



European Citizens' Initiative 'End the cage age'

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European citizens' initiatives (ECI)

- ECI is an instrument to enhance the democratic functioning of the EU.
- Through an ECI citizens may bring certain issues to the attention of the institutions of the EU.
- It has to follow the procedure laid down in Regulation (EU) 2019/788.

Procedural steps for an ECI

- Preparation Phase; Registration Phase
- Collection phase: **collection of statements of support** (signatures) for the ECI.
- Verification phase: validation of the **eligibility of the signatures**.
- Examination phase: examination of the content/ the objectives of the ECI by the European Commission aiming at the **preparation of its formal response** in the form of a Communication.

ECI 'End the Cage Age'

This ECI calls on the Commission to propose legislation to prohibit the use of

- *cages for **laying hens, rabbits, pullets, broiler breeders, layer breeders, quail, ducks and geese;***
- *farrowing crates for **sows;***
- ***sow stalls,** where not already prohibited;*
- *individual **calf pens,** where not already prohibited.”*

ECI 'End the Cage Age'

- Collected almost 1.4 million signatures (minimum: 1 million)
- Met the threshold in 18 Member States (minimum: 7 Member States)
- Supported by > 170 organizations throughout the EU

ECI 'End the Cage Age' Examination Phase Main Steps

Submission of signatures
to the Commission
02/10/2020

Meeting with organisers
30/10/2020

Public hearing in EP
+/- 12/2020 - 01/2021

Adoption Communication
by 02/04/2021

Communication

Within six months after submission of the signatures:

The Commission will reply to the organizers

- by way of a **communication** (adopted by the college)
- setting out its **legal and political conclusions** on the initiative,
- the **action** it intends to take, if any,
- and its **reasons** for taking or not taking action.
- Where actions are intended, also an indication of an envisaged **timeline**.

Thank you!



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