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From: Klaus Sambor [REDACTED]
Sent: 27 March 2014 18:53
To: HAGARD Benjamin Paul
Subject: Fwd: Re: REMINDER - ECI - Ombudsman invites feedback
Attachments: Att. 1 OI-9-2013-TN-S2013185232.pdf; Att. 2 end ECI - UBI time line.pdf; Att. 3 Sambor - Letter of attorney.pdf; Att. 4 08 Report-eci-ubi-security.pdf

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Betreff:Re: REMINDER - ECI - Ombudsman invites feedback

Datum:Thu, 27 Mar 2014 18:44:11 +0100

Von:Klaus Sambor [REDACTED]

An:GADESMANN Gundi [REDACTED]

Kopie (CC):Heinz Swoboda [REDACTED], robin ketelaars [REDACTED]

Dear Emily O´Reilly, dear Gundi Gadesmann,

The answers to your Initiative Inquiry: OI-9-2013-TN (see Att. 1) are given:

ad 1: The citizens´ initiative is not sufficiently well known among the general public. To raise awareness the media have to report at least from time to time about this instrument and the current status of ECI´s in progress.

ad2: The information and guidance provided in the website is sufficient and in direct contacts the support was excellent: quick and clear, however sometimes disappointing, because no urgent proposed improvement of the regulation were "provisionally" supported, taking into account, that the final decision could be made after the validation procedure for the regulation in 2015.

As "example 1, Extension": I copy the following "discussion":

From: Klaus Sambor [[mailto:\[REDACTED\]](mailto:[REDACTED])]
Sent: Monday, October 21, 2013 3:54 PM
To: SG ECI
Subject: Proposal for improvement ECI

Dear "Secretariat-General, Unit G.4; European Commission",

The improvements which have been made by the EC concerning some items to the Annex III to the regulation on the citizens´ initiative are very welcomed.

Because almost all signatures are online signatures, it would be just fair and equitable, if the EU agrees that the one-year-running-time of any initiative should start only with the possibility to sign online. This could be applied also in a retroactive way concerning the running initiatives.

For our specific ECI "Unconditional Basic Income (UBI) – Exploring a pathway towards emancipatory welfare conditions in the EU" the end of the time for collecting signatures is "14th January 2014". For us it was not possible to start the online collection before 22th March 2013. If our general proposal

for extending the one-year-running time for all ECIs as mentioned above, will be accepted, that would mean in our case, that the end will be 14th March 2014.

It would be very nice, if you would give us an answer very soon.

Best regards

Klaus Sambor

Representative for the ECI with the registration number ECI(2013)000001

From: Charlotte Rive
Sent: 23.10.2014 10:34

To: Klaus Sambor
Subject: Proposal for improvement ECI

Dear Mr Sambor,

Thank you for your message and your suggestion.

Unfortunately, this is not a suggestion that the Commission can follow up on in the current legal framework of the citizens' initiative. Article 5(5) of Regulation (EU) No 211/2011 on the citizens' initiative foresees that the collection period lasts 12 months starting from the date of registration of the proposed initiative with the Commission, regardless of the date of launching of the online collection for the initiative in question.

Kind regards,

Charlotte RIVE

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Betreff:Re: Proposal for improvement ECI

Datum:Wed, 23 Oct 2013 14:31:55 +0200

Von:Klaus Sambor

An:

Dear Charlotte RIVE,

Thank you very much for your answer, however I am very disappointed. The text of the regulation is as you have written, but we thought, that our proposal could be accepted inspit of this current regulation; as an

exception now and later after a change of the regulation 2015, this could be a sensfull improvement in general.

Best regards
Klaus Sambor

As "example 2, Closing procedure": I copy the following "discussion":

- a) E-mail from 18.01.2014 20:07
- b) E-mail from 05.02.2014 8:49 PM
- c) E-mail from 07.02.2014 18:29
- d) E-mail from 08.02.2014 10:16
- e) Telefon conversation between me and Charlotte RIVE 10.02.2014 4 PM
- f) E-mail 11.02.2014 16:08 from Charlotte RIVE
- g) E-mail from 11.02.2014 17:24 from me to Charlotte Rive
- h) Telefon call from Cjarlotte Rive to me an 11.02.2014 in the evening

ad a): In the E-mail from 18.01.2014 20:07 Klaus Sambor mentioned the following:

I got from the European Ombudsman an inquiry (see Att. 1) into the functioning of the ECI procedure, which should be answered not later than 31 March 2014.

The first paragraph reads

"The ECI right has been up running since April 2012. You represent the organizer of one such initiative which either OPEN, CLOSED or has been declared OBSOLATE because it has been withdrwn or obtained insufficient support."

Now I have asked "Europe Direct" (Tel. 0080067891011) on 16th Jan. 2014, what does it mean, if it has been declared OBSOLATE because ...obtained insufficient support. That we "obtained insufficient support" can be said by myself, because we know that we only have achieved the treshold in 6 countries and the total sum 285.042. Is than a validation by the "national authorities" not necessary any more (even if the figure 285.041 is perhaps not 100% correct [however it will be in no way 1 million]) . She told me, that she can not answer this question, but will forward this question and I will get an answer soon. Unfortunately I have not got an answer until now.

In addition I have written to [REDACTED] but have also not yet get an answer:

COPY:

Dear EC-Team,

To your information, I have copied our result. 6 countries have the treshold achieved and the total sum is

285.042 signatures.

It is a pity, that we had not 2 month more time, because in the last weeks there was a huge surge of support. E.g in Bulgaria alone 30.000 signatures were collected in the last 5 days.

This ECI is only the start of a European movement towards an EU-wide Unconditional Basic Income (UBI). The momentum generated this year will carry on in 2014 to promote UBI.

Best regards
Klaus Sambor

Data 14/01/2014 0:09:03 [refresh now](#)

Code	State	Today	Total	Quotum	% of Quotum	Target	% of Target	Web	Paper	Inhabitants	% of Inh.
1	BG Bulgaria	+842	32.006	13.500	237,1%	23.499	136,2%	30.006	2.000	7.261.000	0,440%
2	SI Slovenia	+233	9.255	6.000	154,3%	10.444	88,6%	9.255	0	2.062.000	0,450%
3	HR Croatia	+94	12.194	9.000	135,5%	15.666	77,8%	12.193	1	4.258.000	0,290%
4	BE Belgium	+879	19.010	16.500	115,2%	28.721	66,2%	19.008	2	11.162.000	0,170%
5	EE Estonia	+1.511	4.884	4.500	108,5%	7.833	62,4%	4.862	22	1.283.000	0,380%
6	NL Netherlands	+1.822	20.337	19.500	104,3%	33.943	59,9%	20.337	0	16.795.000	0,120%
7	HU Hungary	+979	14.514	16.500	88,0%	28.721	50,5%	14.513	1	9.894.000	0,150%
8	FR France	+2.346	37.415	55.500	67,4%	96.606	38,7%	37.413	2	63.820.000	0,060%
9	SK Slovakia	+923	6.352	9.750	65,2%	16.971	37,4%	6.351	1	5.413.000	0,120%
10	SE Sweden	+636	9.601	15.000	64,0%	26.110	36,8%	9.601	0	9.595.000	0,100%
11	ES Spain	+720	25.420	40.500	62,8%	70.496	36,1%	23.419	2.001	46.958.000	0,050%
12	AT Austria	+330	8.408	14.250	59,0%	24.804	33,9%	8.055	353	8.477.000	0,100%
13	DE Germany	+621	40.542	74.250	54,6%	129.243	31,4%	37.765	2.777	80.640.000	0,050%
14 ALL	28 of Europe	+13.630	285.042	574.500	49,6%	1.000.003	28,5%	276.914	8.128	504.685.000	0,060%
15	PT Portugal	+381	6.871	16.500	41,6%	28.721	23,9%	6.869	2	10.609.000	0,060%
16	DK Denmark	+37	3.200	9.750	32,8%	16.971	18,9%	2.817	383	5.612.000	0,060%
17	CZ Czech Republic	+49	4.572	16.500	27,7%	28.721	15,9%	4.126	446	10.519.000	0,040%
18	UK United Kingdom	+419	10.111	54.750	18,5%	95.300	10,6%	10.109	2	64.231.000	0,020%
19	EL Greece	+48	2.869	16.500	17,4%	28.721	10,0%	2.868	1	10.758.000	0,030%
20	FI Finland	+74	1.622	9.750	16,6%	16.971	9,6%	1.504	118	5.436.000	0,030%
21	RO Romania	+58	4.082	24.750	16,5%	43.081	9,5%	4.078	4	19.858.000	0,020%
22	LU Luxembourg	+7	630	4.500	14,0%	7.833	8,0%	629	1	542.000	0,120%
23	IE Ireland	+40	1.170	9.000	13,0%	15.666	7,5%	1.170	0	4.662.000	0,030%
24	PL Poland	+303	4.765	38.250	12,5%	66.580	7,2%	4.760	5	38.548.000	0,010%
25	IT Italy	+256	4.531	54.750	8,3%	95.300	4,8%	4.525	6	59.789.000	0,010%
26	MT Malta	+4	194	4.500	4,3%	7.833	2,5%	194	0	419.000	0,050%
27	CY Cyprus	+1	112	4.500	2,5%	7.833	1,4%	112	0	1.117.000	0,010%
28	LT Lithuania	+9	221	9.000	2,5%	15.666	1,4%	221	0	2.956.000	0,010%
29	LV Latvia	+8	154	6.750	2,3%	11.749	1,3%	154			

In this situation my proposal was to our organizer in the 25 countries, that we go on as we have planned to close our ECI according the Att. 2 "end ECI - UBI time line".

I mentioned, that I will inform all organizers if I get any answer, which would request a different "procedure".

ad b): From: [redacted] [mailto:[redacted]] On Behalf Of robin ketelaars

Sent: Wednesday, February 05, 2014 8:49 PM

To: EC ECI OCS

Cc: Heinz Swoboda (Google Drive); Klaus Sambor; HAFNER Gerald (EP)

Subject: verification of signatures

Hello marc

The CD's are now in the hands of the national coordinators, who will bring them to the ministries, together with the signatures collected on paper

Some governments will not begin to verify the signatures, saying we did not get a million.

But when some countries have enough paper forms so that we totally have more than a million together, how can the governments know we dont have a million?

Just after verification by all states, and submitting the results to the EC only the EC can say that it is not enough!

How do we deal with this problem, can the EC give the states a reprimand?

robin

ad c: From Charlotte RIVE (European Commission Secretariat-General)

Dear Mr Ketelaars,

The source of information of the Member States' competent authorities is the register of citizens' initiatives where it is indicated that your initiative has not reached the required number of statements of support (http://ec.europa.eu/citizens-initiative/public/initiatives/obsolete/conditions_not_fulfilled). In accordance with Article 5(5) of Regulation (EU) No 211/2011 on the citizens' initiative, the status of your initiative ("insufficient support") was published on 15/01/2014 on the basis of the information provided on the same day by your contact persons to the Commission (via their organiser account).

Given that your initiative has not reached the necessary number of statements of support, Member States' competent authorities are not required to proceed with the verification.

Kind regards,

Charlotte RIVE

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ad d): E-mail from me (08 Feb 2014 10:16) to Charlotte RIVE:

Dear Charlotte RIVE,

it is correct, that I have indicated in the box "not reached" but I have also sent on the same time an E-mail to [REDACTED] 15.01.2014 00:47 the following text:

"Dear EC-Team,
To your information, I have copied our result. 6 countries have the treshold achieved and the total sum is 285.042 signatures.
It is a pity, that we had not 2 month more time, because in the last weeks there was a huge surge of support. E.g. in Bulgaria alone 30.000 signatures were collected in the last 5 days.
The ECI is only the start of a European movement towards an EU-wide Unconditional Basic Income (UBI). The momentum generated this year will carry on in 2014 to promote UBI.
Best regards
Klaus Sambor"

As Robin Ketelaars mentioned in his E-mail below,

"But when some countries have enough paper forms so that we totally have more than a million together, how can the governements know we dont have a million? Just after verification by all states, and submitting the results to the EC only the EC can say that it is not enough!"

it was to early from my side to indicate in the box "not reached". Therefore we would be very interested, that the Member States' competent authorities proceed with the verification.

The verification has already been started in a number of member states. Therefore we want to proceed and I ask to excuse my (seen from now) wrong indication "not reached".

Best regards
Klaus Sambor

ad e): Telefon conversation between Klaus Sambor and Charlotte RIVE
10.02.2014 4 PM

After discussion of the situation, Charlotte Rive said, that "National Authorities" are not forced in our case to make the validation. But given all the reasons, it will be discussed once more and we will get an answer as soon as possible. She agreed, that in the meantime we should continue as we have planned.

ad f): E-mail 11.02.2014 16:08 from Charlotte RIVE

Dear Mr Sambor,

Following our conversation over the phone, I understand that you have too early declared that you had not reached the required number of statements of support given that you had not yet totalised the number of paper statements of support.

However, in the meantime, you have already submitted all your statements of support to the competent authorities for verification, meaning that you have now counted all statements of support and submitted all of them. This final count confirmed that you have not reached the necessary number of statements of support. On this basis, we will not modify the status of your initiative in the ECI register. If we have misunderstood the situation, please send us some additional clarifications on the basis of which we could re-assess the status of your initiative.

As regards the verification of statements of support, we invite you to discuss the issue bilaterally with the competent national authorities, keeping in mind that if the above situation is correct, authorities cannot be obliged to verify the statements of support for your initiative. The decision to proceed with the verification remains fully in the hands of each authority.

I take this opportunity to thank you for the message detailing your results. This information will be particularly valuable for our team in the preparation for the review of the Regulation on the citizens' initiative foreseen in 2015. Please feel free to send us any comments you may want to share with us on your pioneering experience with this participatory democracy instrument.

Kind regards,

Charlotte RIVE

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ad g) E-mail 11.02.2014 17:24 from Klaus Sambor to Charlotte RIVE

Dear Charlotte RIVE,

Thank you very much for your very quick reply.

Please one point. There is not yet a final count, because not all signature on paper was already available in the list, which I have sent to you, as I have declared "not reached". For example in Austria, our number for signatures on paper forms was 353 (in this list). At some days later (postal delay) we counted 440 signatures. How it is in the other countries, I do not know. The organizers of the different countries have not yet given the number of signatures on paper to me, because they should do so, after the verification, because they do not know how much signatures are valid. They wanted to give me the final result (at the latest after 3 months [that is the time, which are given for checking the signatures for the national authorities, if I am correct]) and then I will make a new statistic for you with the real total sum. I will say, that in my opinion it will not be 1 million, but it is only my estimation.

So in my opinion it would be very nice, if you could re-assess the status of our initiative.

Please give me again an answer, if we could expect the change of status???

I will wait to inform all our organizers after the reply from your side.

Best regards
Klaus Sambor

ad h): **Telefon call from Charlotte RIVE to Klaus Sambor on 11.02. 2014 in the evening.**

She told me, that I have at first to get all numbers (online and on paper), and I have not to wait on the validation. Because, if the number of not validated signatures is not one million, than it is clear, that after the validation it will also not be one million. I mentioned, that I will clarify this question with all organizers.

Now my proposal is, and I hope that Robin Ketalaars can agree, that from all countries the number of paper signatures should be sent to him, and that he after that give me an updated list. As I have mentioned before for Austria, I kindly ask Robin to change the figure 353 to 440. It would be very nice, if all of you will give him an update or mention to him, that the already included number have not been increased. I hope we can clarify this in our meeting 17th Febr. 2014 and that I can soon give the updated list to Charlotte RIVE.

In the meantime we have to live with the situation as described by Charlotte RIVE:

As regards the verification of statements of support, we invite you to discuss the issue bilaterally with the competent national authorities, keeping in mind that if the above situation is correct, authorities cannot be obliged to verify the statements of support for your initiative. The decision to proceed with the verification remains fully in the hands of each authority.

Best regards
Klaus Sambor

ad 3: The software is useful but unuserfriendly. The possibility to link between the ongoing initiatives and the actual signing page is not available, only the website of the organizers is linked (if available), so the signing is stopped right there for digitally disabled people

The actual filling in the form is too user-unfriendly because there is too much information on the signing page which is not relevant to the signing.

An important point is that the signer does not have any response and proof of signing except the long number on the last page. There should be a way possible to send a confirmation to the signer that the signature is really in the database. This can be done by asking by an E-mail address or mobile Phone number for sending the confirmation.

(Ask the ING- Bank how they do their banking online)

For administrators the system is too "1999" a safe, DVD's USB sticks, Software that is too complicated encryption methods from the year 0.

This could be a lot simpler via VPN and giving the national authorities an account for accessing the obtained signature data for verification, instead of downloading, encrypting, decrypting, converting. I hope Heinz Swoboda (our security manager) can elaborate on that more.

Further there should be more documentation for webmasters concerning the available JSON data. I figured it out by re-engineering the EC website with the map.

Before July 2013 we had our own map with data. The EC should do better, get out of the last century!

<http://counter.basicincome2013.eu> feel de difference....

<https://ec.europa.eu/citizens-initiative/REQ-ECI-2012-000028/public/map.do>

robin ketelaars

webmaster <http://basicincome2013.eu>
second-admin ECI-UBI

In Addition two E-mail within the "closing procedure" concerning the software:

From Heinz Swoboda 15.01.2014 19:00

Dear Marc and EC-Team, :-)

Yesterday (14-01-2014) at midnight I switch-off the OCS-System.

If you have interest about our ECI, see our official goals press release here:

<http://basicincome2013.eu/>

Today at about 6 clock in the morning I made a data export.

Please send the finale data as soon as possible to me! - Usual agreement

Much work comes to me. :-P

Please answer to my question from yesterday.

The screen saver is off, but the "Crypto Offline Tool (OCS-1.0.8-private.iso)" requires

several times the master password. Is there a possibility to disable the timeout or to extend the "Crypto Offline Tool"?

Note: I'm working on a safe place.

Thank you very much for the good work last year together with the whole

EC-(IT)-Team !

Best regards

Heinz Swoboda

Security Manager of the ECI-UBI

Koordination "IT & Social Networks"

We are very sorry but for security reasons, it's not possible to disable or extend the !meout (currently set for 5 minutes).

Concerning your final export data is on the way.

Best Regards,

Leonor De Azevedo Rodrigues

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ad 4: See "example 1 extention" under item ad 2.

ad 5: It is necessary to have in addition to the online collection possibility, the possibility to collect signatures on paper forms. This is important, because not all persons have an internet access.

The problem is, that the paper forms (and the online fields) are different in the Member States. The Annex III of the Regulation should be harmonized and simplified (all "hurdles" for collecting signatures, e.g asking for a passnumber) should be avoided.

ad 6: We have no problem concerning the treatment of personal data, because the "security against misuse" is very high after the certification procedure.

The problem is, that we have to destroy all data after the end of an ECI process. In an ongoing handling of the same topic, it would be very useful to have at least E-mail addresses of the persons, how have signed the ECI online. If this will be taken into account, also E-mail addresses are necessary and then the E-mail address could be used also as immediately answer, if a signature is accepted.

ad 7: The possibility of tracking the number of signatures obtained throughout the collection period was implemented and it was very useful to see every day by

everyone the numbers in each Member States. In our case we have asked the organizers in each Member State to give the number of signatures on paper forms per E-mail to the webmaster (Robin Ketelaar). The webmaster updated the statistic every day.

ad 8: The closing procedure for our ECI is at the moment not yet finalized. As mentioned above under item 2 example 2, Closing procedure, it should be made clear in the improved regulation 2015, that the task to come in contact with the "national authority" should be decentralized. Each organizer in a country has to get authorized (letter of attorney, example see Att. 3) by the organizer of the ECI, that she / he can act as "Organizer" with the "National Authority", however from the "security management" point of view a centralized (example see Att. 4) control should be secured (e.g. destroying the CDs and the paper forms). Only in cases, where Member States are not involved in a specific ECI, the "main organizer" should contact the national authority (if from those Member States also online signatures were received).

The contact with national authorities (from Austria and from which Klaus Sambor have heard) were in the most cases in a "friendly supporting atmosphere". In our case the national authorities were not obliged to make the validation, but some have don it or are in progress to do it.

Very important for us was, that by postal service delay we received many paper forms after the end of our collection time (14th January 2014). So we have now in sum about 300.000 signatures (but not yet validated).

One experience was, that the national authorities wanted to receive the CDs with the online data and the paper forms together. This is not mentioned in the current regulation.

ad 9 and 10:

One very important improvement would be, that the criteria for the registration of a proposed ECI should be changed, by deleting criteria (b):

Article 4 (2)

Within two monthsthe Commission shall register a proposed citizens' initiativeprovided that the following conditions are fulfilled:

(a) the citizens' committee has been formed and the contact persons have been designated in accordance with Article 3(2);

(b) the proposed citizens' initiative does not manifestly fall outside the framework of the Commission's powers to submit a proposal for a legal act of the Union for the purpose of implementing the Treaties;

(c) the proposed citizens' initiative is not manifestly abusive, frivolous or vexatious; and

(d) the proposed citizens' initiative is not manifestly contrary to the values of the Union as set out in Article 2 TEU.

This Paragraph should be deleted or should include

beside the

.....for the purpose of implementing the Treaties;

.....for the purpose of amending the Treaties.

In our case we were very happy to get the offer from the EC for a housing agreement and the possibility to use the host of the EC in Luxembourg free of costs. This offer should be given in future to all ECIs and should be mentioned as possibility in the improvement of the regulation 2015.

The certification procedure was very time consuming, although we got very much support from the EC-team and the certification authority in Luxembourg. Therefore we would recommend the starting time of an ECI not be bound on the day of registration, but on the day, on which all technical problems are solved, that online signatures are possible.

As mentioned under item 5, Annex III should be harmonized and the simplest rule should be used for all Member States.

FULL FIRST NAMES, FAMILY NAME, PERMANENT RESIDENCE

(street, number, code, city, country), DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH, NATIONALITY, DATE AND SIGNATURE (E-mail Address???)

The possibility to sign an ECI should be possible for all persons leaving in EU, independent of there Address, from where the signature will be performed.

In many cases the organizers have not enough "money background". Everything have to be paid private and this is in many cases a very big disadvantage. Therefore the improved regulation should give also financial support for all registered ECI.

In the last paragraph of your Initiative Inquiry: OI-9-2013-TN you asked, if we agree, that our comments can be published and that our names can also be mentioned. Our answer is YES.

Best regards,

Klaus Sambor, Heinz Swoboda, Robin Keterlaa

Am 25.03.2014 11:28, schrieb GADESMANN Gundi:

Good morning,

For those of you who are involved in the European Citizens' Initiative: The European Ombudsman is still open for feedback on the ECI and how it is working **until 31 March 2014**.

You find more information here:

<http://www.ombudsman.europa.eu/en/press/release.faces/en/53306/html.bookmark>

And thank you to those of you who have already submitted comments. You will hear about the next steps in this investigation shortly.

Best wishes,



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Emily O'Reilly
European Ombudsman

Strasbourg, 18/12/2013

The European Ombudsman's own-initiative inquiry OI/9/2013/TN into the functioning of the European citizens' initiative (ECI) procedure

Dear Madam or Sir,

The European citizens' initiative (ECI) right has been up and running since April 2012. You represent the organiser of one such initiative (which is either open, closed or has been declared obsolete because it has been withdrawn or obtained insufficient support).

The ECI should make an important contribution to the empowerment of European citizens. I intend to follow-up on my predecessor's commitment to pay particular attention to the way in which this new right is implemented by opening an own-initiative inquiry.

The objective of the inquiry is to encourage and support efforts to improve the citizens' initiative procedure. As the first step I am inviting input from the organisers of open, closed and obsolete initiatives. Subsequently, I will address the European Commission and possibly other bodies regarding the matter.

I would therefore appreciate it if you could take the time to answer the following questions:

1. Do you consider the citizens' initiative right to be sufficiently well known among the general public so that citizens feel confident in signing initiatives? If not, what, in your view, could be done to raise awareness?
2. Please give your view on the information and guidance the Commission provided to you as an organiser of an initiative (on the Commission website, in direct contacts etc.).
3. Please give your view on the functionality and usefulness of the



Commission's software for collecting signatures online. In particular, please consider issues such as hosting of the online collection system and the online system's accessibility for visually impaired persons.

4. The Commission extended the deadline for the first initiatives to collect signatures because of problems getting its software for the online collection system up and running. Please comment on whether you consider that this extension of the deadline was sufficient and applied in a fair manner.
5. Please give your view on the functionality and usefulness of the paper form to be used for collecting handwritten signatures.
6. Do you have any concerns or comments in relation to the treatment of personal data provided by citizens signing an initiative (either online or on a paper form)?
7. Do you have any concerns or comments as regards the possibilities (or lack thereof) of tracking the number of signatures obtained throughout the collection period?
8. What is your experience as regards the contacts with different national authorities in relation to your initiative (for certification of the online collection system and certification of the number of valid statements of support)?
9. What changes to the ECI Regulation would you consider useful, if any?
10. Please provide any other information or suggestions, in succinct form, that you would consider useful for improving the citizens' initiative procedure.

I would be grateful to receive your comments by no later than 31 March 2014.

Your comments will be forwarded to the Commission and I may decide to publish them online. If you consider that your name should not be published and/or that your comments should not be made publicly available, please state so and explain the reasons.

Yours sincerely,

Emily O'Reilly

Procedure after the end of our ECI on UBI: time – line

Date	To Do
14 th Jan. 2014 (23:59)	End of the collection of signatures
14 th Jan. 2014	Heinz Swoboda (Security manager) will send "Dataexport" and a letter to the EC
25 th Jan. 2014	Heinz Swoboda will receive all online data from the EC. He will need 2 days for encryption, separating the data for each county etc.
27 th Jan. 2014	Heinz Swoboda will prepare Data-CDs and send these CDs (together with explanatory text and his E-mail address and telefon number) to all organizers of our 24 countries (post delay 3 to 6 days).
5 th Febr. 2014	Each organizer has to call Heinz Swoboda and will get from him a password per telefon to enable the organizer to decryped the data of his CD. The organizer has to bring this CD together with all paper forms of his country to his relevant national authority for checking the signatures (see competent national authorities that certify statements of support are given:

ec.europa.eu/citizens-initiative/public/implementation-national-level

The organizer should make security copies. After the checking of the national authority, these authorities have to give heir result to the EC. After that point in time, the organizer have to destroy all CDs and paper form copies.

(See Article 12

February 16, 2011: "**European Citizens'**
Initiative Law", REGULATION (EU)
No 211/2011 OF THE EUROPEAN
PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL)

Letter of attorney

Dear “National Authority” of France

January 14, 2014

The Organizer of the European citizens' initiative (ECI) for unconditional basic income in France is Stanislas Jourdan. As representative for this ECI, I send this letter of attorney for France to your attention.

Address: [REDACTED]

Date of birth: [REDACTED]

Concerning the petition, he can give you all the materials and sign it as French Organizer.

Best regards

[REDACTED]

Klaus Sambor

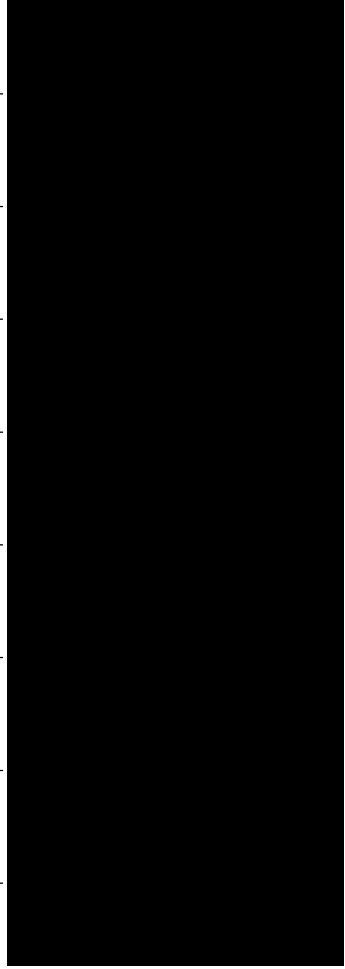

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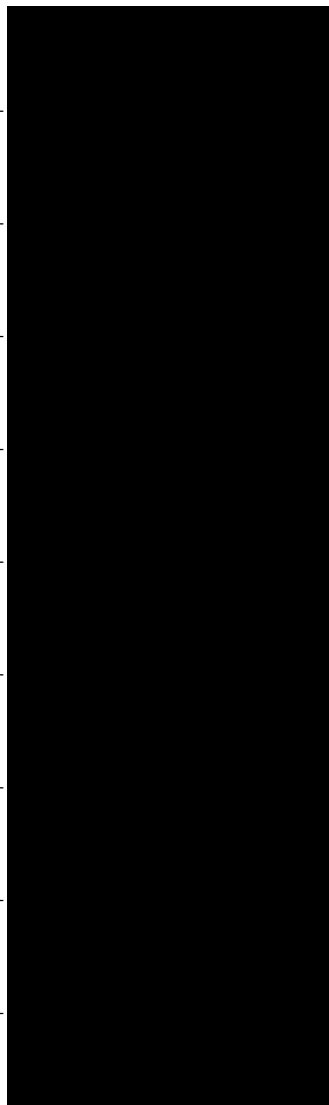
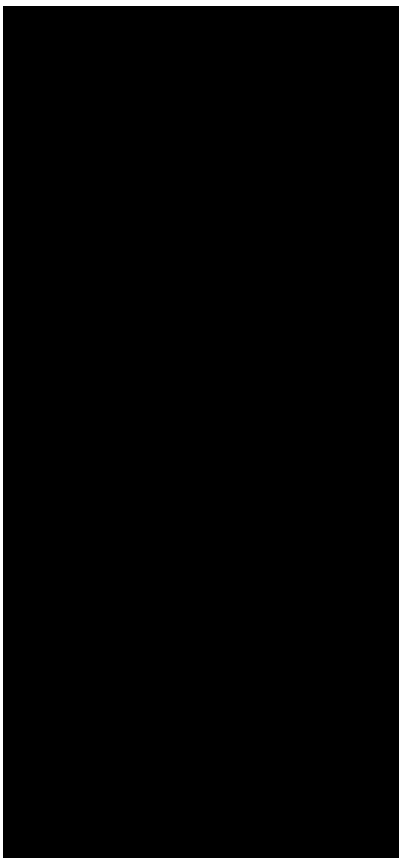
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Password for the data CD of the ECI-UBI (EBI-BGE)

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2	BE Belgium		Mon, 3 Feb 2014 13:34:02 +0000		Tue, 04 Feb 2014 11:53:53 +0100	erhalten ?date?	verweigert
3	BG Bulgaria		Mon, 3 Feb 2014 14:49:41 +0200		Tue, 04 Feb 2014 04:43:21 +0100	03/02/2014	13.03.2014 Certified 37262 valid
4	CY Cyprus					04/02/2014	
5	CZ Czech Republic		Wed, 5 Feb 2014 16:08:01 +0100		Wed, 05 Feb 2014 16:36:42 +0100		
6	DE Germany		Sun, 2 Feb 2014 20:40:37 +0100		Sun, 02 Feb 2014 20:45:12 +0100	01/02/2014	12.02.2014
7	DK Denmark		Sat, 1 Feb 2014 14:14:38 +0100		Sun, 02 Feb 2014 20:22:51 +0100	erhalten ?date?	
8	EE Estonia		Fri, 7 Feb 2014 13:54:51 +0200		Fri, 07 Feb 2014 14:21:07 +0100	03/02/2014	
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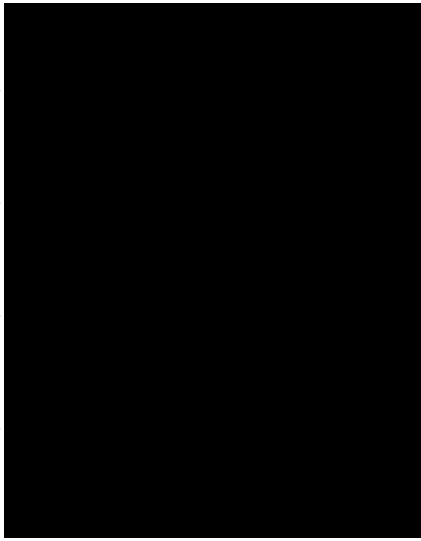
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13	HR Croatia					03/02/2014	
14	HU Hungary		Tue, 4 Feb 2014 18:03:09 +0100		Tue, 04 Feb 2014 18:20:19 +0100	03/02/2014	
15	IE Ireland		Fri, 7 Feb 2014 14:04:33 +0000		Fri, 07 Feb 2014 15:06:54 +0100		
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17	LT Lithuania		Wed, 19 Feb 2014 06:37:37 +0000		Wed, 19 Feb 2014 08:10:55 +0100	04/02/2014	04.02.2014
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21	PL Poland					28.02.2014 neu gesendet	
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23	RO Romania					erhalten ?date?	
24	SI Slovenia		Mon, 10 Feb 2014 11:09:36 +0100		Mon, 10 Feb 2014 17:03:09 +0100	10/02/2014	
25	SK Slovakia		Fri, 7 Feb 2014 10:48:10 +0100		Fri, 07 Feb 2014 14:16:31 +0100	04/02/2014	
26	UK United Kingdome		Tue, 11 Feb 2014 15:10:09 +0000		Wed, 12 Feb 2014 00:26:06 +0100		
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