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**on the European Citizens' Initiative "Water and sanitation are a human right! Water is a public good, not a commodity!"**

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### PROCEDURAL ASPECTS OF THE RIGHT2WATER CITIZENS' INITIATIVE

In accordance with Article 4(2) of Regulation (EU) No 211/2011 the present initiative was registered on 10/05/2012 and published in the Commission's online register at: <http://ec.europa.eu/citizens-initiative/public/initiatives/ongoing/details/2012/000003>

The members of the citizens' committee registered with the Commission are residents of the following Member States: France, Belgium, Germany, Sweden, Bulgaria, Italy and the United Kingdom.

The initiative was registered in English. Then the organisers provided translations of the title, subject-matter and objectives of the initiative in all official EU languages.

In accordance with the Regulation on the citizens' initiative, the forms used by citizens to give their support to the initiative contained the title, subject-matter and objectives of the initiative. The link to the Commission's online register (see above) was also available on the forms, allowing citizens who wished so to find more detailed information on the initiative, as provided by the organisers in an Annex as part of their registration request. This Annex was available in English only (the organisers did not provide translations of this Annex). This Annex was not necessarily consulted by all citizens who supported the initiative.

The formal 12-month collection period for the initiative ended on 10 May 2013. However, the Commission has accepted statements in support of the initiative up until 1 November 2013, due to the difficulties that most organisers experienced as regards the setting-up of their online collection systems during the start-up phase of the European Citizens' Initiative<sup>1</sup>. After the verification of the collected statements of support by the relevant competent Member States' authorities, the organisers submitted their initiative to the Commission on 20 December 2013, together with certificates issued by 25 Member States' authorities and information on their sources of funding and support, in accordance with Article 9 of the Regulation.

The number of valid statements of support indicated in the certificates and information provided by the Member States' competent authorities are reflected in the table below. These figures take into account the additional collection period until 1 November 2013.

Member State	Number of signatories	Threshold to be counted among the minimum number of seven Member States
Austria	57 643	14 250
Belgium	40 549	16 500

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<sup>1</sup> See press release of 18 July 2012: [http://ec.europa.eu/commission\\_2010-2014/sefcovic/headlines/press-releases/2012/07/2012\\_07\\_18\\_eci\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/commission_2010-2014/sefcovic/headlines/press-releases/2012/07/2012_07_18_eci_en.htm)

Bulgaria	1 406	13 500
Cyprus	2 924	4 500
Czech Republic	7 575	16 500
Estonia	516	4 500
Finland	14 589	9 750
Germany	1 236 455	74 250
Greece	33 220	16 500
Hungary	18 245	16 500
Ireland	2 513	9 000
Italy	65 223	54 750
Latvia	393	6 750
Lithuania	13 252	9 000
Luxembourg	5 566	4 500
Malta	1 635	4 500
Netherlands	21 469	19 500
Poland	3 962	38 250
Portugal	13 964	16 500
Romania	3 176	24 750
Slovakia	20 988	9 750
Slovenia	17 546	6 000
Spain	58 051	40 500
Sweden	11 579	15 000
United Kingdom	7 104	54 750
<b>Total</b>	<b>1 659 543</b>	<b>Threshold reached in 13 Member States</b>

In the weeks following the submission of the initiative, the organisers sent to the Commission certificates from two additional Member States' authorities:

- France: 17 247 valid statements of support
- Denmark: 3 495 valid statements of support

In accordance with Article 10 of the Regulation, the Commission:

- published on 20 December 2013 the relevant information in the register at:

<http://ec.europa.eu/citizens-initiative/public/initiatives/finalised/details/2012/000003>;

- received the organisers on 17 February 2014 (morning).

On the same day during the afternoon, in accordance with Article 11 of the Regulation, organisers have been given the opportunity to present their initiative in a public hearing organised at the European Parliament. During the meeting at the Commission and the public hearing, the Commission was represented by Vice-President Šefčovič as well as officials from the various services concerned.