

Dear Madam/ Sir,

I believe that due to the practical difficulties involved in collecting one million signatures (geographical size of countries, difficulties with reaching outlying areas etc) that the period for collection should be the maximum possible. To my mind that would mean that the collection period should be more than six months. Also this allows for the period needed to lay out the case to citizens, on the importance of the cause, for which signatures are being collected for.

I also believe that 0.2% of a country's population should be considered as the minimum number necessary to validate a petition and that the coverage should be one third of member states minimum.

There is a necessity that all valid methods of collection (internet, face to face etc), should be allowed as this allows for modern technology as well as enabling the voices of those without internet access to be heard. Many of the poorest citizens still lack internet access and it would be a travesty if these were not allowed a voice.. also many people use the internet as their tool of choice for communications, campaigning etc.

I hope that is all clear and understandable.

Thank you very much. Yours Sincerely.

Rob Levy

..a ps to my previous letter.

I believe that the consultation should be as simple as possible. Most people are working people, without the time to understand overly complex regulations. Neither do many people, understand the dense language and complex procedures of the law making processes.. often created for reasons of unnecessary obfuscation and to create hurdles for those pursuing change.

Though I do on balance support the E U, the organisation has been damaged by its remoteness and bureaucracy. Simplicity is a way to connect with the mass of people across Europe.

Thank You.

Yours Sincerely. Rob Levy