friendly products and services*
  - *ReturnthePlastics: A Citizen's Initiative to implement an EU-wide deposit-system to recycle plastic bottles.*
  - *Stop (((5G))) - Stay Connected but Protected.*
  - *Call to Action – Environmental protection in all policies*
  - *Win It On The Pitch.*
  - *End The Slaughter Age.*
- 3 initiatives started using their own Individual OCS
  - *Ensuring Common Commercial Policy conformity with EU Treaties and compliance with international law*
  - *Fur Free Europe*
  - *Good Clothes, Fair Pay*

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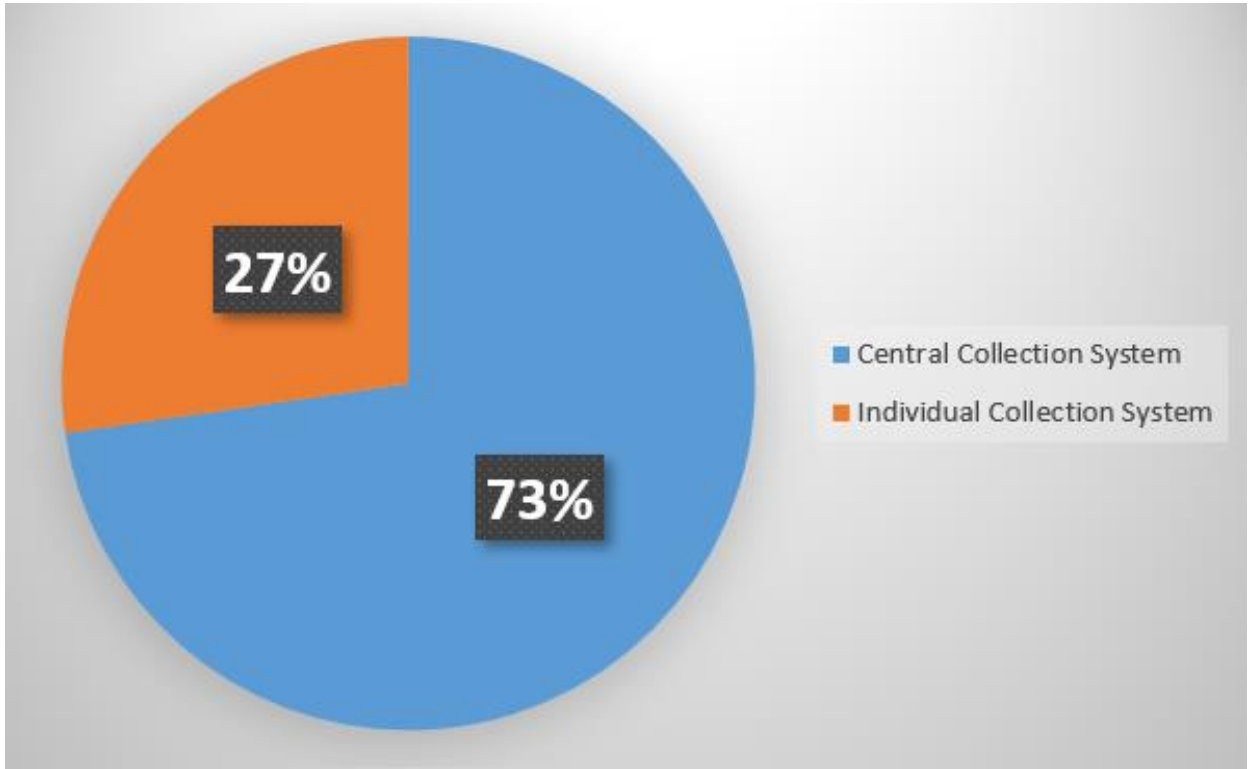
% of initiatives using COCS vs IOCS

Since the start of new ECI regulation:

- 16 initiatives out of 22 chose the Central Collection System
- 6 initiatives out of 22 chose the Individual Collection System



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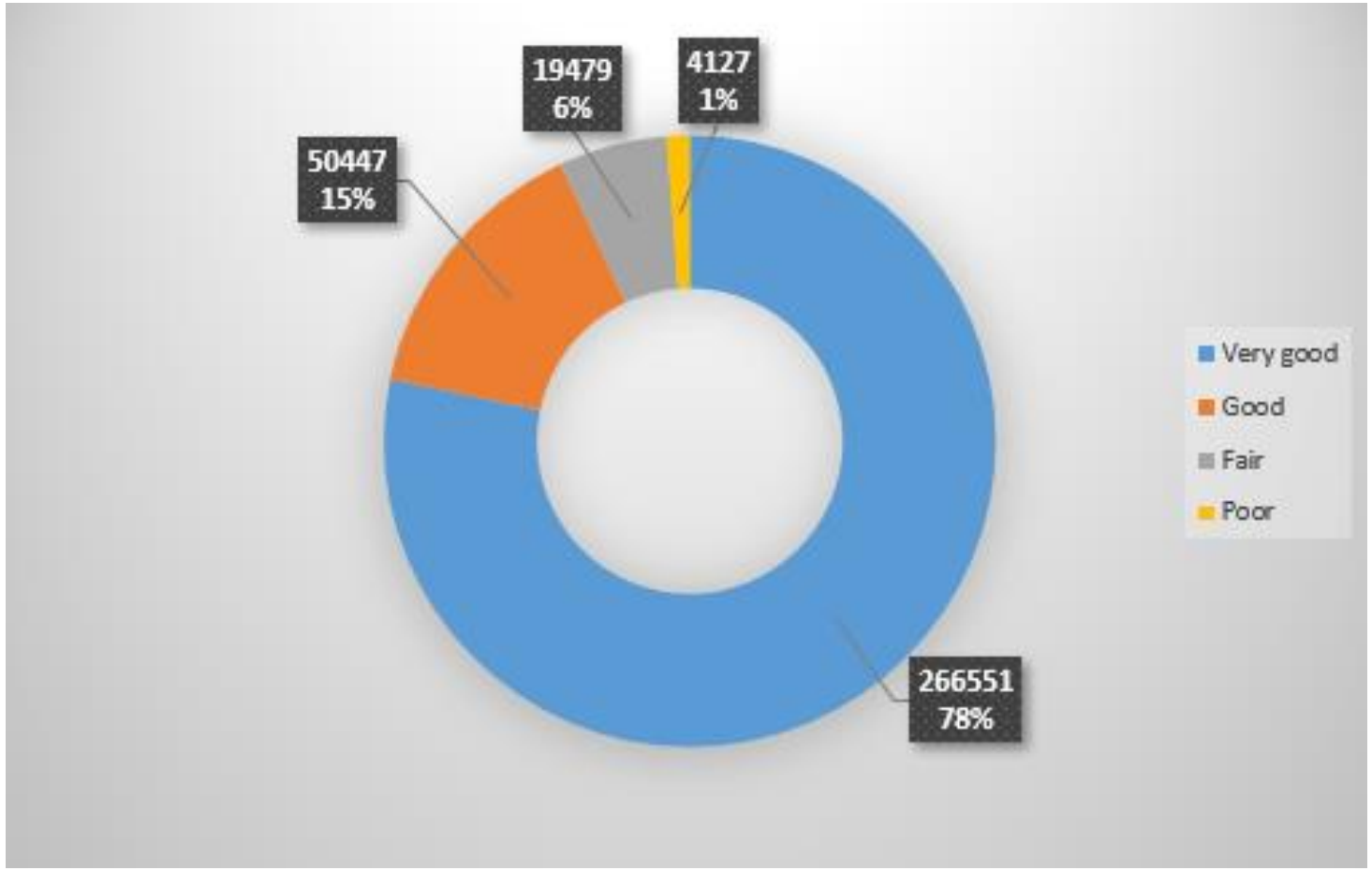
Citizens’ satisfaction rate about COCS

Out of more than 340.000 feedbacks collected from citizens having supported initiatives using the Central Collection System.



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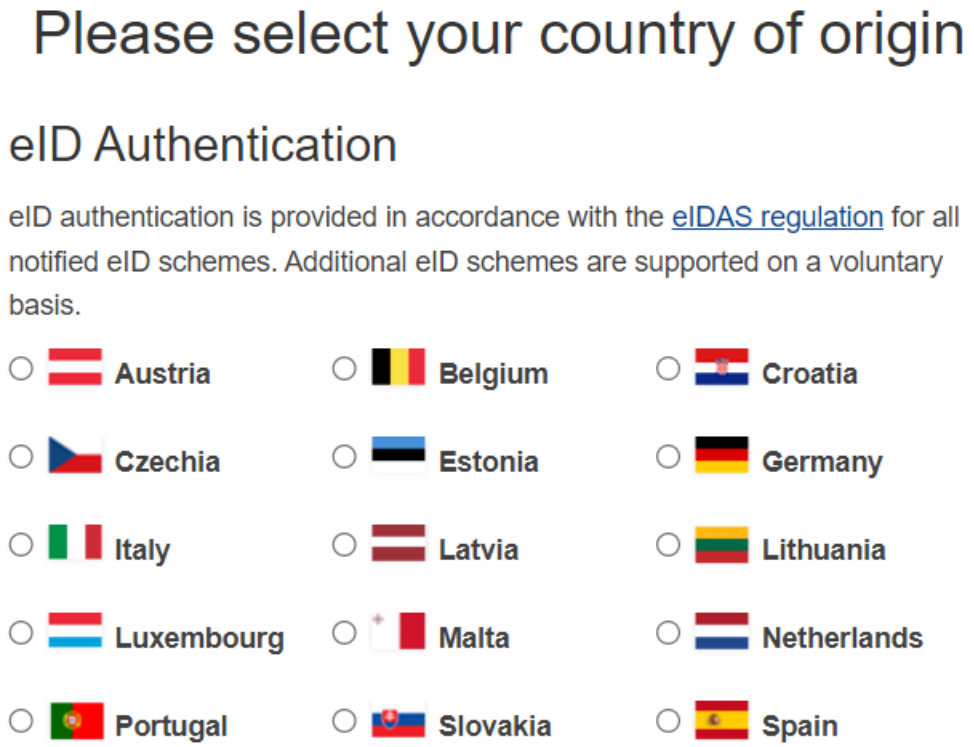
ECI support via eIDs

eID offered in ECI to 13 nationalities.

2 additional nationalities under validation.



Changes since last Expert group meeting:

1. NL eID added.
2. AT eID notified on 27/04/2022 and integrated in EU login – Validation for ECI in process
3. MT eID notified on 27/04/2022 and integrated in EU login – Validation for ECI in process

Next eIDs to come

DK, FR and SE have notified at least one of the their eID

https://ec.europa.eu/digital-building-blocks/wikis/display/DIGITAL/Country+overview

As soon as they will be integrated in the E.C. eIDAS proxy connector (EU login) we will start the process to offer them to citizens of that nationality

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eID statistics – evolution since 01/01/2020

	Jan-Oct 2020	Oct 2020 - Nov 2021	After Nov 2021	
MS	%eID vs Total	%eID vs Total	%eID vs Total	Progression of % citizens using eID over one year
Belgium	12,36%	19,92%	21,48%	7,85%
Croatia	0,06%	0,27%	0,12%	-55,89%
Czechia	N.A	0,05%	0,03%	-34,74%
Estonia	37,22%	43,43%	36,83%	-15,19%
Germany	0,33%	0,29%	0,06%	-78,33%
Italy	6,48%	15,79%	11,63%	-26,33%
Latvia	0,70%	1,42%	1,06%	-25,12%
Lithuania	N.A	0,05%	0,02%	-60,42%
Luxembourg	0,14%	0,08%	0,12%	48,84%
Netherlands	N.A	N.A	1,23%	N.A
Portugal	5,74%	7,06%	1,52%	-78,51%
Slovakia	0,48%	0,31%	0,18%	-42,29%
Spain	0,02%	0,11%	0,07%	-32,45%
Total	2,18%	6,58%	2,70%	-59,00%

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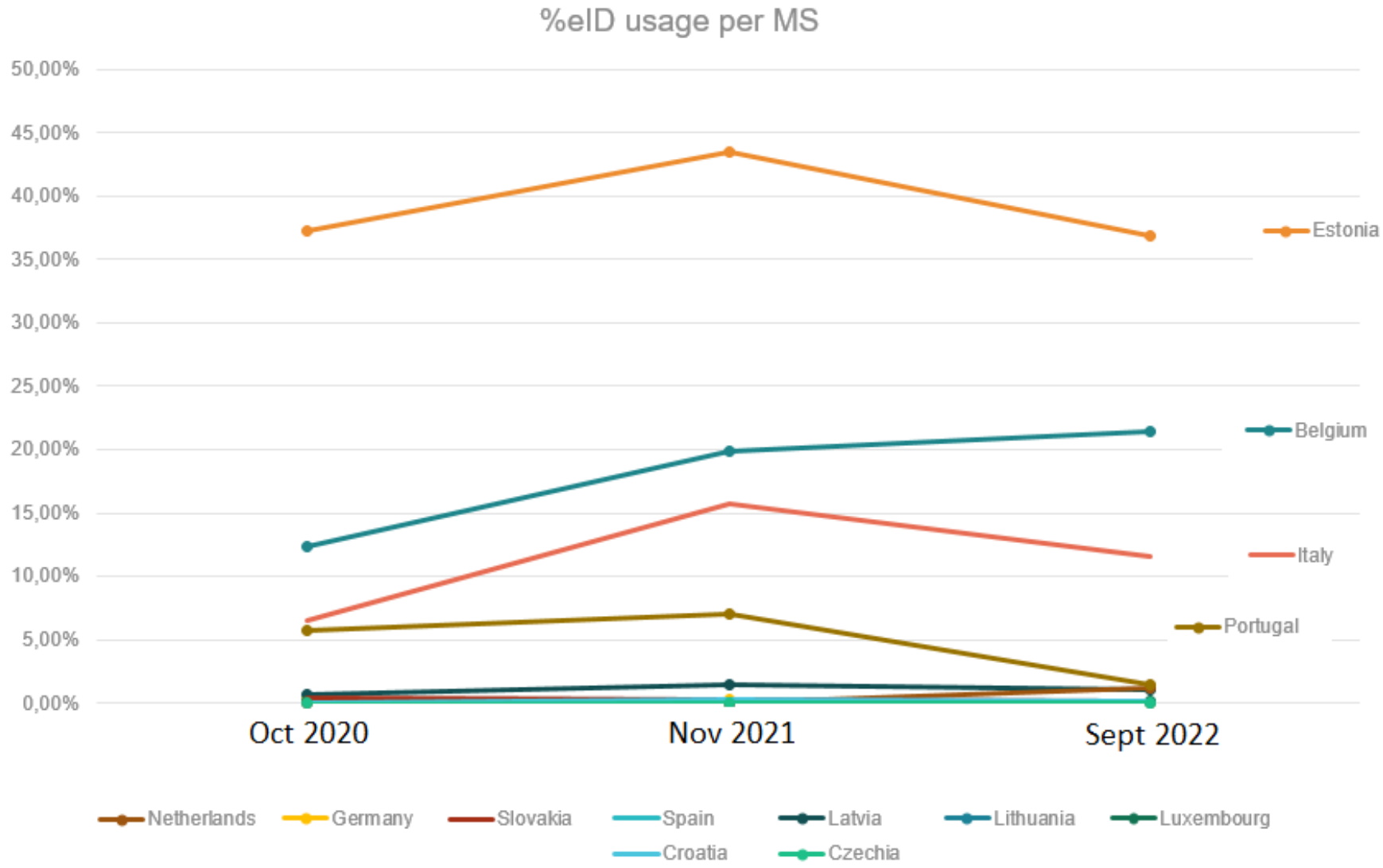
eID status November 2021 and evolution



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User Experience improvement to stimulate eID usage

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Context

- Two initiatives used the File Exchange Service to submit their online supports to Member States for validation:

1. « Save Bees and farmers »
    - Registered under ECI Regulation 211/2011
    - Individual Collection System
    - Submitted on 07th March 2022
2. « Stop Finning »
    - registered under ECI Regulation 2019/788
    - Commission Central online collection system
    - submitted on 16th April 2022

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Main experiences

- **For initiatives using COCS:**
  - Transfer process via File Exchange Service performed very smooth
  - Organisers only need to upload their Annexes V (and paper statements if they have chosen to use FES for those as well)
- **For initiatives using individual online collection system**,
  - Transfer process via FES is technically more complex - organisers must first manually encrypt SoS before uploading in FES. Quality checks therefore not possible for Commission before transferring to MS.
  - Issues faced by some Member States to decrypt and validate the online statements that were solved afterwards by cooperating with Organisers

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Lessons learned

- Process went fine. MS were well prepared thanks to their general rehearsal with Cohesion Policy and previous test campaign.
- “3” MS certificates had to be renewed (vs 4 Cohesion policy).
- Slowness of the crypto tool to decrypt big files faced by some Member States (e.g. Germany)
- Transfer process of online signatures smoother for initiatives using COCS vs IOCS
- Reminder: From next submission to Member States, all initiatives will have been registered under ECI Regulation 2019/788 and the format of the transmitted xml file to MS will have to follow the schema defined by the European Commission.

Follow-up action

- Files encrypted with the Central Online Collection system will now be zipped before encryption and submission to Member States
  - Reduce file size by 10 times
  - MS will only need to unzip the file to access the statements of support
- This implementation is already implemented and will be used for the upcoming transfer of the initiative SAVE CRUELTY FREE COSMETICS - COMMIT TO A EUROPE WITHOUT ANIMAL TESTING

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Reminders / suggestions

- Annex VI
  - Stick to the official certificate format of the ECI regulation
  - Upload your Annex VI in the File Exchange Service as a matter of good practice
  - Attach your own national decision or motivation with further details on used methodology and findings'
  - Save Bees was the last initiative that was registered under the old ECI Regulation. From now onwards, the MS shall use the new annex VI when confirming the number of valid statements of support
- Try to start the download and decryption process as soon as you receive the files to raise any impediments preventing for a validation within 3 months.
- Feel free to give further feedback based on guidance note, preferably through the MS questionnaire

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