



European citizens' initiative

latest developments

Expert Group on European citizens' initiative
Meeting of 6 June 2023

Latest statistics on European citizens' initiatives

- Key figures
- Registered initiatives
- Valid initiatives
- ECIs in process of verification

Key figures (31 May 2023)



126

requests
submitted



101

initiatives
registered



9

Valid
initiatives



9

initiatives
collecting signatures



± 18M

EU citizens supported
an initiative since 2012

3

initiatives pending verification or
submission

Registered initiatives since January 2020

- 32 requests for registration received (5 in 2020, 10 in 2021, 12 in 2022 and 5 so far in 2023)
- 31 new ECIs registered
- Use of two-stage procedure in 8 cases
- Only one request for registration has been refused
- 9 initiatives currently collecting statements of support
- 3 initiatives to start collecting statements of support soon

Registered initiatives since 30 September 2022 (last EG meeting)

- Effective implementation of the concept of judicial precedent in EU countries
 - Registered on 31 May 2023
 - Collection start date to be announced

- Connecting all European capitals and people through a high-speed train network
 - Registered on 18 April 2023
 - Collection start date 30 May 2023

Registered initiatives since 30 September 2022 (last EG meeting)

- End the Horse Slaughter Age
 - Registered on 23 March 2023
 - Collection start date 21 September 2023
- Ensuring a dignified reception of migrants in Europe
 - Registered on 22 February 2023
 - Collection start date 14 April 2023
- Article 4: Stop torture and inhuman treatment at Europe's borders
 - Registered on 12 January 2023
 - Collection starting on 10 July 2023

Registered initiatives since 30 September 2022 (last EG meeting)

- European Day of ‘Whatever it Takes’
 - Registered on 22 November 2022
 - Collection start date 20 April 2023

- European Citizens’ Initiative for Vegan Meal
 - Registered on 18 October 2022
 - Collection started on 5 April 2023

Valid initiatives (since 1 January 2020)

- Save Cruelty-Free Cosmetics – Commit to a Europe without Animal Testing
[1 217 916 statements of support validated - thresholds reached in 21 Member States]
 - Submitted to the Commission on 25 January 2023
 - Meeting with the Commission on 17 March 2023
 - EP public hearing on 25 May 2023
 - Communication to be adopted by 25 July 2023

Valid initiatives (since 1 January 2020)

■ Stop Finning – Stop the Trade

[1 119 996 statements of support validated - thresholds reached in 15 Member States]

- Submitted to the Commission on 11 January 2023
- Meeting with the Commission on 6 February 2023
- EP public hearing on 27 March 2023
- Communication to be adopted by 11 July 2023

Valid initiatives (since 1 January 2020)

- Save bees and farmers! Towards a bee-friendly agriculture for a healthy environment
[1 054 973 statements of support validated - thresholds reached in 11 Member States]
 - Submitted to the Commission on 7 October 2022
 - Meeting with the Commission on 25 November 2022
 - EP public hearing on 24 January 2023
 - Commission Communication of 5 April 2023, C(2023)2320

Valid initiatives (since 1 January 2020)

■ End the Cage Age

[1 397 113 statements of support validated – thresholds reached in 18 Member States]

- Submitted to the Commission on 2 October 2020
- Meeting with the Commission on 30 October 2020
- EP public hearing on 15 April 2021
- Commission Communication 30 June 2021, C(2021)4747

Valid initiatives (since 1 January 2020)

- **Minority SafePack – one million signatures for diversity in Europe**
[1 123 422 statements of support validated - thresholds reached in 11 Member States]
 - Submitted to the Commission on 10 January 2020
 - Meeting with the Commission on 5 February 2020
 - EP public hearing on 15 October 2020
 - Commission Communication of 14 January 2021, C(2021)0171

ECIs in process of verification or pending submission

- **Fur Free Europe**

- Verification process ongoing

- **Stop Extremism**

- Registered under Regulation 211/2011 – no deadline for submission

- **Cohesion policy for the equality of the regions and sustainability of the regional cultures**

- Registered under Regulation 211/2011 – no deadline for submission