

**Question for written answer E-007445/2012  
to the Commission**  
Rule 117  
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Subject: European Citizens' Initiative (ECI) - follow up

The regulation governing the European Citizens' Initiative (ECI) came into force on 1 April 2012. It draws on Article 11(4) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, which stipulates that 'not less than one million citizens who are nationals of a significant number of Member States may take the initiative of inviting the Commission, within the framework of its powers, to submit any appropriate proposal on matters where citizens consider that a legal act of the Union is required for the purpose of implementing the Treaties'.

This initiative, which aims to ensure greater participation by EU citizens in EU policy-making, is only just starting to take shape.

Is the Commission satisfied with the number of proposed initiatives registered thus far, and with the quality of their content? Has the response from EU citizens been strong?

What seem to be the overriding concerns of EU citizens?