



END ECOCIDE IN EUROPE

Experiences from the ECI organisers

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THE BEGINNINGS



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DATA REQUIREMENTS

- **Some EU citizens are excluded** from supporting an ECI (e. g. UK or Irish citizens living in Portugal or Austria)
- Differing data requirements by Member States
- Strong hesitation by citizens to provide their data; particularly critical for ID/passport numbers and date & place of birth
- Overall, only 44% of clicks on vote now also sign – huge variations by country



- The OCS is not fit for purpose
- Paperwork for OCS certification
- Lack of attractiveness of paper forms
- Management and storage of paper forms
- 28 different paper forms
- Lack of knowledge in the national certification authorities

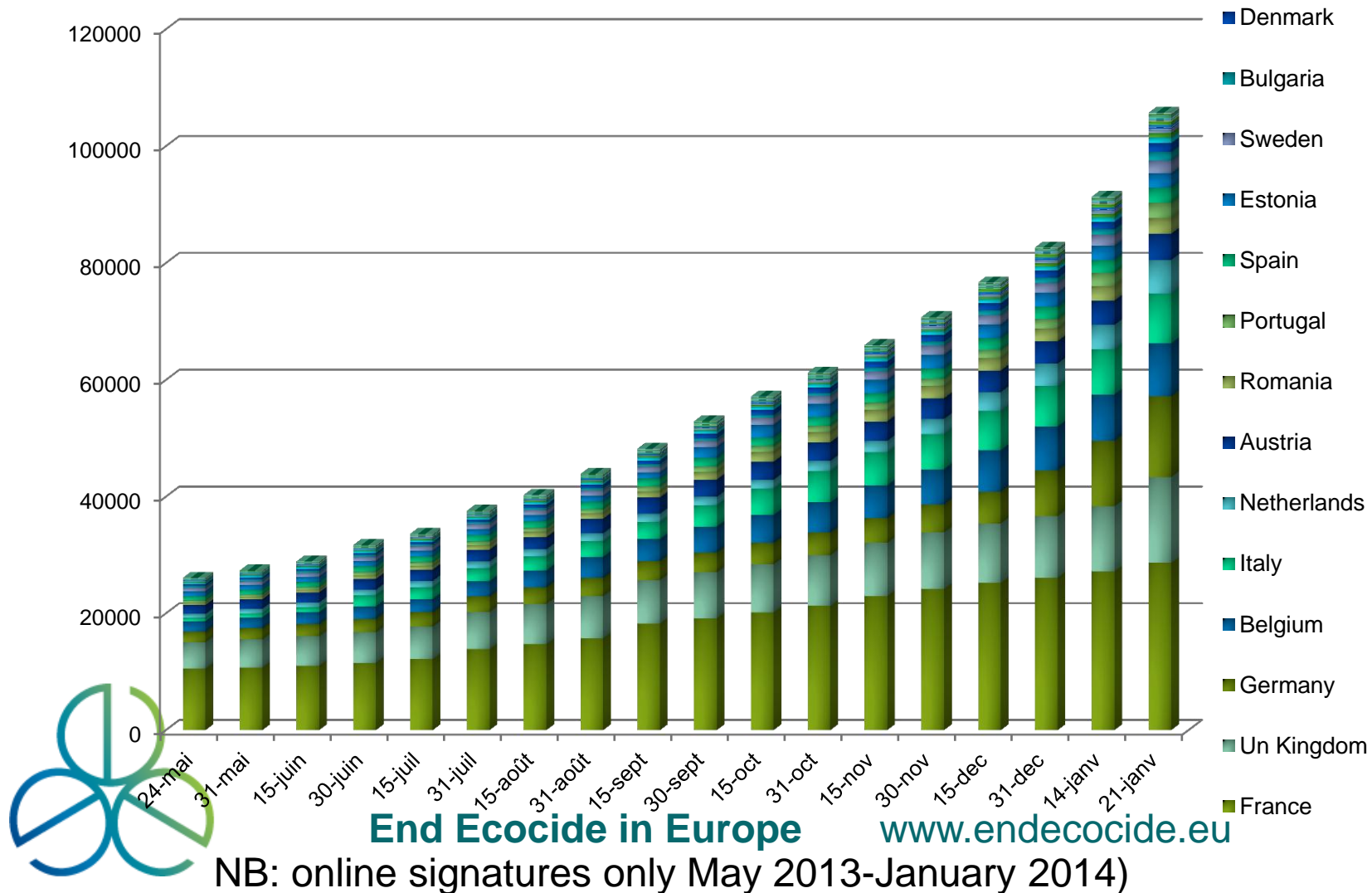
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TIMINGS

- No time between registration of the initiative and the start of the collection period
- Needed:
 - some days for set up of online system
 - Up to 1 month for certification of online system
 - Campaign planning (launch event, media work, etc – all needs preparation and a date confirmed long before)
- Solution: Let organisers choose when to start the ECI (within 6 months after registration)



EVOLUTION OF SIGNATURES (MONTHS 4-12): IMAGINE IF WE HAD MORE TIME...



LIABILITY

- Organisers are **personally liable** for any damage caused by the ECI, in particular data theft, etc
- Solution: Legal personality for the citizens' committee or strengthened efforts to implement EU-wide NGO
- If less data was required, this would also alleviate the burden on organisers



A SUCCESS STORY...

- 185,000 signatures and growing
- Over 400 volunteers
- Website in most EU languages
- Over 60 supporting individuals, including Vivienne Westwood, Vandana Shiva, Kumi Naidoo, MEPs across the political spectrum
- 85 supporting organisations...
- Going global



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SUMMARY OF NECESSARY IMPROVEMENTS

- **ECIs** must be **taken seriously**
- **Legal admissibility check** should not be binding
- **No exclusion** of EU citizens
- **Same data requirements** for all countries
- Collection of statements of support on **one form**
- **More time** between registration and collection
- **Legal status** for the citizens' committee
- Improvements of the **Online Collection System**



→ An ECI that works! 😊

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