

**Question for written answer P-014415/2015
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Acceptability of proposals under the European Citizens' Initiatives scheme

Is it possible to apply to European Citizens' Initiatives the case-law of the Court of Justice of the European Union regarding petitions to the EU (cf. for example Paragraph 17 of the judgment in Case C-261/13), according to which citizens of the EU are permitted to participate in the democratic life of the Union directly and actively?

Does it follow from the above that – other criteria aside – European Citizens' Initiatives are also acceptable if they contain proposals for altering the activities of EU Institutions, perhaps in a field where the Institutions enjoy broad discretionary powers, or proposals for preventing conduct regarded as illegal?

In this regard, in the Commission's view, is there any significant difference between the ways in which the exercise of the right of petition and the submission of a European Citizens' Initiative are assessed?