

**Question for written answer E-001153/2016**  
**to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Reform of the European Citizens' Initiative

The European Citizens' Initiative (ECI) is a democratic tool by which citizens may directly influence the EU policy agenda. The strengthening of EU democracy through active citizen participation should be a priority for the Union.

To this end, can the Commission specify whether it will put forward a proposal for further meaningful reform of the ECI's implementing regulation in order to promote more of such active citizen participation?