



# **New Regulation on the European Citizens' Initiative**

## **Implementation by Member States**

# Verification of statements of support (1)

- Signatories' data requirements:
  - **2 possible sets of data** (Annex III):
    - > name + date of birth + address + nationality
    - > name + ID number + nationality
  - Member States to **inform the Commission by 1 July 2019**

# Verification of statements of support (2)

- Minimum age to support:
  - Possibility to lower the age at **16 years old** (Article 2)
  - Member States to **inform the Commission**

## Verification of statements of support (3)

- Verification within 3 months (Art. 12) facilitated by:
  - transfer of statements of support from Commission to competent national authorities (for central system and when organisers upload their statements on paper or from individual systems)
    - > **Preparations needed for the File Exchange Service** (start of the testing period: 01/07/2019)
  - for statements of support collected online, use of a mandatory electronic schema to be made available by the Commission
  - possible use of eID: Commission to contact Member States having notified their eIDAS for preparation

# Verification of statements of support (4)

- Verification to be carried out for nationals (including those living abroad)

# Online collection

- Certification of individual online collection systems within one month (Art. 11):
  - only after the registration of the initiative concerned is confirmed
  - additional check compared to current Regulation: certification should also include verification of the compliance of the system with Annex III (content of the initiative/personal data to be collected)
  - Implementing Regulation setting out technical specifications to be adopted by the Commission

# Competent authorities

- Competent authorities for the certification of online collection systems and the verification of statements of support (Art. 19)
- Member States **to inform the Commission by 1 January 2020**

# Information to citizens and assistance to (potential) organisers

- **Point(s) of contact** (Article 4(6))
- Seek synergies with services providing support for the use of similar national instruments (recital 13b)
- Member States to **provide contact details of point(s) of contact** to ensure publication on ECI website and coordination