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”Every voice is heard”



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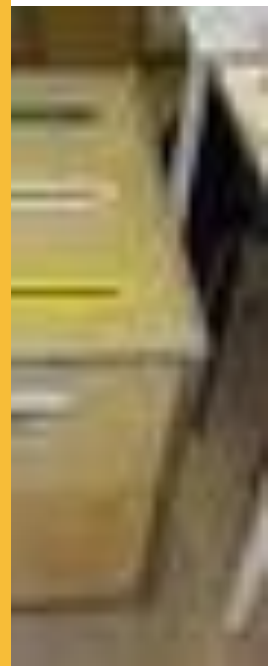
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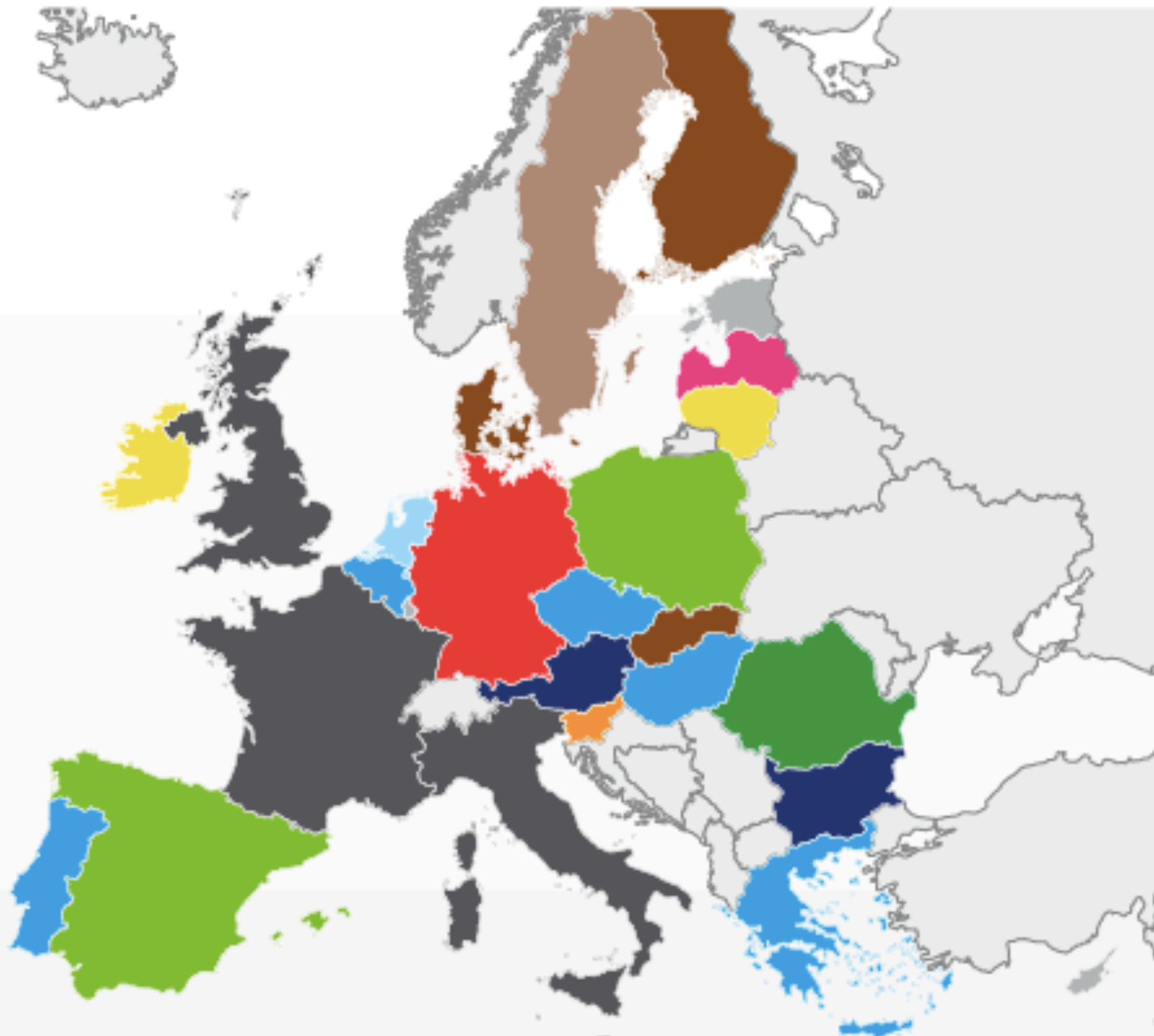




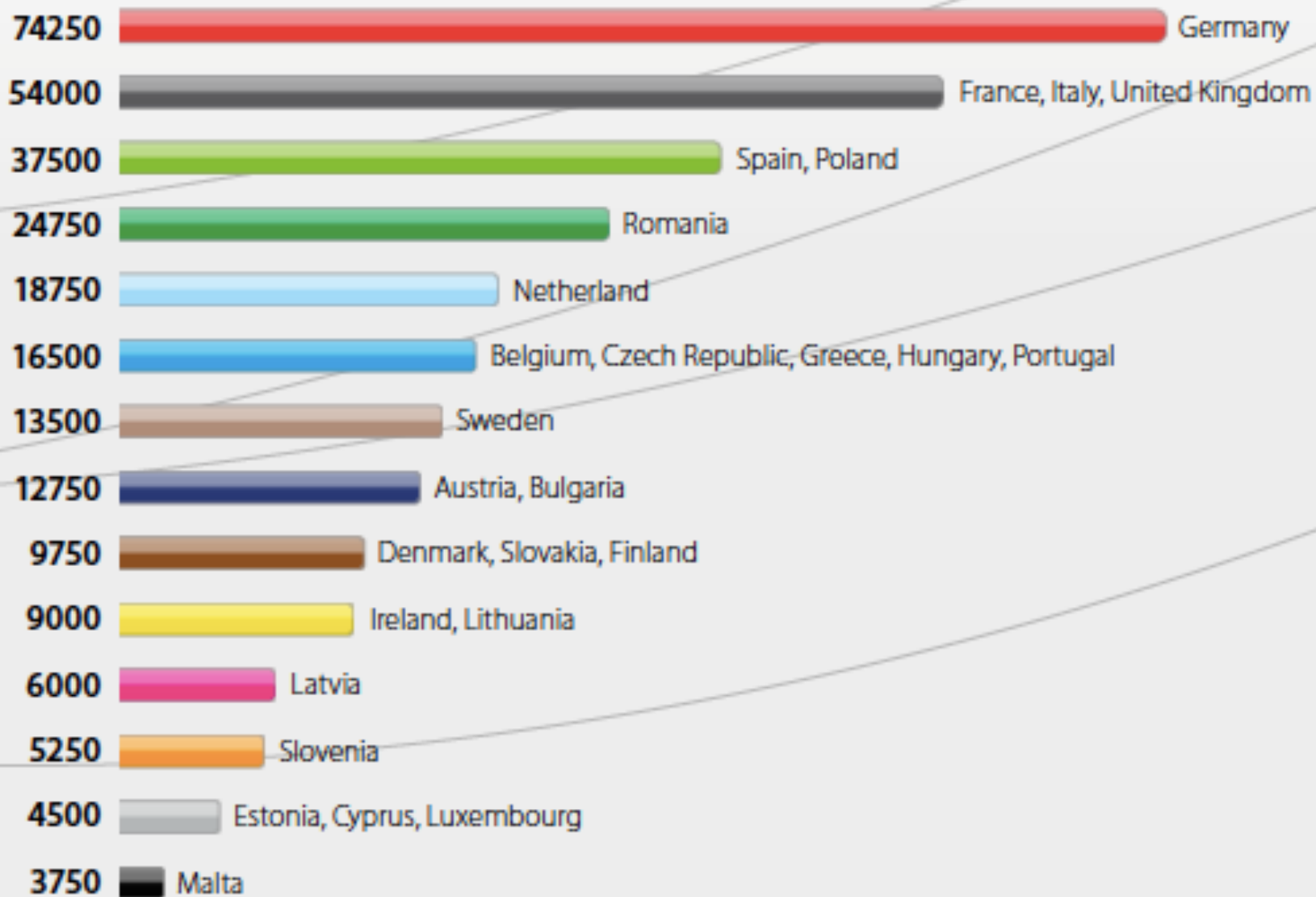
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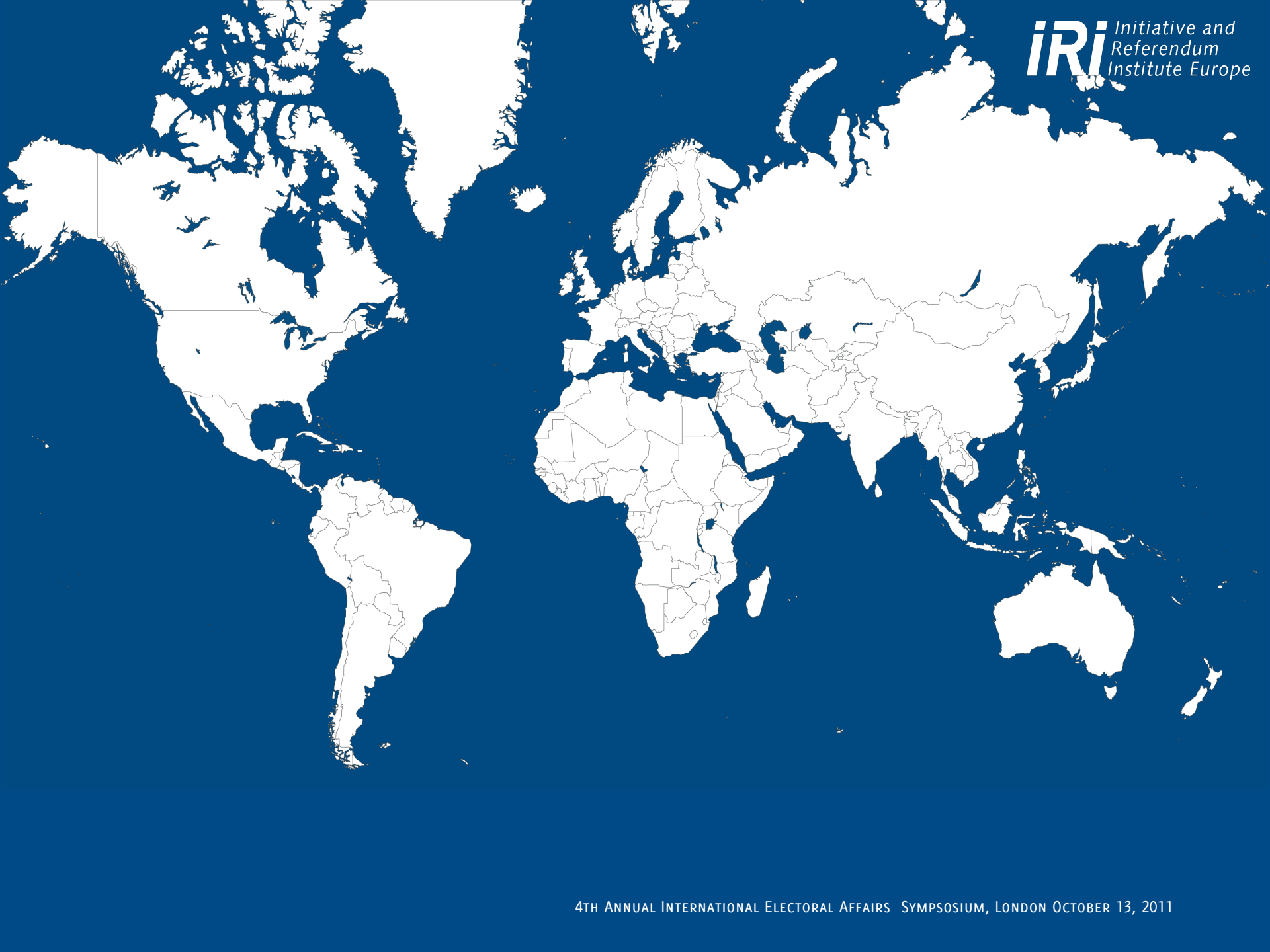
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Minimum number of signatories per member state







The European Citizens` Initiative – Into new territories of electoral affairs



new territories...

- **Direct**
- **Digital**
- **Transnational**



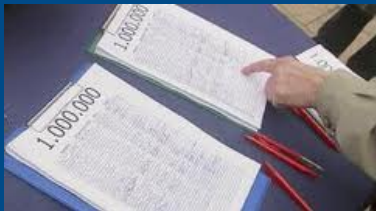
Direct...

- Substantive issues
- Bottom-up
- Agenda-setting



Digital...

- Paperless process
- E-Gathering of „signatures“



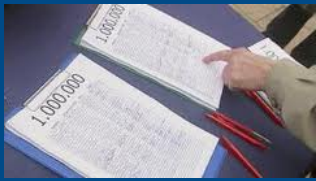
Transnational...

- European tool
- Member state obligations
- EU citizenship



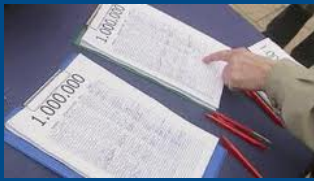
Your guide to the European Citizens' Initiative





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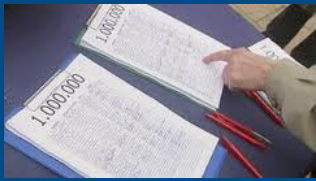
- 1) Backgrounder
- 2) Procedure
- 3) Implementation
- 4) Challenges
- 5) Sumup



Background:

- 1958- petitions to EP
- 1973- 51 popular votes on Europe
- 1979 direct elections to EP
- 2003 citizens' initiative to Commission
- 2009 Lisbon Treaty
- 2011 Regulation on the European Citizens' Initiative

→ Into Practice: April 1, 2012!



Procedure:

- Lisbon Treaty (Art.11.4)
- EU Regulation (211/2011)
- Implementing Regulations
- One Million statements of support
- 12 Month
- 7 Member States Hurdle(s)



The ECI at a glance

Organisers					
	Preparation	Signature collection	Verification	Evaluation	Follow-up
Commission & Member states	<p>Day 1</p> <p>Commission decision: registration and publication on the website</p> <p>Certification of online system by member states within max. 1 month</p> <p>Commission starts initial check within max. 2 months</p>		<p>Month 12</p> <p>Member states verify signatures within max. 3 months</p>	<p>Month 15</p> <p>Commission evaluation period within max. 3 months: preparation of the Commission decision</p> <p>Organisation of hearing at the European Parliament</p>	<p>Month 18</p> <p>Formal Commission decision on follow-up with a legislative proposal or not</p> <p>If the Commission tables legislative proposal: normal legislative procedure between Parliament and Council starts</p>
	<p>Preparation time:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Problem identification - Idea for solution - EU-wide concern - Subject matter fact-finding - Founding of an Initiative Committee - Procedure assessment <p>Submitting online registration</p> <p>Day 1</p> <p>Start of manual signature gathering: max. 12 months</p>	<p>Month 1</p> <p>Positive certification of online system: online signature collection can begin</p>	<p>Month 12</p> <p>Submission of collected signatures to member states for validation</p>	<p>Month 15</p> <p>Organisers submit verified support statements to the Commission</p>	



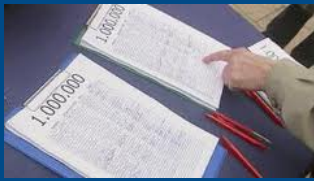
Implementation 1:

Commission:

- Online registry
- Guide/Information/Support

Member States:

- Certification
- Verification



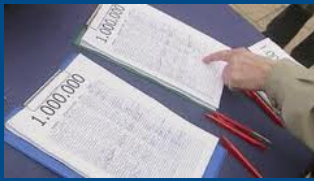
Implementation 2:

- ECI Office (EC)
- Citizens' Initiative Committee (EC&MS)
- Competent Authorities (MS)



Implementation 3:

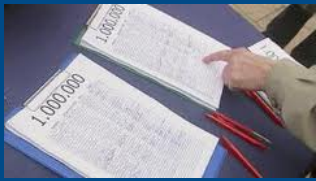
- October 17: Adoption of Implementing Regulation for online collection system
- November 6: Entry into force
- January 1: Publication of registry/guide
- March 1: All system on place
- April 1: First ECI to be filed



Challenges:

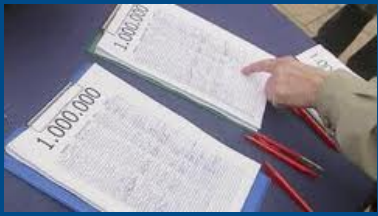
- Online Implementation
- Awareness/Information
- „Within EU competencies“
- Advise/Support
- Communication/Languages
- Revision clause





Sum-up:

- 1) Into new territories
- 2) EU-wide electoral umbrella
- 3) Implications in MS
- 4) Practical Question marks
- 5) The future...



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The European Citizens`Initiative:

**DIRECT, DIGITAL,
TRANSNATIONAL**





Falun Democracy Town

Participative Infrastructure



Participative Infrastructure

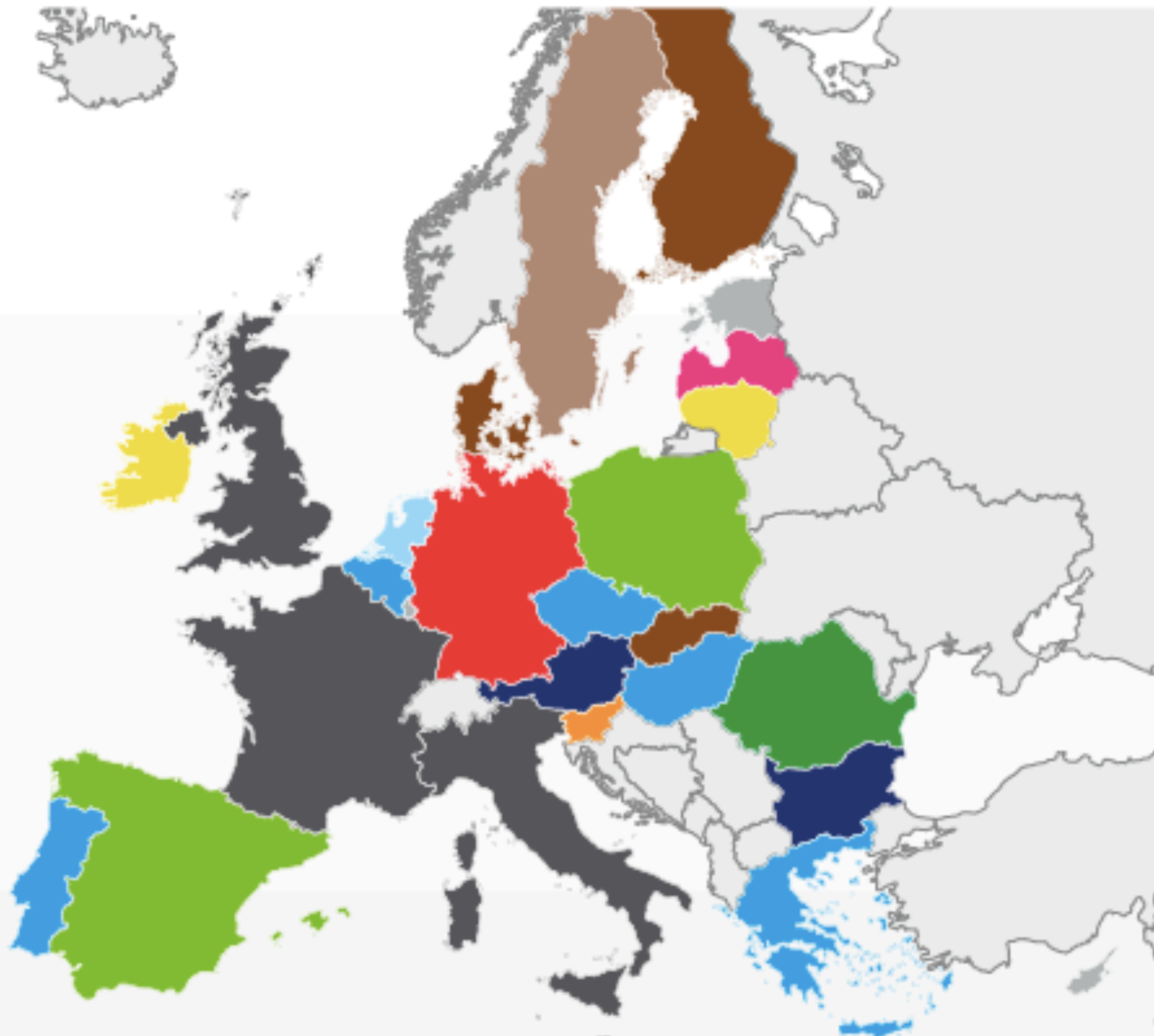


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Participative Infrastructure



- Democracy Centers & Advisors
- Youth and School Projects
- Full Digitalization & Democracy Council
- National & EU-wide Network





Sweden: National Funds and awards for the establishment of local and regional programmes for Participative infrastructure



Europe: Transnational network of cities establishing participative Infrastructures (Committee of the Regions)

THANK
YOU!

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