

Topic introduction



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Europe's direct democracy in action

The European Citizens' Initiative. A New Era for Democratic Politics in the EU

Europe's First Experiment with Transnational Participatory Democracy

Bringing Europe closer to its citizens

The European Citizens' Initiative: a powerful tool to strengthen the European democracy

Power to the people EU-style

Spread the word about this EU push for citizen participation



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Citizens' initiatives flounder one year after launch



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European citizens' initiative

ECI still has mountain to climb

By Aline Glaudot | Wednesday 20 March 2013

EUROPEAN CITIZENS' INITIATIVE STILL TOO WEAK FOR REAL CHANGE

2013-03-19

NGOs call for more public awareness of 'failing' EU flagship policy



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By Martin Banks - 25th March 2013

The European citizens' initiative (ECI), an EU flagship policy, has been accused of falling "well short" of expectations.

“ Urgent action is needed



“There are still far too many people in the EU who do not know that they can influence European politics with the European Citizens' Initiative. ... That is why we are disappointed.”

Bruno Kaufmann, Initiative & Referendum Institute Europe

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What is European Citizens' Initiative?

- EUROPEAN


- A European citizens' initiative is an invitation to the European Commission to propose legislation on matters where the EU has competence to legislate.

- CITIZENS'

- A citizens' initiative has to be backed by at least one million EU citizens, coming from at least 7 out of the 28 member states.

- INITIATIVE

- A minimum number of signatories is required in each of those 7 member states.



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<http://ec.europa.eu/citizens-initiative/public/basic-facts>

International youth conference – MEET ME IN CITIZENSHIP

Maribor, 28-31 October 2013

Meet me in
EUROPEAN CITIZENS' INITIATIVE

Simon Delakorda, M.Sc.

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THE EUROPEAN CITIZENS' INITIATIVE

Official register

European Commission > European Citizens' Initiative

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News

- 04/10/2013 - A new registration form as well as new statement of support forms will be available from 8th October. Please see [Commission delegated Regulation \(EU\) No 887/2013](#) of 11 July 2013 for full details.
Organisers of the currently registered initiatives will be able to continue using the current version of the statement of support forms or to start using the new version from 8th October.
- 24/05/2013 - Due to maintenance operations, the citizens' initiative website will not be available on 24 May from 20:00 to 23:00 CEST. Apologies in advance for any



The **European citizens' initiative** allows **one million EU citizens** to participate directly in the development of EU policies, by **calling on the European Commission to make a legislative proposal**.

This website provides information on **all citizens' initiatives**, it explains the **rules**, and enables you to **launch your initiative**.



About the citizens' initiative

[Basic facts](#)

What you need to know about the citizens' initiative

[The procedure step by step](#)

Detailed explanations on the rules governing

Find an initiative

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Initiatives open for signatures

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Initiatives for which the collection period is over, including those that have received an

Launch an initiative

[Can your idea be a citizens' initiative?](#)

Find out if your idea falls within the Commission's powers




























[Prepare your online collection system](#)

You wish to collect online? Find out more on

The procedure at a glance



MINIMUM NUMBER OF SIGNATORIES PER COUNTRY

Austria		14 250
Belgium		16 500
Bulgaria		13 500
Cyprus		4 500
Czech Republic		16 500
Denmark		9 750
Estonia		4 500
Finland		9 750
France		55 500
Germany		74 250
Greece		16 500
Hungary		16 500
Ireland		9 000
Italy		54 750
Latvia		6 750
Lithuania		9 000
Luxembourg		4 500
Malta		4 500
Netherlands		19 500
Poland		38 250
Portugal		16 500
Romania		24 750
Slovakia		9 750
Slovenia		6 000
Spain		40 500
Sweden		15 000
United Kingdom		54 750

Croatia: 9.000

How to sign up to an initiative? (1)

STATEMENT OF SUPPORT FORM FOR THE EUROPEAN CITIZENS' INITIATIVE:
Unconditional Basic Income (UBI) - Exploring a pathway towards emancipatory welfare conditions in the EU

1.All signatories on this form are permanent residents in: UNITED KINGDOM

2.European Commission registration number: ECI(2013)000001

3.Date of registration: 14/01/2013

4.Web address of this proposed citizens' initiative on the European Commission register: <http://ec.europa.eu/citizens-initiative/public/initiatives/ongoing/details/2013/000001>

5.Title of this proposed citizens' initiative: Unconditional Basic Income (UBI) - Exploring a pathway towards emancipatory welfare conditions in the EU

6.Subject matter: Asking the Commission, to encourage cooperation between the Member States (according to Art 156 TFEU) aiming to explore the Unconditional Basic Income (UBI) as a tool to improve their respective social security systems.

7.Main objectives: In the long run the objective is to offer to each person in the EU the unconditional right as an individual, to having his/her material needs met to ensure a life of dignity as stated by the EU treaties, and to empower participation in society supported by the introduction of the UBI.
In the short term, initiatives such as "pilotstudies" (Art 156 TFEU) and examination of different models of UBI (EP resolution 2010/2039(INI) §44) should be promoted by the EU.

8.Names of organisers: Stanislas JOURDAN, Klaus SAMBOR, Sepp KUSSTATSCHER, Olympios RAPTIS, Branko GERLIC, Anne MILLER, Ronald BLASCHKE

9.Names and e-mail addresses of contact persons: Klaus SAMBOR (aon.914008712@aon.at), Ronald BLASCHKE (blaschke@grundeinkommen.de)

10.Website of this proposed citizens' initiative (if any): <http://www.basicincomeinitiative.eu>


TO BE COMPLETED BY THE SIGNATORIES - All fields on this form are mandatory and must be completed

I hereby certify that the information that I have provided in this form is correct and that I have only supported this proposed citizens' initiative once.

FULL FIRST NAMES	FAMILY NAMES	PERMANENT RESIDENCE (street, number, postal code, city, country)	DATE OF BIRTH	NATIONALITY	DATE AND SIGNATURE ¹
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¹ Signature not mandatory when form is submitted electronically without electronic signature

How to sign up to an initiative? (2)



Stop vivisection
Online Collection System

Please select language
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Proposed European Citizens' Initiative:
Stop vivisection

[Click here to support this initiative](#)
Support

Subject matter:
Proposing an European legislative framework aimed at phasing out animal experiments

Main objectives:
Considering clear ethical objections to animal experiments and solid scientific principles that invalidate the "animal model" for predicting human response, we urge the European Commission to abrogate directive 2010/63/EU on the protection of animals used for scientific purposes and to present a new proposal that does away with animal experimentation and instead makes compulsory the use - in biomedical and toxicological research - of data directly relevant for the human species

Information on this proposed initiative is available in the following languages:
[български](#) [čeština](#) [dansk](#) [Deutsch](#) [eesti](#) [ελληνικά](#) [English](#) [español](#) [français](#) [Gaeilge](#) [italiano](#) [latviešu](#) [lietuviu](#) [magyar](#) [Malti](#) [Nederlands](#) [polski](#) [português](#) [română](#) [slovenčina](#) [slovenščina](#) [suomi](#) [svenska](#)

European Commission registration number:
ECI(2012)000007

Date of registration:
22/06/2012

Web address of this proposed initiative on the European Commission register:
<http://ec.europa.eu/citizens-initiative/public/initiatives/ongoing/details/2012/000007/en>

Names of organisers:
Elvers Ingegerd, Molenaar Robert, Flies Daniel, Reiss Claude, Tamino Gianni, Menache André, Querol Viñas Nuria

Names of contact persons:
Tamino Gianni, Menache André

E-mail addresses of contact persons:
substitute.stopvivisection@gmail.com, representative.stopvivisection@gmail.com

Website of this proposed citizens' initiative (if any):
<http://www.stopvivisection.eu>

ECI overview



- 17 open initiatives (8 with deadline for collection 1.10.)
- 3 initiatives meet criteria 1 million + 7 member states
- 6 initiatives have been withdrawn by organisers
- 12 initiatives refused by European Commission (1 initiative registered in 2nd attempt)

Successful ECI in collecting signatures (1)

Water and sanitation are a human right!
www.right2water.eu

- 1.857.605 signatures; 13 MS surpassed the quorum
- 1.365.839 signatures from Germany
- 100.000 € funding

WATER is a Human Right

Home page Events News About

1,857,605 signatures

Stay informed! →

Signature collection closed!
Final number of signatures:
1,857,605
Thank you for signing.

Water and sanitation are a human right!

Water is a public good, not a commodity. We invite the European Commission to propose legislation implementing the human right to water and sanitation as recognised by the United Nations, and promoting the provision of water and sanitation as essential public services for all. The EU legislation should require governments to ensure and to provide all citizens with sufficient and clean drinking water and sanitation. We urge that:

1. The EU institutions and Member States be obliged to ensure that all inhabitants enjoy the right to water and sanitation.
2. Water supply and management of water resources not be subject to 'internal market rules' and that water services are excluded from liberalisation.
3. The EU increases its efforts to achieve universal access to water and sanitation.

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Read more

Successful ECI in collecting signatures (2)

One of us
www.oneofus.eu

- 1.534.276 signatures; 17 MS surpassed the quorum
- 524.318 signatures from Italy
- 50.000 € funding



English

ONE OF US

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The human embryo is “One of Us”: help us to protect and respect its dignity and integrity

ABOUT THE INITIATIVE

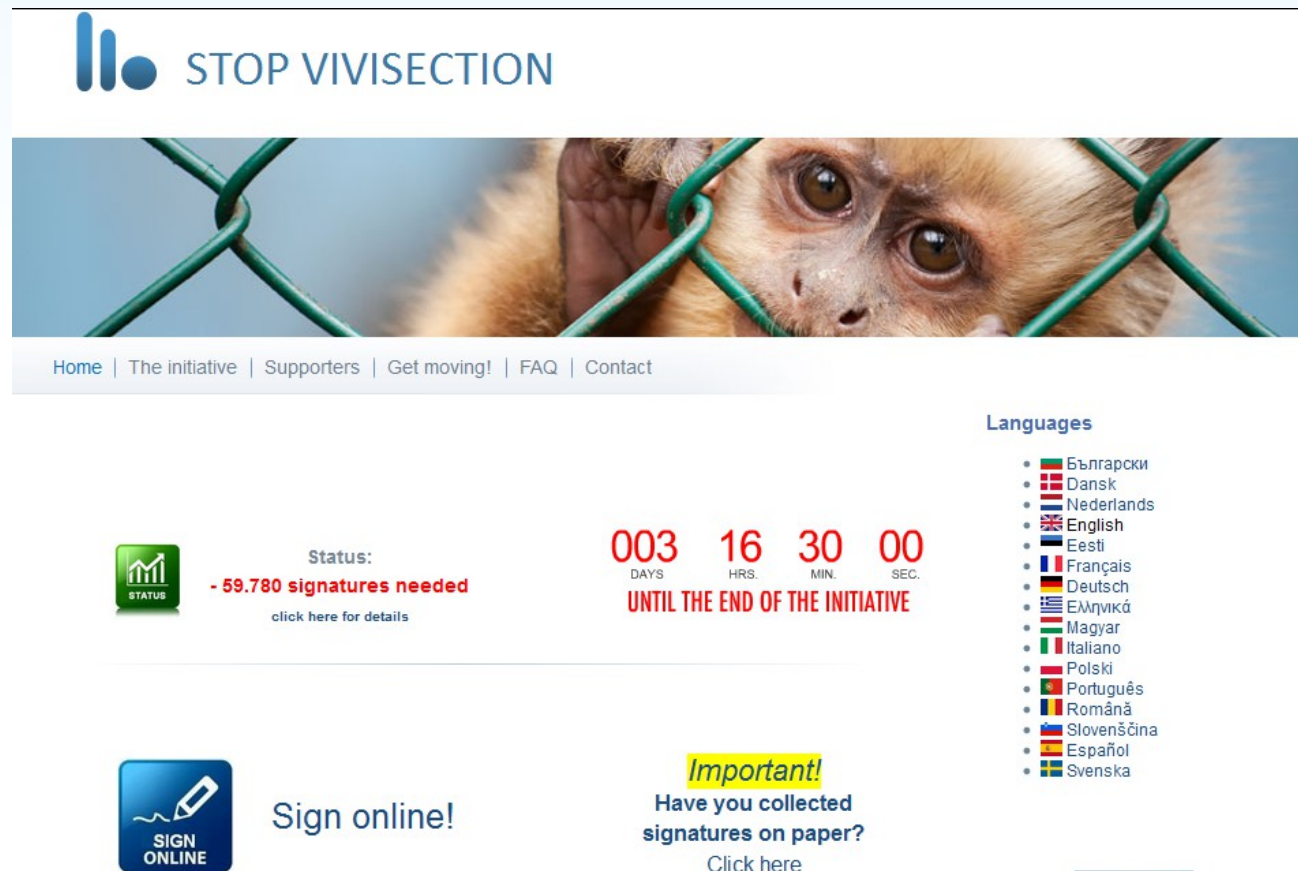
ONE OF US HAS SURPASSED THE MILLION SIGNATURES!!!! JOIN THE INITIATIVE AND HELP US TO GET 500.000 SIGNATURES MORE BY NOVEMBER THE 1ST:

SIGN

Successful ECI in collecting signatures (3)

Stop vivisection!
www.stopvivisection.eu

- 1.040.220 e-signatures; 10 MS surpassed the quorum
- 564.362 signatures from Italy
- 14.501€ funding



STOP VIVISECTION

Home | The initiative | Supporters | Get moving! | FAQ | Contact

Status:
- 59.780 signatures needed
[click here for details](#)

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UNTIL THE END OF THE INITIATIVE

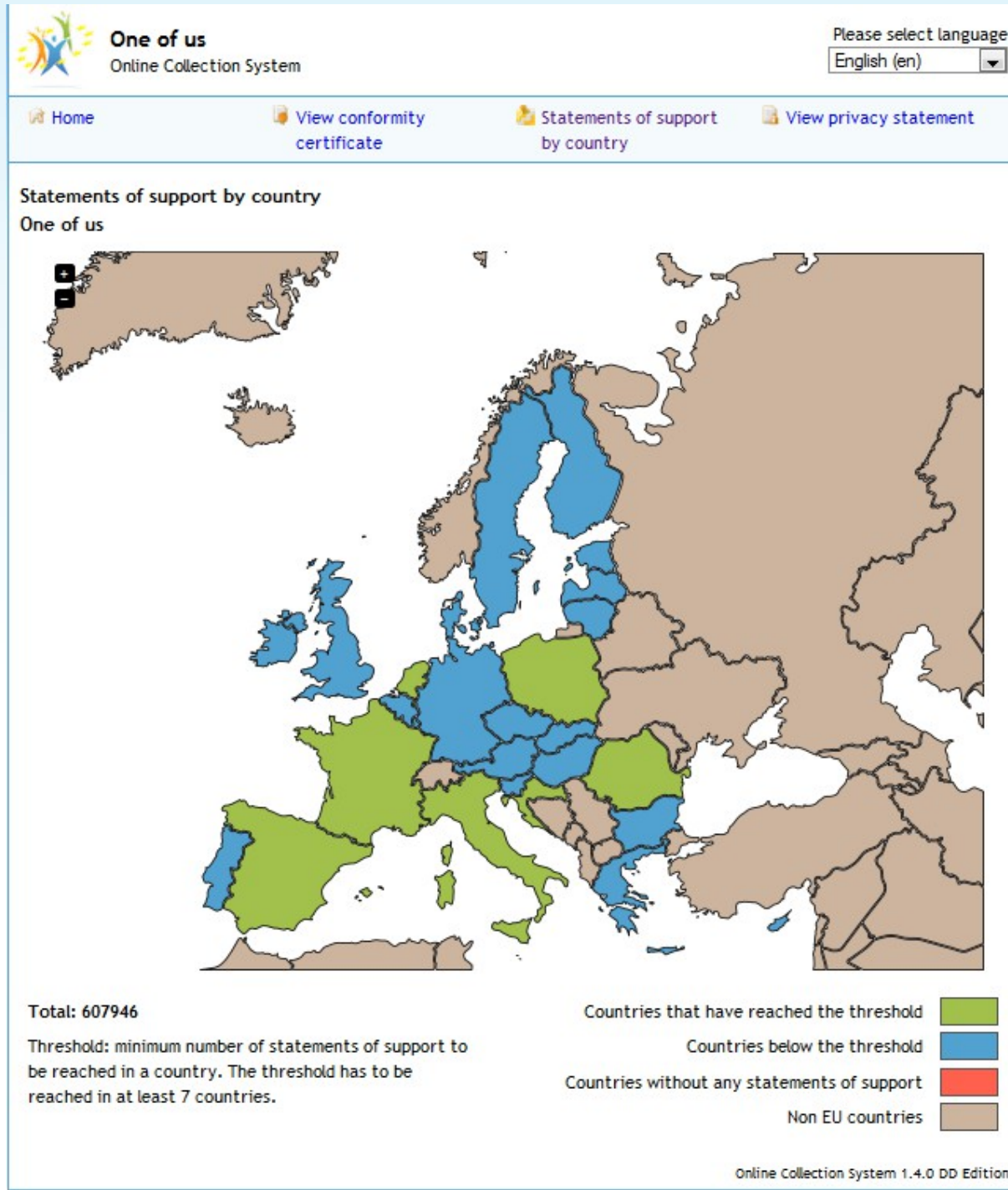
Sign online!
[SIGN ONLINE](#)

Important!
Have you collected signatures on paper?
[Click here](#)

Languages

- Български
- Dansk
- Nederlands
- English
- Eesti
- Français
- Deutsch
- Ελληνικό
- Magyar
- Italiano
- Polski
- Português
- Română
- Slovenščina
- Español
- Svenska

Visualisation of signatures by country



ECI in digital world

- ECI's multilingual and multimedia on-line presence
- Social media e.g. Facebook and Twitter integral part of on-line campaign
- Majority of signatures collected via Online Collection System developed by European Commission:
 - Right2water: 1.547.859 on-line signatures (82%)
 - Stop Vivisection: 1.040.220 on-line signatures
 - Basic Income: 112.752 on-line signatures (96,8%)
- Signing up on paper still important:
 - One of us: 829.768 paper signatures (60%)


ECI public sphere

- www.iri-europe.org/european-citizens-initiative
- www.citizens-initiative.eu
- www.initiative.eu
- www.evropske-pobude.si
- <http://gef.eu/publication/european-citizens-initiative-updated-edition/>
- www.citizenhouse.eu/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=42&Itemid=123&lang=en

Case presentation: ECI for Basic Income

- Asking the Commission, to encourage cooperation between the Member States aiming to explore the Unconditional Basic Income (UBI) as a tool to improve their respective social security systems.
- Members of citizens' committee from Austria, France, Germany, Italy, Greece, Netherlands and Slovenia.
- 4th highest no. of collected signatures; SLO and CRO surpassed the quorum
- Collecting signatures on-line
- Deadline for collection 14th January 2014
- www.basicincome2013.eu

European Citizens' Initiative for an Unconditional Basic Income

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Basic Income, a new human right



Unconditional Basic Income (UBI)
Exploring a pathway towards emancipatory welfare conditions in the EU




>>> <http://sign.basicincome2013.eu> <<<


Asking the Commission, to encourage cooperation between the Member States (according to Art 156 TFEU) aiming to explore the Unconditional Basic Income (UBI) as a tool to improve their respective social security systems.

WHAT IS BASIC INCOME?

The emancipatory Unconditional Basic Income is defined by the following four criteria:
universal, individual, unconditional, high enough to ensure an existence in dignity and participation in society.

An Unconditional Basic Income (UBI) or Citizen's Income is a guaranteed income, given to all in addition to any other income they might receive. By advancing equality and economic participation while enabling simpler welfare systems, UBI leads to a fairer and more efficient society.

<http://basicincome2013.eu/ubi/question/what-is-the-unconditional-basic-income/>

- Information on the Europa website: <http://ec.europa.eu/citizens-initiative/public/initiatives/ongoing/details/2013/000001>
- SIGN online on the Europa website: <https://ec.europa.eu/citizens-initiative/REQ-ECI-2012-000028/public/index.do>
- Signatures needed: 1.000.000
- Deadline: 14/01/2014

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	Code	State	Paper	Web	Total	Today	Quotum	% of Quotum
1	HR	Croatia	0	10.885	10.885	+19	9.000	120,9%
2	SI	Slovenia	0	6.240	6.240	+40	6.000	104,0%
3	BE	Belgium	1	7.336	7.337	+128	16.500	44,5%
4	HU	Hungary	0	6.133	6.133	+62	16.500	37,2%
5	NL	Netherlands	200	6.632	6.832	+90	19.500	35,0%
6	ES	Spain	2.000	10.392	12.392	+56	40.500	30,6%
7	DE	Germany	883	21.261	22.144	+104	74.250	29,8%
8	AT	Austria	125	4.098	4.223	+35	14.250	29,6%
9	FR	France	1	15.719	15.720	+64	55.500	28,3%
10	ALL	28 of Europe	3.749	112.769	116.518	+787	574.500	20,3%
11	SE	Sweden	0	2.835	2.835	+41	15.000	18,9%
12	DK	Denmark	251	1.535	1.786	+5	9.750	18,3%
13	PT	Portugal	1	3.019	3.020	+35	16.500	18,3%
14	CZ	Czech Republic	280	2.211	2.491	+17	16.500	15,1%
15	SK	Slovakia	1	1.364	1.365	+5	9.750	14,0%
16	BG	Bulgaria	0	1.650	1.650	+8	13.500	12,2%
17	RO	Romania	1	3.012	3.013	+2	24.750	12,2%
18	LU	Luxembourg	1	394	395	+1	4.500	8,8%
19	FI	Finland	1	769	770	+2	9.750	7,9%
20	EL	Greece	0	1.011	1.011	+10	16.500	6,1%
21	UK	United Kingdom	0	2.399	2.399	+18	54.750	4,4%
22	PL	Poland	2	1.658	1.660	+37	38.250	4,3%
23	EE	Estonia	0	190	190	+1	4.500	4,2%
24	IE	Ireland	0	381	381	+4	9.000	4,2%
25	MT	Malta	0	139	139	+0	4.500	3,1%
26	IT	Italy	1	1.354	1.355	+2	54.750	2,5%
27	CY	Cyprus	0	43	43	+1	4.500	1,0%
28	LT	Lithuania	0	64	64	+0	9.000	0,7%
29	LV	Latvia	0	45	45	+0	6.750	0,7%

Collecting signatures

- Starting in March 2013
- Web site development
- Press release
- Facebook, Twitter and You Tube profile
- On-line and off-line promotion
- Mass media targeting
- Core team coordination via Facebook and meetings
- Voluntary based (no funding so far)



Initiative for a Basic Income in Europe

15.134 je všeč · 6.388 jih govori o tem



Namen

Unconditional Basic Income as a right for every European citizen! Sign the initiative here:
<http://sign.basicincome2013.eu/>

O meni



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Sign now!



Všečkov

Poudarki



Initiative for a Basic Income in Europe

Pred 13 urami/-a

More than 80 basic income local groups are actively promoting #basicincome in their cities. How about joining them - or launching a new group if it does not exist in you town?

You can watch the map here: <http://basicincome2013.eu/ubi/european-map-of-basic-income-groups/>

Prikaži prevod

Nedavne objave drugih

Prikaži vse



Quentin Fabri

@;-)

2 · Pred 15 urami/-a



Kasper Souren

I saw (only?) ten of my FB friends liked this page. So I invite...

2 · Pred 22 urami/-a



Martin Karrer

@ Initiative for a Basic Income in Europe #EBI #BGE <http://b...>

27. oktober ob 15:38



Lucy Johnson

It does sound utopian and I am sorry to say what about eve...

4 · 27. oktober ob 12:04



Alex Hornung

@ For getting the big dream going just simply support the Eu...

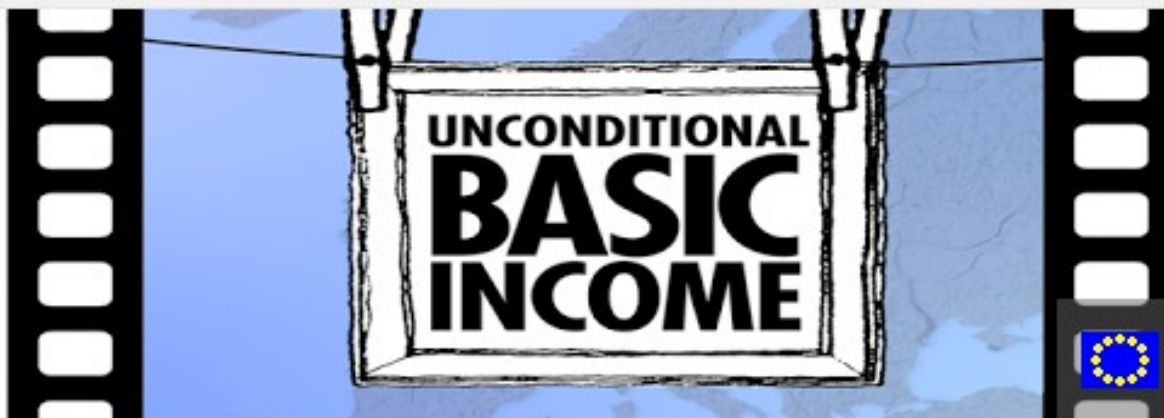
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več objav





Prenesi



Sign the initiative



Basic Income for Europe

Naroči 505



Videoposnetki

Razprava

Vizitka



Basic Income, a new human right

39.983 ogledov pred 7 meseci

Sign the petition here: <http://sign.basicincome2013.eu>
Follow us on facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/EC...>

Basic Income should be universal, individual, unconditional and high enough to ensure a dignified existence and participation in society.

This new fundamental right for humanity, not only would eradicate misery, it is also a way to develop non-market oriented work: such as artists, parents and volunteers...
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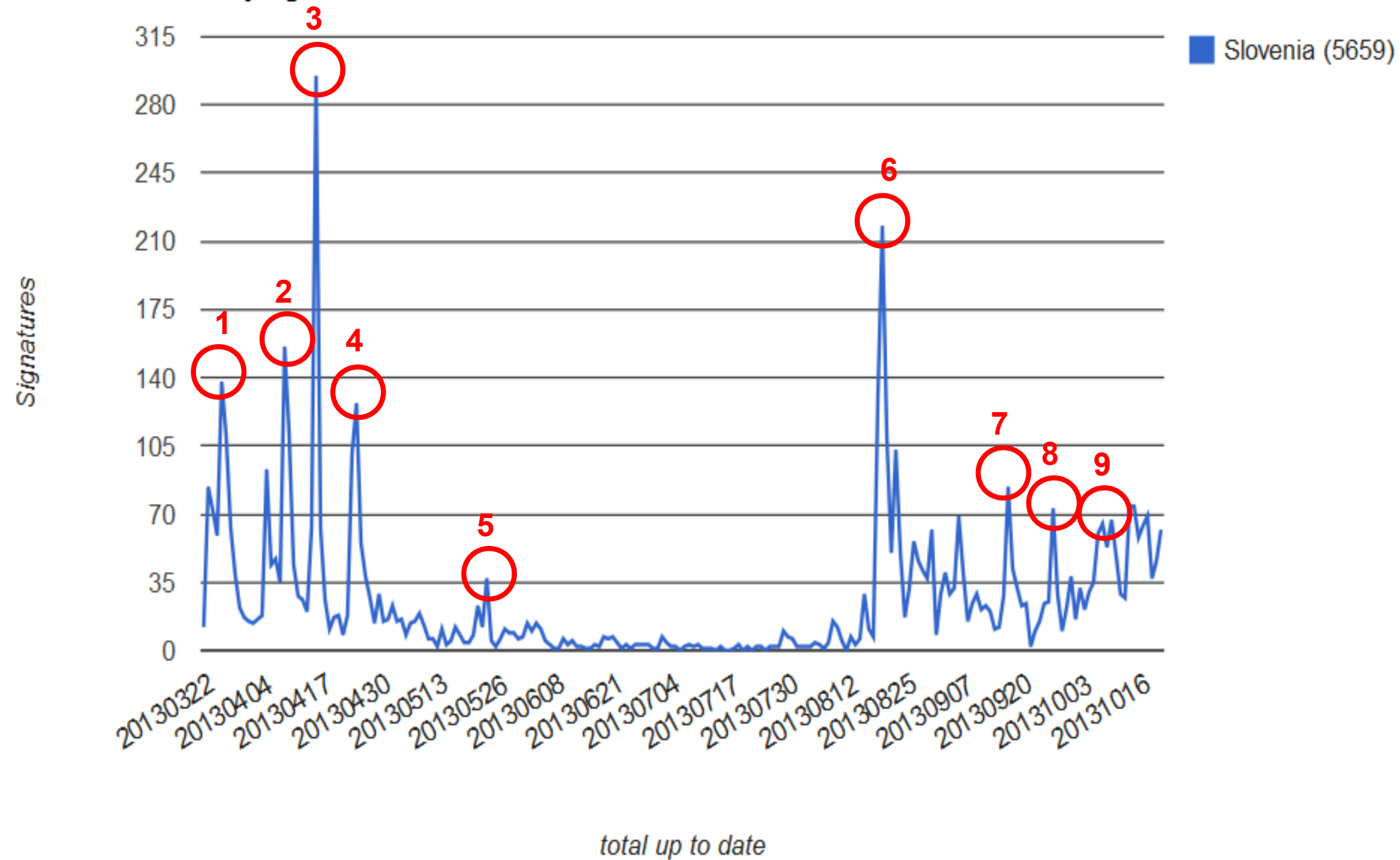
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Collecting signatures workflow

Daily signatures chart for selected countries until 21/10/2013 08:00



Obstacles when collecting signatures

- Many people do not know about Universal Basic Income idea
- Many people do not know about European Citizens Initiative (“What is the difference between ECI and other on-line petitions I sign every day?”)
- Distrust in Online Collection System (personal data, digital privacy)
- Doubtful whether signatures will have an impact (distrust in EU institutions, ECI will not collect enough signatures, long running procedure,...)
- Also: people not having time to sign up, not having personal ID etc.

Success factors for ECI

- Proposed ECI subject-matter is “hot” topic (an important public or political issue at the EU and national level)
- Pan-European dimension
- In line with values/expectations of EU citizens
- Media attention/coverage (national level)
- Excellent organization of citizens' committee at the EU and national level (manpower, finance, internet etc.)
- Efficient collection in big MS (Germany, Spain, Poland etc.)
- ECI subject-matter awareness-rising (e.g. celebrities support)
- Willingness of citizens to sign on-line (e-participation)

After 1 million signatures is collected...

- The first 8 ECIs deadline for collection is 1st November
- ECI organizers get statements of support certified by national authorities within 3 months
- The Commission examines initiative and replies within 3 months.
- First replies expected in the spring 2014
- If the Commission approves initiative, then the legislative procedure starts (political question)
- Revision of ECI procedure expected in 2015

THANK YOU!

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15 minutes break (2 jokes about EU)

- How the EU works: In Germany, they make the rules, in Britain, they obey the rules, in France, they bend the rules, in Spain, they break the rules and in Italy they have no rules at all.
- SOCIALISM: You have two cows. State takes one and give it to someone else. COMMUNISM: You have two cows. State takes both of them and gives you milk. FASCISM: You have two cows. State takes both of them and sell you milk. CAPITALISM: You have two cows. You sell one and buy a bull. EUROPEAN FEDERALISM: You have two cows which you cannot afford to keep because of milk imported from a member state with cheaper labour. So you apply for financial aid from the European Union to subsidise your cows and are granted enough to carry on working them. You then sell your milk at the original high price to some government-owned distributor which then dumps your milk onto the market at the price that drove you to subsidies to make Europe competitive.

How to create ECI grass-roots campaign?

- Goal: To prepare and present a plan for grass-roots campaign for ECI (1 million signatures + 7 MS in 12 months)
- Plan: ECI title, key message, target groups, dissemination activities, signatures collection activities and campaign coordination (January 2014 – January 2015)
- Workflow: 3 groups with 7 members (Citizens' committee) each member presenting its own country
- Group 1: Media Pluralism in Europe
- Group 2: End Ecocide in Europe
- Group 3: Dairy Cow Welfare in Europe
- Time: 20 minutes for preparing the plan
- 5 minutes for presentation