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ASSESSING THE COMMISSION PROPOSAL FOR ECI REVISION

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RAW DATA

- 69 submitted ECIs
 - 48 registered ECIs
 - 4 'successful' ECIs
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- 8-9 million signatures collected
 - 2/3 of signatures from the 4 'successful' ECIs
 - EC presents follow-up plans on 2 out of 4 ECIs



The European Commission once again disappoints citizens that supported the Initiative for the Right to Water

Brussels, 31st January 2018

Today European water advocates said the [leaked proposal for a new Drinking Water Directive](#) is disappointing and doesn't meet the expectations of the citizens and organisations that supported the first successful European Citizen's Initiative (ECI) for the right to water. The review of this directive was framed by the Commission as only answer to the ECI. Five years later, this draft doesn't meet any of the demands supported by nearly two million people.

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Member of Citizens' Committee

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Commission rejects demands of #StopGlyphosate citizens' initiative

Press release - December 12, 2017

Brussels – The European Commission has issued its formal response to the #StopGlyphosate European Citizens Initiative (ECI).



It officially recognised the submission of more than 1.2 million signatures on 6 October. Today's response is a rejection of the ECI's three demands for a ban of glyphosate, a reform of the EU pesticide approval process and mandatory EU targets to reduce pesticide use. The Commission proposed actions to fulfil one aspect of one of the three demands.

Reacting to the news, **Greenpeace EU food policy campaigner Franziska Achterberg** said: "The Commission is trying to dress up its rejection of the #StopGlyphosate initiative with vague transparency proposals. Providing access to the toxic pesticides won't make them any less dangerous. As long as the Commission leaves testing of chemicals in the hands of the manufacturers, it will continue to lose the trust of citizens. We will continue to fight for meaningful measures to reduce pesticide use across the EU through truly independent pesticide assessments."

The Commission responded to the ECI by saying it had no scientific or legal grounds for a ban on glyphosate and that national European governments had voted in favour of a five-year extension of its use. It ignores the fact that the Commission proposal is supposed to take into account the scientific evaluation by the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA), scientific uncertainties that

EC PROPOSAL vs. OUR 12 REFORMS

MORE IMPACT

1. Less restrictive registration
2. **Allow for treaty change requests**
3. **Strengthen the follow-up**

MORE USER-FRIENDLINESS

1. Simplification of data requirements
2. No personal identification number
3. Improvement of Online Collection Software / public participation platform
4. Allow for collection of email addresses
5. De-couple registration & starting date
6. Lowering of min. age to 16
7. Participation infrastructure
8. Legal status for Citizens' Committee
9. Increased public awareness about ECI



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OUR MAIN DEMANDS

Scope of the ECi:

- Broad understanding of 'legal act' to include proposals for treaty amendments

Follow-up on successful ECIs:

- EP debate, report and plenary vote
- Involvement of national parliaments
- Independent consultation by means of random selection: Citizens' Initiative Review
- Facilitating political accountability - *another* public hearing *after* the Commission decision





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