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1) Do you consider that **one third of the total number of Member States** would constitute a "significant number of Member States" as required by the Treaty?

answer: **YES**

2) Do you consider that **0.2% of the total population** of each Member State is an appropriate threshold?

answer: **YES**

3) Should the minimum age required to support a European citizens' initiative be **linked to the voting age** for the European Parliament elections in each Member State?

answer: **YES**

4) Would it be sufficient and appropriate to require that an initiative **clearly state the subjectmatter and objectives** of the proposal on which the Commission is invited to act?

answer: **YES**

5.1) Do you think that there should be **a common set of procedural requirements** for the collection verification and authentication of signatures by Member States' authorities at EU level?

answer: **YES**

5.2) To what extent should Member States be able to put in place specific provisions at national level?

answer: OK as long as the MINIMUM requirements are met.

5.3) Are **specific procedures** needed in order to ensure that EU citizens can support a citizens' initiative **regardless of their country of residence**?

answer: **NO. Member States can draw on their experience** in managing the right to vote of such citizens in European Parliament elections.

5.4) Should citizens be able to support a citizens' initiative online?

If so, what security and authentication features should be foreseen?

answer: **YES,**

under the same measures as existing on line votings in the respective country, and the **minimum requirements** set by the EU

6.1) Should **a time limit** for the collection of signatures be fixed?

answer: **YES**

6.2) If so, would you consider that **one year** would be an appropriate time-limit?

answer: **YES**

7.1) Do you think that **a mandatory system of registration** of proposed initiatives is necessary?

answer: **YES**

7.2) If so, do you agree that this could be done through **a specific website** provided by the European Commission?

answer: **YES**

8.1) What specific requirements should be imposed upon **the organisers** of an initiative in order to ensure transparency and democratic accountability?

answer: they must make their names etc public.

8.2) Do you agree that organisers should be required to provide information **on the support and funding** that they have received for an initiative?

answer: **YES.**

And individual sums exceeding a certain limit should be mentioned separately.

9) Should a **time limit** be foreseen for the Commission to **examine** a citizens' initiative?

answer: **YES**

10) Is it appropriate to introduce rules to **prevent the successive presentation** of citizens' initiatives on the same issue?

answer: **NO**