



European Citizens Initiative Reform

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European Citizens Initiative (ECI)

1. Objectives for ECI Reform
2. Legal aspects of ECI reform
3. ECI cases and their implications for ECI reform

Legal aspects of ECI Reform

Registration

conflict between legal and political considerations?

Submission stage

obligation on follow up response?

alternative engagement with citizens

Treaty amendment proposals?

European Citizens Initiative in Court Annulment of Commission decisions

One million signatures for diversity in Europe

Minority SafePack v European Commission, Case T-646/13,

Stop TTIP

Michael Efler and Others, Case T-754/14

ECI Case Implications (1)

Highlighted political and legal role of Commission at ECI registration.

Broad definition of legal acts

Democracy important for internal and external affairs.

ECI Case Implications (2)

Court emphasised that the **ECI's democratic purpose** imposed a strong obligation on the Commission in terms of its **duty to give reasons**.

BUT

“The objective of democratic participation of Union citizens ... cannot frustrate the **principle of conferred powers**”.