

# ECI European Citizens' Initiative and citizens' direct participation

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## Summary

The [ECI European Citizens' Initiative](#), introduced in April 2012, meets the requirements for direct participation\* of European citizens to some 8%, one-twelfth. It still remains at the stage of a mere petition addressed only to the EU Commission, which decides whether or not to handle the proposed issue. Furthermore, to search for solutions, invite selected partners, as well as decision-making remain the prerogative of the EU's representative bodies.

### DIRECT PARTICIPATION IN DIRECT DEMOCRACY ASSESSING THE PROCESSES

#### ECI EUROPEAN CITIZENS' INITIATIVE



\* [participation.direct/assess-develop](#)