



European
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OCS

Online Collection Software for
European Citizens' Initiatives

ISA² programme

Interoperability Solutions
for European Public Administrations,
Businesses and Citizens

Use the Online Collection Software and streamline data collection and data verification for your European Citizens' Initiative.

Need for Online Collection Software

The European Citizens' Initiative is a unique tool for **participatory democracy** allowing citizens to propose to the European Commission an action in the area of EU competence.

Citizens need to collect at least **one million statements of support**, either on paper or electronically, from people residing in at least 7 EU countries. However, online collection is potentially prone to fraud and issues linked to data protection.

To tackle these risks, the **Online Collection Software (OCS)** was developed. In addition to the technical and security standards that the OCS already complies with, the following features have been included to facilitate the management and verification:

- **Adaptation** of the statement of support form **according to the EU Member States** of residence/nationality of the signatory;
- Automatic **grouping** of statements of support according to the Member State's requirements for verification;
- **Possibility to export** the statements of support as data files to be sent directly to the relevant authorities for verification.

What are the objectives?

- ✓ To provide organisers of citizens' initiatives with a **reusable tool** that permits the online collection of statements of support in a way that **complies with the Regulation on the European Citizens' Initiative** regarding the format and data collected, as well as with security and technical requirements;
- ✓ To offer the tool as an open source web application, made **available free of charge**;
- ✓ To facilitate **compliance with the legal requirements** by organisers of initiatives and certification of online collection systems by the relevant Member State authorities;
- ✓ To make the **data verification** of statements of support easier for the relevant Member State authorities.

Successful Initiatives

The European Citizens' Initiatives that have successfully reached the required number of statements of support by July 2018:



STOP VIVISECTION



ONE OF US



WATER AND SANITATION
ARE A HUMAN RIGHT!



STOP GLYPHOSATE

What our users say

"The OCS allows the Luxembourg's Government IT Centre (CTIE) to faster certify ECI online collection systems and to validate more efficiently the signatures of citizens supporting an ECI, saving us time and efforts."

Gilles Feith,
Luxembourg Government CIO and CTIE Director

"Thank you for providing and helping us setting up the online collection system for our citizens' initiative."

Ed Alvarado, organiser of "EU Citizenship for Europeans" initiative

Public interface of Online Collection Software

EUROPEAN CITIZENS' INITIATIVE English (en)

Title - EN - Title - EN - Title - EN Title - EN

Signatories 176,812 / 1,000,000	Deadline 01/02/2019	Registration number ECI(2017)000000	Date of registration 01/01/2018	Initiative language English (en)
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Support this initiative
by filling in the form below

All fields are mandatory

Please select the Member State you are national of and/or you reside in:

Please select country

SUPPORT

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

For more information on the rules and conditions for the European Citizens' Initiative: <http://ec.europa.eu/citizens-initiative>

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Web address of this proposed citizens' initiative in the European Commission's register
<http://www.acceptance.ec.europa.eu/citizens-initiative/public/initiatives/open/details/2017/000004>

MORE INFO

Top reasons to use Online Collection Software

- ✓ **Free and open source.**
- ✓ Implemented with the **latest technology on mobile development** (Angular).
- ✓ **Free hosting** service for the OCS software in the European Commission data centre and support for the required certification of the system.
- ✓ **Simplification of communication** between the organisers and the European Commission.
- ✓ By March 2018, **38 out of 48 European citizens' initiatives used** this software.
- ✓ The latest version (OCS 2.1) allows users further **customisation**, enhances **user experience**, and enables **better monitoring of campaigns**.

Want to know more?

Online Collection Software

ec.europa.eu/isa2/solutions/ocs-ecis-0

The European Citizen's Initiative

ec.europa.eu/citizens-initiative

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