

Dear Madam / Sir,

I'm replying on behalf of Lunaria - www.lunaria.org - the numbering refers to the one used in the consultation document.

1. yes, one third of Member States would constitute a "significant number".
2. yes, 0.2% would be an appropriate threshold.
3. yes, the voting age for the EP elections in each Member State seems a reasonable eligibility choice.
4. no - requirements should include: A. an explanation in "daily language" of what the initiative is about; B. the use of any of the EU official languages; C. the limitations the Commission is expected to respect in its action (to avoid the risk that the Commission's initiative does not reflect the citizens' initiative letter and spirit).
5. yes, a common set of procedural requirements at EU level should be in place - no specific national provisions: since it is a EU initiative it would be wise to foresee a European -approved by the EP- procedure for all Member States. Yes, on line citizens' support should be introduced, with standard security and authentication, to be centralised in Brussels and managed by the Commission's offices. No other procedures seem necessary.
6. yes, a one-year time limit seems appropriate.
7. yes, a mandatory registration through a specific web site provided by the European Commission.
8. yes, we agree - with the same transparency and accountability rules foreseen for the European Parliament elections.
9. yes, the Commission should not only examine, but also act within a time limit - which cannot be very long, otherwise the credibility of the whole citizens' initiative, which is already a limited one, would be endangered.
10. yes - time limits would be in themselves good disincentives.

No objection to publish this contribution and our organisation's data.

With our best regards.

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