Requirements to sign up to a European Citizens' Initiative

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

To support a European Citizens' Initiative, signatories must be EU citizens (nationals of an EU member state) and be old enough to vote in European Parliament elections (18 except in Austria where the voting age is 16).

DATA REQUIREMENTS

The data that signatories are required to provide in their statement of support forms will depend on the EU member state which they come from. This is because it is the member states that are responsible for verifying the validity of signatories' statements of support and for certifying the number of valid statements collected in each country (organisers of initiatives are required to collect a certain number of signatures in at least 7 EU member states).

If a signatory lives in one member state but is a national of another member state or if a signatory holds the nationality of several member states, they will need to choose the country for which their statement of support will be counted. They should select the country which will be able to verify the data they provide in their statement of support: depending on the case, this could be the country that issued the personal identification document number that they provide, their country of residence or their country (or one of their countries) of nationality. In any case, signatories are allowed to sign up to a given initiative only once.

SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS FOR EACH MEMBER STATE

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Austria

Signatories have to provide **one of the following personal identification document numbers issued by Austria:**

- Reisepass (passport)
- Personalausweis (identity card)

Belgium

Signatories must be **permanent residents in Belgium or Belgian nationals residing outside Belgium** provided they have informed the Belgian authorities about their place of residence.

Bulgaria

Signatories have to provide the following **personal identification number issued by Bulgaria**:

。 Единен граждански номер (personal number)

Cyprus

Signatories have to provide one of the following **personal identification document numbers issued by Cyprus**:

- Δελτίο Ταυτότητας (identity card of national or resident)
- Διαβατήριο (passport)

Czech Republic

Signatories have to provide one of the following **personal identification document numbers issued by the Czech Republic**:

- Občanský průkaz (national identity card)
- Cestovní pas (passport)

Denmark

Signatories must be **permanent residents in Denmark or Danish nationals residing outside Denmark** provided they have informed the Danish authorities about their place of residence.

Estonia

Signatories must be **permanent residents in Estonia or Estonian nationals** even if they reside outside Estonia.

Finland

Signatories must be **permanent residents in Finland or Finnish nationals** even if they reside outside Finland.

France

Signatories have to provide one of the following **personal identification document numbers issued by France**:

- Passeport (passport)
- Carte nationale d'identité (national identity card)
- o Titre de séjour (residence permit)
- Permis de conduire (driving licence)

o Autre (other):

- Carte d'identité de parlementaire avec photographie, délivrée par le président d'une assemblée parlementaire (parliamentarian's identity card with photo, issued by the president of a parliamentary assembly);
- Carte d'identité d'élu local avec photographie, délivrée par le représentant de l'Etat (elected local official's identity card with photo, issued by the State representative);
- Carte du combattant de couleur chamois ou tricolore (war veteran's card, buff-coloured or tricoloured);
- Carte d'invalidité civile ou militaire avec photographie (civilian or military invalidity card with photo);
- Carte d'identité de fonctionnaire de l'Etat avec photographie (State civil servant's identity card with photo);
- Carte d'identité ou carte de circulation avec photographie, délivrée par les autorités militaires (identity card or free movement permit with photo, issued by the military authorities);
- Permis de chasser avec photographie, délivré par le représentant de l'Etat (hunting permit with photo, issued by the State representative);
- Livret ou carnet de circulation, délivré par le préfet en application de la loi n° 69-3 du 3 janvier 1969 (traveller's movement permit, issued by the Prefect pursuant to Law No 69-3 of 3 January 1969);
- Récépissé valant justification de l'identité, délivré en échange des pièces d'identité en cas de contrôle judiciaire, en application du neuvième alinéa (7°) de l'article 138 du code de procédure pénale (receipt counting as proof of identity, issued in exchange for identity documentation in cases of judicial supervision pursuant to the ninth paragraph (numbered paragraph 7) of Article 138 of the Code of Criminal Procedure);
- Attestation de dépôt d'une demande de carte nationale d'identité ou de passeport, délivrée depuis moins de trois mois par une commune et comportant une photographie d'identité du demandeur authentifiée par un cachet de la commune (certificate of lodgement of an application for a

national identity card or passport, issued not more than three months previously by a municipality and bearing a photo of the applicant authenticated by a municipal stamp)

Germany

Signatories must be **permanent residents in Germany or German nationals residing outside Germany** provided they have informed the German authorities about their place of residence.

Greece

Signatories have to provide one of the following **personal identification document numbers issued by Greece**:

- Δελτίο Αστυνομικής Ταυτότητας (identity card)
- Διαβατήριο (passport)
- ο Βεβαίωση Εγγραφής Πολιτών Ε.Ε./Έγγραφο πιστοποίησης μόνιμης διαμονής πολίτη Ε.Ε. (residence certificate/permanent residence certificate)

Hungary

Signatories have to provide one of the following **personal identification** (document) numbers issued by Hungary:

- személyazonosító igazolvány (identity card)
- útlevél (passport)
- személyi azonosító szám (személyi szám) (personal identification number)

Ireland

Signatories must be **permanent residents** in Ireland.

Irish nationals living in another member state should select that member state.

Italy

Signatories have to provide one of the following **personal identification document numbers issued by Italy**:

- Passaporto, inclusa l'indicazione dell'autorità di rilascio (passport, including issuing authority)
- Carta di identità, inclusa l'indicazione dell'autorità di rilascio (identity card, including issuing authority)

Latvia

Signatories have to provide the following **personal identification number issued by Latvia**:

Personas kods (personal identification number)

Lithuania

Signatories have to provide the following **personal identification number issued by Lithuania**:

Asmens kodas (personal number)

Luxembourg

Signatories have to provide the following **personal identification number issued by Luxembourg**:

 Numéro d'identification national (numéro inscrit sur la carte d'identification de la Sécurité sociale) (national identification number appearing on the social security identity card)

Malta

Signatories have to provide the following **personal identification document number issued by Malta**:

Karta tal-Identità (identity card)

Netherlands

Signatories must be **permanent residents** in the Netherlands.

Dutch nationals living in another member state should select that member state.

Poland

Signatories have to provide the following **personal identification number issued by Poland**:

Numer ewidencyjny PESEL (PESEL identification number)

Portugal

Signatories have to provide one of the following **personal identification document numbers issued by Portugal**:

- Bilhete de identidade (identity card)
- Passaporte (passport)
- Cartão de Cidadão (citizen's card)

Romania

Signatories have to provide one of the following **personal identification** (document) numbers issued by Romania:

- o carte de identitate (identity card)
- pasaport (passport)
- certificat de inregistrare (registration certificate)
- cartea de rezidenta permanenta pentru cetatenii UE (permanent residence card for EU citizens)
- Cod Numeric Personal (personal identification number)

Slovakia

Signatories must be **permanent residents in Slovakia or Slovakian nationals** even if they reside outside Slovakia.

Slovenia

Signatories have to provide one of the following **personal identification document numbers issued by Slovenia**:

- Osebna izkaznica (identity card)
- Potni list (passport)

Spain

Signatories have to provide one of the following **personal identification document numbers issued by Spain**:

- Documento Nacional de Identidad (identity card)
- Pasaporte (passport)

Sweden

Signatories have to provide one of the following **personal identification numbers issued by Sweden**:

- Personnummer i id-kort (personal identification number in identity card)
- Personnummer i pass (personal identification number in passport)

United Kingdom

Signatories must be **permanent residents** in the United Kingdom.

UK nationals living in another member state should select that member state.