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PROCEDURAL ASPECTS OF THE STOP VIVISECTION CITIZENS' INITIATIVE

In accordance with Article 4(2) of Regulation (EU) No 211/2011 the present initiative was registered on 22 June 2012 and published in the Commission's online register.

The members of the citizens' committee registered with the Commission are residents of the following Member States: the United Kingdom, Italy, Belgium, France, the Netherlands, Spain and Sweden.

The initiative was registered in English. Then the organisers provided translations of the title, subject-matter, and objectives of the initiative in all official EU languages.

In accordance with the Regulation on the Citizens' Initiative, the forms used by citizens to give their support to the initiative contained the title, subject-matter and objectives of the initiative. The link to the Commission's online register (see above) was also available on the forms, allowing citizens who wished so to find more detailed information on the initiative, as provided by the organisers in an Annex as part of their registration request. The organisers provided the translation of this Annex in Italian. This Annex may not have been consulted by all citizens who supported the initiative.

The formal 12-month collection period for the initiative ended on 22 June 2013. However, the Commission has accepted statements in support of the initiative up until 1 November 2013, due to the difficulties that most organisers experienced as regards the setting-up of their online collection systems during the start-up phase of the European Citizens' Initiative¹. After the verification of the collected statements of support by the relevant competent Member States' authorities, the organisers submitted their initiative to the Commission on 3 March 2015, together with certificates issued by the 26 Member States' competent authorities and information on their sources of funding and support, in accordance with Article 9 of the Regulation.

The number of valid statements of support indicated in the certificates and information provided by the Member States' competent authorities are reflected in the table below. These figures take into account the additional collection period until 1 November 2013.

Member State	Number of signatories	Threshold to be counted among the minimum number of seven Member States
Austria	9 208	14 250
Bulgaria	12 598	13 500
Cyprus	533	4 500

¹ Press release of 18/07/2012: http://ec.europa.eu/archives/commission_2010-2014/sefcovic/headlines/press-releases/2012/07/2012_07_18_eci_en.htm

Czech Republic	4 075	16 500
Denmark	4 610	9 750
Estonia	2 502	4 500
Finland	12 495	9 750
France	61 818	55 500
Germany	164 304	74 250
Greece	1 952	16 500
Hungary	26 948	16 500
Ireland	3 333	9 000
Italy	690 325	54 750
Latvia	3 167	6 750
Lithuania	4 737	9 000
Luxembourg	1 291	4 500
Malta	1 662	4 500
Netherlands	9 909	19 500
Poland	38 824	38 250
Portugal	11 305	16 500
Romania	1 645	24 750
Slovakia	12 055	9 750
Slovenia	19 507	6 000
Spain	47 194	40 500
Sweden	7 661	15 000
United Kingdom	19 472	54 750
Total	1 173 130	Threshold reached in 9 Member States

In accordance with Article 10 of the Regulation, the Commission:

- published on 3 March 2015 the relevant information in the register at:
<http://ec.europa.eu/citizens-initiative/public/initiatives/finalised/details/2012/000007>

- received the organisers on 11 May 2015.

During the meeting at the Commission, the Commission was represented by Vice-President Katainen and senior officials from the various services concerned.

On the same day in the afternoon, in accordance with Article 11 of the Regulation, organisers were given the opportunity to present their initiative in a public hearing organised at the European Parliament. On this occasion, for the first time, external experts have also been invited to take the floor. The Commission was represented by Vice-President Katainen.