



Reforms for the Improvement of the ECI Regulation

ACCESSIBLE - Accessibility to citizens

1. Allow ECIs to include topics that may entail an invitation to the Commission to use its right to initiate proposals to amend the treaties
2. Propose simpler and uniform data requirements across all member states to facilitate EU citizens wishing to sign an ECI, irrespective of their country of residence
3. Provide rejected ECI proposals with robust, comprehensible and transparent reasons for their rejection, offer advice to citizen committees for the redrafting of their ECI and possibility to resubmit proposals up to three times in total

DYNAMIC - Dynamic and user-friendly process

4. Redesign the Online Collection Software and statement of support forms to enable signatories to share their email address with ECI organisers through an opt-in
5. Rather than beginning the collection period on the day that the Commission declares an ECI as admissible and registered, give ECI organisers a choice in the date for the launch of their ECI, within three months of its registration by the Commission
6. Use all public communication channels to raise awareness of the ECI and facilitate communication of running ECIs, i.e. create a mobile app with information, notifications and possibility of mobile signing

POWERFUL - Powerful impact of successful ECIs

7. If the Commission agrees to a successful ECI, it must come forward with a legislative proposal within one year, as it does with initiatives originating in the Parliament. In the case of a rejection, the Commission must explain its political choices in a detailed and transparent manner
8. A first public hearing in the EU Parliament should be held if an ECI reaches 200,000 signatures within the first six months. This would give running ECIs a political platform and facilitate public debate on the issue.
9. The relevant EU Parliament committee must write a report on the subject of the ECI, with a co-rapporteur nominated by the ECI citizens' committee. The report should then be debated in full plenary followed by a vote.