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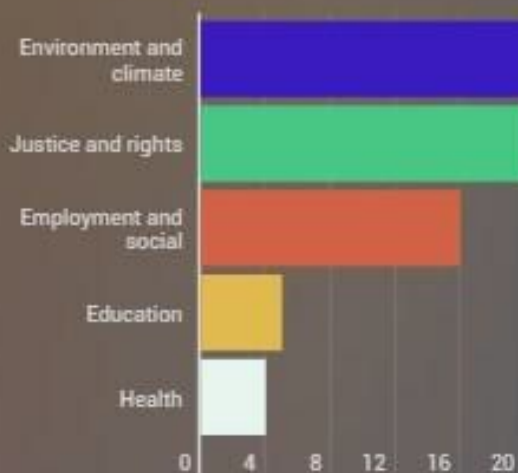
# Legalize File Sharing! European Citizen Initiative "Freedom to Share"

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# EUROPEAN CITIZENS' INITIATIVE

- FACT SHEET -



#category



Answered Unsuccessful  
Withdrawn Ongoing

#status



**102 registration requests**



**78 initiatives registered**



**6 successful initiatives**

# HOW TO LAUNCH THE ECI?



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## Step 1

Create a citizens' committee from at least 7 Member States & send the proposal and legal basis to the European Commission

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## Step 2

The Commission has 2 months to decide whether to register the initiative

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## Step 3

The organisers have up to 6 months to decide on the launch date for signature collection; 12 months to collect 1 million signatures on paper or online in at least 7 Member States

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## Step 4

If the 1 million signatures are collected, Member States concerned have to verify the statements of support

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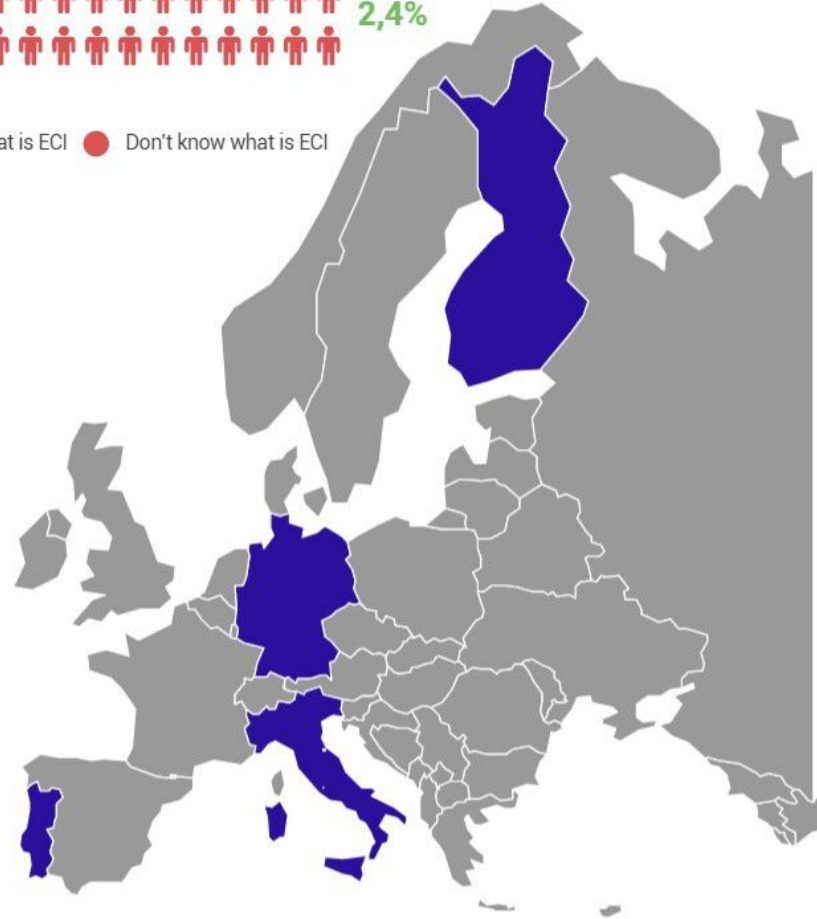
## Step 5

The Commission meets with the organisers and has 6 months to decide which follow-up it will give to the ECI. During these 6 months, there is both a public hearing and a debate in the European Parliament



2,4%

● Proved to know what is ECI ● Don't know what is ECI

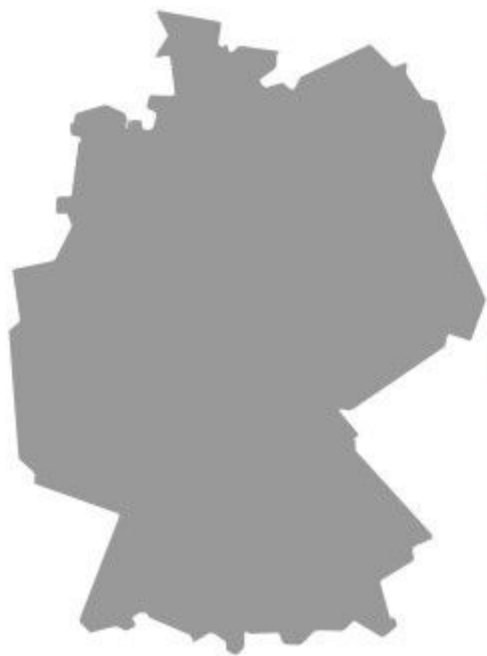


● Participant countries

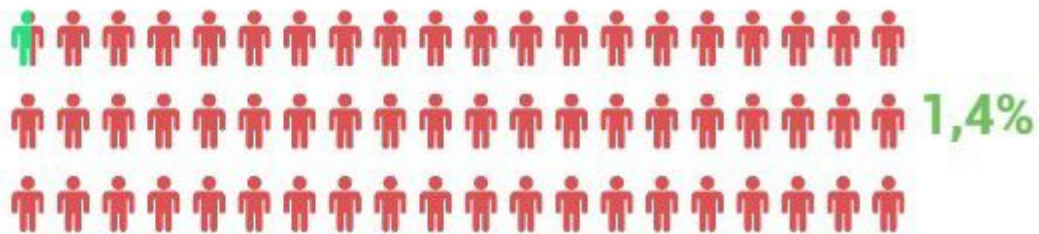
# Nobody\* in EU knows what an ECI is!

\* = 2.4%

The data used is based on an online survey conducted by YouGov Deutschland GmbH with 5,094 respondents between 28 April 2021 and 4 May 2021 in Germany (n= 2,057), Italy (n= 1,034), Finland (n= 1,002) and Portugal (n= 1,001). The results were weighted and are representative of the respective country's population aged 18 and over.



# GERMANY



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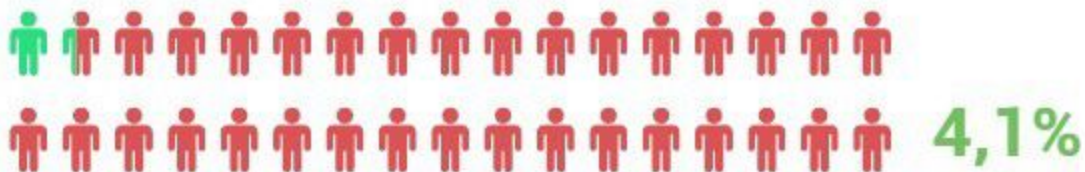


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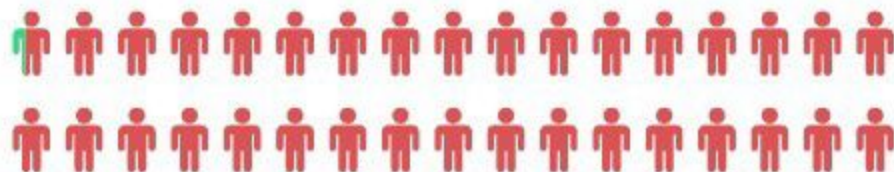


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# FINLAND



1,5%

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# Freedom to Share ECI

<https://freesharing.eu>

# Make Copyright Right Again!

Current legislation bans the sharing of files containing works and other material subject to copyright, related rights, and sui generis database rights and seriously **curtails the freedom of access to science and culture** enshrined in Article 27(1) of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

This initiative calls for citizens to be allowed to share files directly via peer-to-peer networks. EU legislation enabling this would be **perfectly compatible with international law** if rightsholders were given fair compensation.



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To **legalise** sharing – via digital networks, for personal use and non-profit purposes – of files containing works and other material protected by copyright, related rights and sui generis database rights, with a view to **striking a balance** between the rights of authors and other rightsholders and the **universal right to science and culture.**





# 19 Supporting Organizations from across Europe

(join us too!)



# Stop Upload Filters

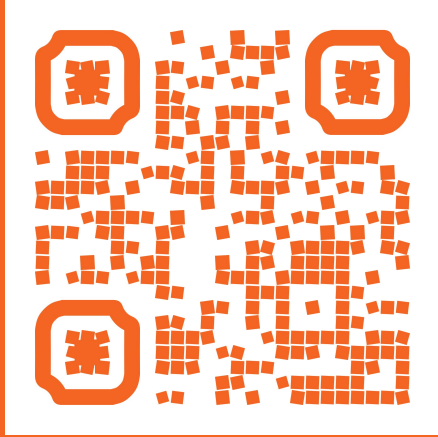
If citizen would be allowed to share files containing copyrighted material, there would be no need or justification to implement upload filters (**Stop Art 17**).



# – Fair compensation of authors

To **compensate** fairly - possibilities

- Tax on internet **Advertisement**
- Levy on internet **Access**
- “**Culture flat rate**”
- **Your** suggestions?



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# Sign the Freedom to Share European Citizen Initiative today!

<https://freesharing.eu>

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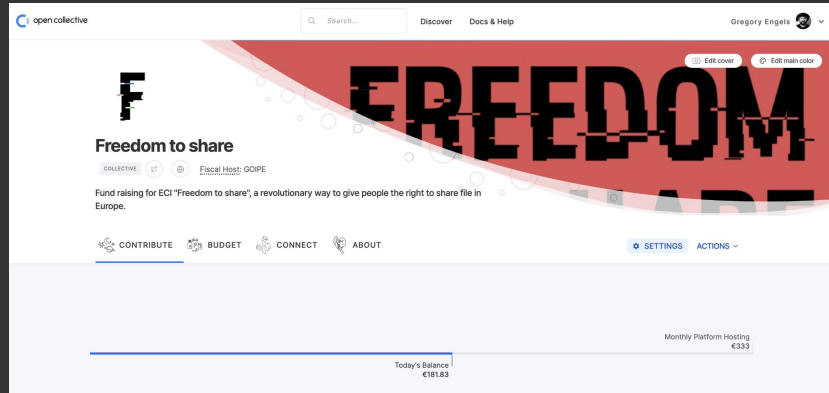


# Open Finances - Support us!

We are collecting donations and managing our finances on OpenCollective

<https://opencollective.com/freedom-to-share>

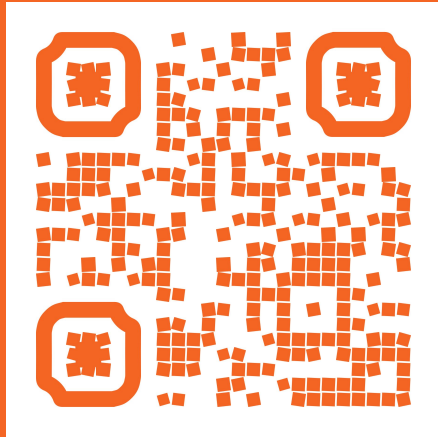
Open spending full financial transparency (for example we have **monthly** IT hosting **costs of 333€**)





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