

# **Requirements to sign up to a European Citizens' Initiative**

## **GENERAL REQUIREMENTS**

To support a European Citizens' Initiative, signatories must be EU citizens (nationals of an EU member state) and be old enough to vote in European Parliament elections (18 except in Austria where the voting age is 16).

## **DATA REQUIREMENTS**

The data that signatories are required to provide in their statement of support forms will depend on the EU member state which they come from. This is because it is the member states that are responsible for verifying the validity of signatories' statements of support and for certifying the number of valid statements collected in each country (organisers of initiatives are required to collect a certain number of signatures in at least 7 EU member states).

If a signatory lives in one member state but is a national of another member state or if a signatory holds the nationality of several member states, they will need to choose the country for which their statement of support will be counted. They should select the country which will be able to verify the data they provide in their statement of support: depending on the case, this could be the country that issued the personal identification document number that they provide, their country of residence or their country (or one of their countries) of nationality. In any case, signatories are allowed to sign up to a given initiative only once.

## **SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS FOR EACH MEMBER STATE**

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| <b>LUXEMBOURG</b> .....     | <b>6</b> |
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| <b>NETHERLANDS</b> .....    | <b>6</b> |
| <b>POLAND</b> .....         | <b>6</b> |
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| <b>SLOVENIA</b> .....       | <b>7</b> |
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## Austria

Signatories have to provide **one of the following personal identification document numbers issued by Austria:**

- Reisepass (passport)
  - Personalausweis (identity card)
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## Belgium

Signatories must be **residents in Belgium or Belgian nationals residing outside Belgium** provided they have informed the Belgian authorities about their place of residence.

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## Bulgaria

Signatories have to provide the following **personal identification number issued by Bulgaria:**

- Единен граждански номер (personal number)
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## Croatia

Signatories have to provide the following **personal identification number issued by Croatia:**

- Osobni identifikacijski broj (personal identification number)
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## Cyprus

Signatories have to provide one of the following **personal identification document numbers issued by Cyprus:**

- Δελτίο Ταυτότητας (identity card of national or resident)
  - Διαβατήριο (passport)
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## Czech Republic

Signatories have to provide one of the following **personal identification document numbers issued by the Czech Republic:**

- Občanský průkaz (national identity card)
  - Cestovní pas (passport)
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## Denmark

Signatories must be **residents in Denmark or Danish nationals residing outside Denmark** provided they have informed the Danish authorities about their place of residence.

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## Estonia

Signatories must be **residents in Estonia or Estonian nationals** even if they reside outside Estonia.

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## Finland

Signatories must be **residents in Finland or Finnish nationals** even if they reside outside Finland.

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## France

Signatories have to provide one of the following **personal identification document numbers issued by France**:

- Passeport (passport)
  - Carte nationale d'identité (national identity card)
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## Germany

Signatories must be **residents in Germany or German nationals residing outside Germany** provided they have informed the German authorities about their place of residence.

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## Greece

Signatories have to provide one of the following **personal identification document numbers issued by Greece**:

- Δελτίο Αστυνομικής Ταυτότητας (identity card)
  - Διαβατήριο (passport)
  - Βεβαίωση Εγγραφής Πολιτών Ε.Ε./Έγγραφο πιστοποίησης μόνιμης διαμονής πολίτη Ε.Ε. (residence certificate/permanent residence certificate)
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## Hungary

Signatories have to provide one of the following **personal identification (document) numbers issued by Hungary**:

- személyazonosító igazolvány (identity card)
  - útleveél (passport)
  - személyi azonosító szám (személyi szám) (personal identification number)
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## Ireland

Signatories must be **residents** in Ireland.

*Irish nationals living in another member state should select that member state.*

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## Italy

Signatories have to provide one of the following **personal identification document numbers issued by Italy**:

- Passaporto, inclusa l'indicazione dell'autorità di rilascio (passport, including issuing authority)
  - Carta di identità, inclusa l'indicazione dell'autorità di rilascio (identity card, including issuing authority)
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## Latvia

Signatories have to provide the following **personal identification number issued by Latvia**:

- Personas kods (personal identification number)
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## Lithuania

Signatories have to provide the following **personal identification number issued by Lithuania**:

- Asmens kodas (personal number)
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## Luxembourg

Signatories must be **residents in Luxembourg or Luxembourgish nationals residing outside Luxembourg** provided they have informed the Luxembourgish authorities about their place of residence.

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## Malta

Signatories have to provide one of the following **personal identification document numbers issued by Malta**:

- Karta tal-Identità (identity card)
  - Dokument ta 'residenza (residence document)
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## Netherlands

Signatories must be **residents in the Netherlands or Dutch nationals** even if they reside outside the Netherlands.

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## Poland

Signatories have to provide the following **personal identification number issued by Poland**:

- Numer ewidencyjny PESEL (PESEL identification number)
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## Portugal

Signatories have to provide one of the following **personal identification document numbers issued by Portugal**:

- Bilhete de identidade (identity card)
  - Passaporte (passport)
  - Cartão de Cidadão (citizen's card)
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## Romania

Signatories have to provide one of the following **personal identification (document) numbers issued by Romania**:

- carte de identitate (identity card)
- pașaport (passport)

- certificat de înregistrare (registration certificate)
  - carte de rezidență permanentă pentru cetățenii UE (permanent residence card for EU citizens)
  - Cod Numeric Personal (personal identification number)
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## Slovakia

Signatories must be **residents in Slovakia or Slovakian nationals** even if they reside outside Slovakia.

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## Slovenia

Signatories have to provide the following **personal identification number issued by Slovenia**:

- Enotna matična številka občana (personal identification number)
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## Spain

Signatories have to provide one of the following **personal identification (document) numbers issued by Spain**:

- Documento Nacional de Identidad (identity card)
  - Pasaporte (passport)
  - Número de Identidad de Extranjero, de la tarjeta o certificado, correspondiente a la inscripción en el Registro Central de Extranjeros (foreigner's identification number (NIE), of the card or certificate, corresponding to the registration in the Foreigners' Central Registry)
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## Sweden

Signatories have to provide the following **personal identification number issued by Sweden**:

- Personnummer (personal identification number)
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## United Kingdom

Signatories must be **residents** in the United Kingdom.

*UK nationals living in another member state should select that member state.*