

OCS

Online Collection Software for European Citizens' Initiatives

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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



WATER AND SANITATION ARE A HUMAN RIGHT!



ONE OF US



STOP GLYPHOSATE

What our users say

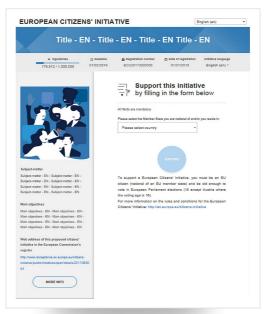
"The OCS allows the Luxembourg's Government IT Centre (CTIE) to faster certify ECI online collection systems and to validate more efficiently the signatures of citizens supporting an ECI, saving us time and efforts."

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



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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