

EUROPEAN CITIZENS' INITIATIVE – DATA & FIGURES

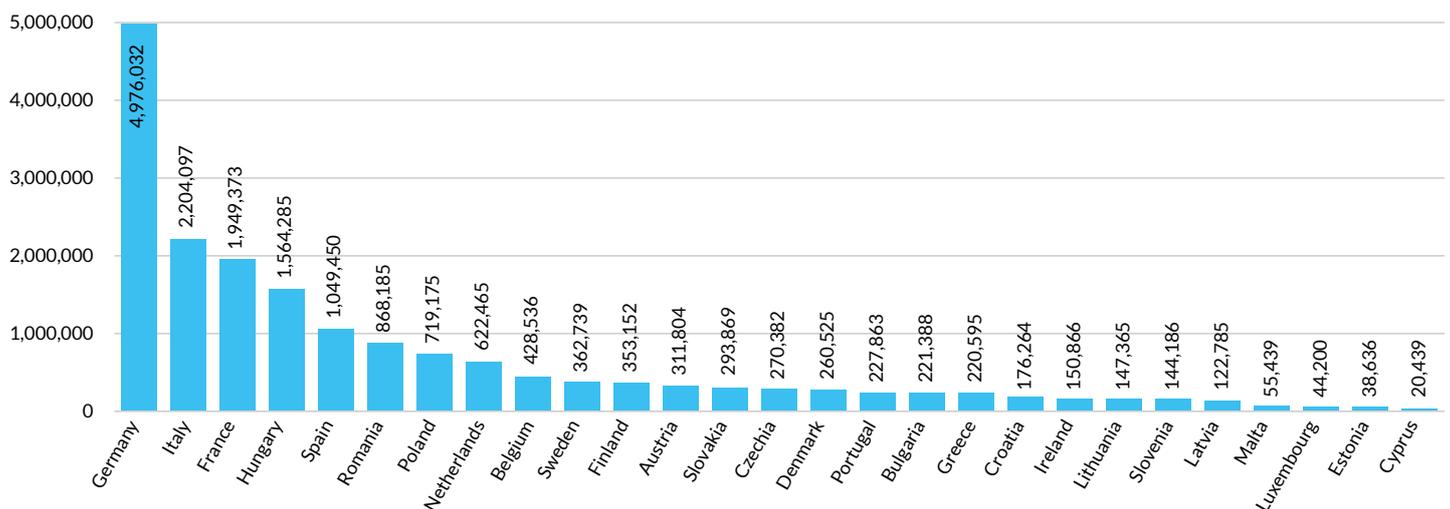
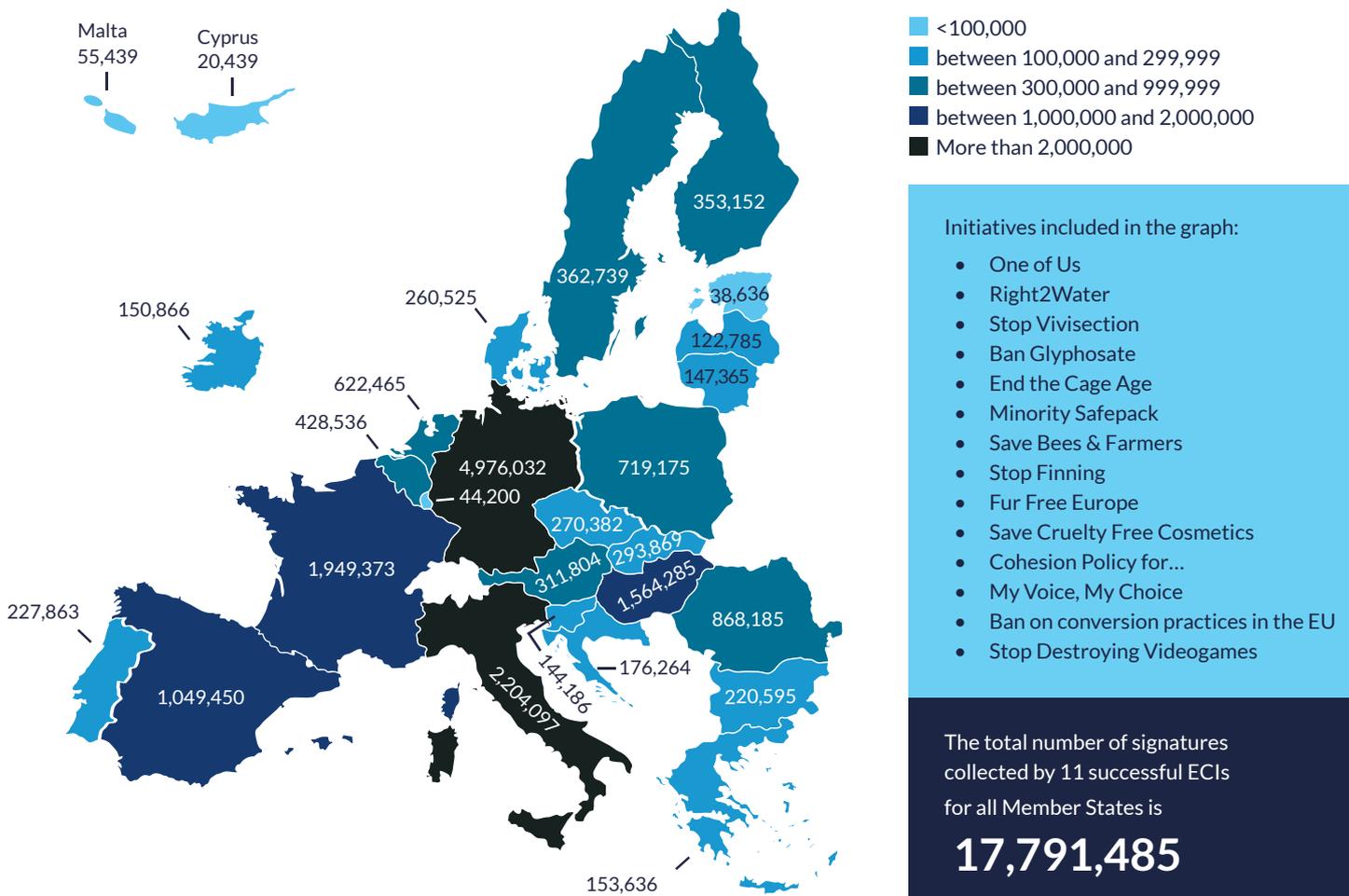
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The European Citizens' Initiative (ECI) is a unique tool that allows EU citizens to directly influence policy-making by proposing legislation to the European Commission. To launch an ECI, a group of at least seven organisers from at least seven different EU Member States is required. Once registered, an initiative must gather at least one million signatures from EU citizens within one year. Additionally, minimum thresholds must be met in at least seven Member States to ensure broad support across the EU. This infographic provides an overview of ECI data, including the number of successful initiatives, signature collection trends, and organiser demographics.

EUROPEAN CITIZENS' INITIATIVES – SIGNATURES

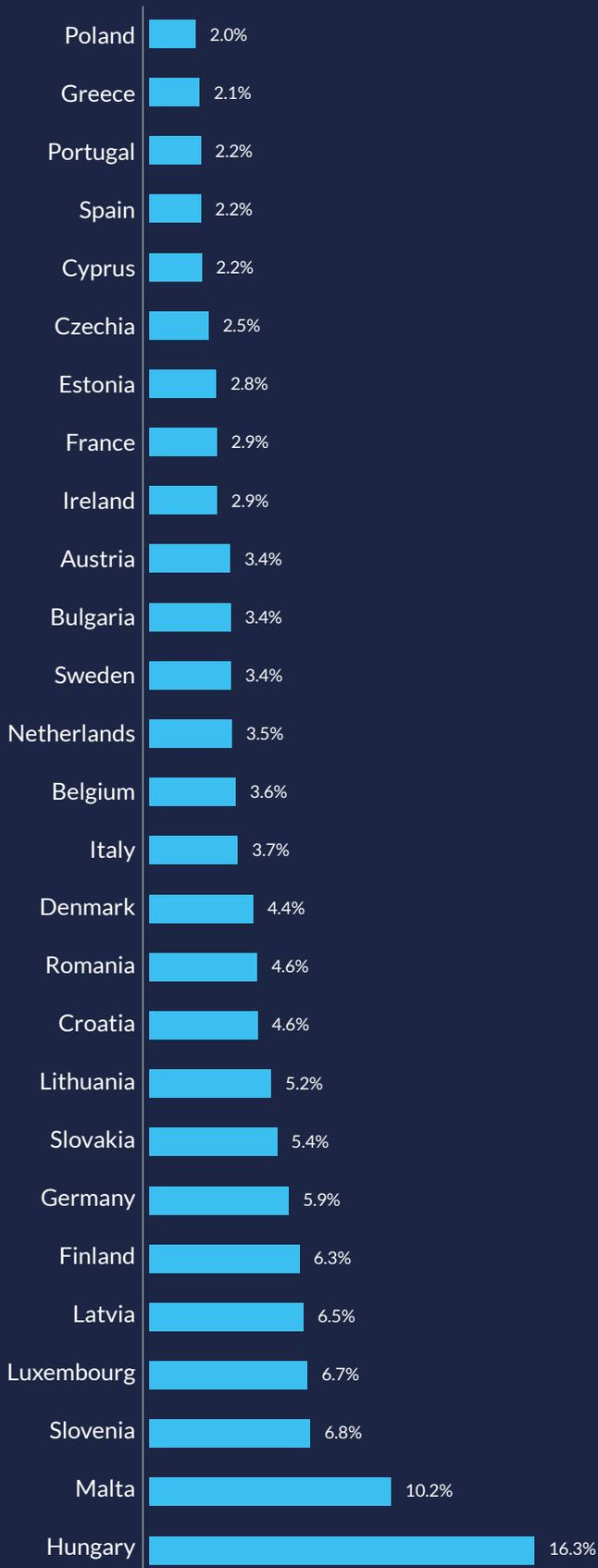
Signatures collected by 14 successful ECIs (April 2012- February 2026)

Total verified signatures by Member State



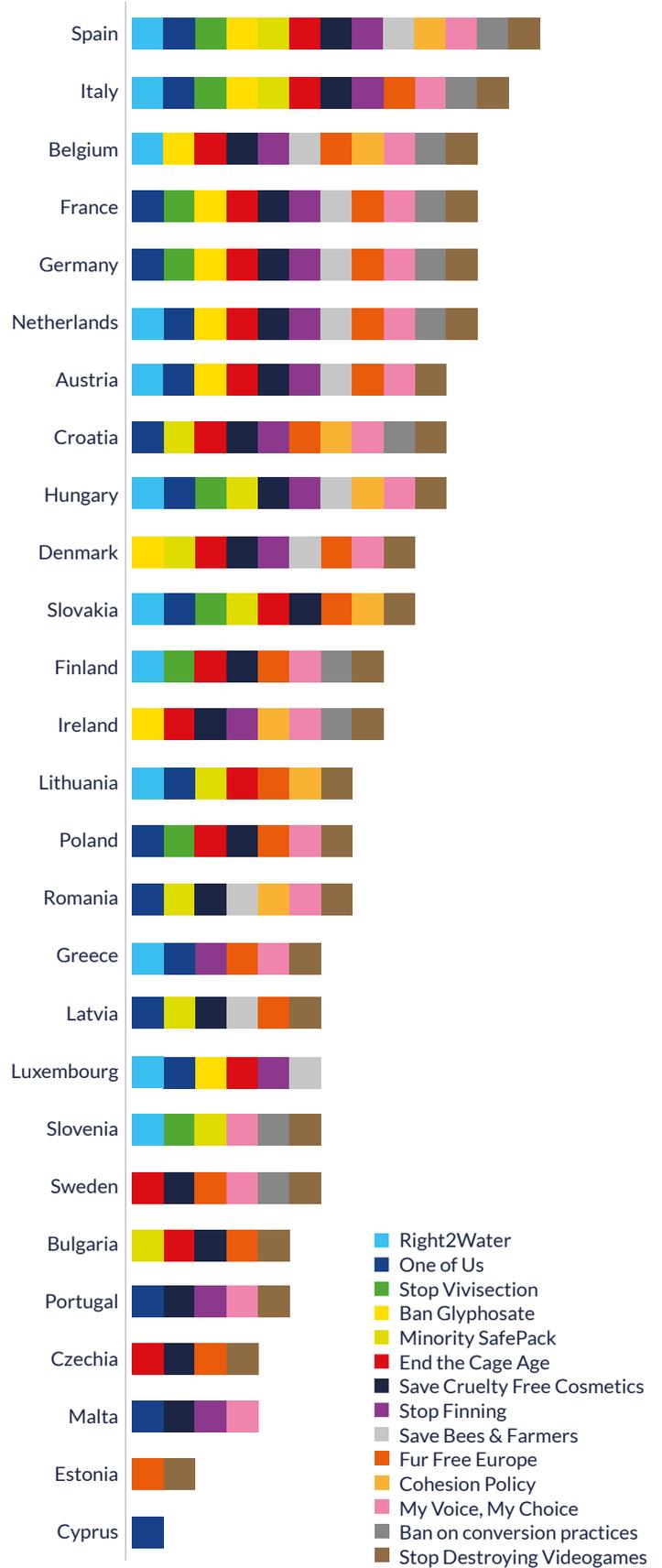
Data source: European Citizens' Initiative website (2026)

Total signatures from 14 successful ECIs relative to Member State populations (2012 – 2026)



Data source: European Citizens' Initiative website (2026); Eurostat (2025)

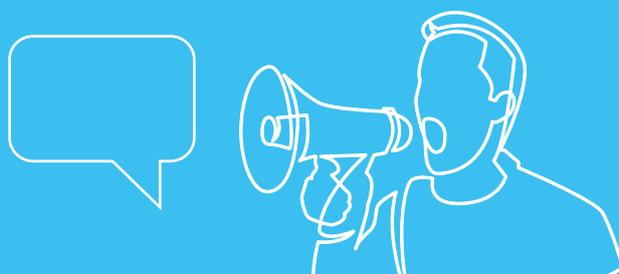
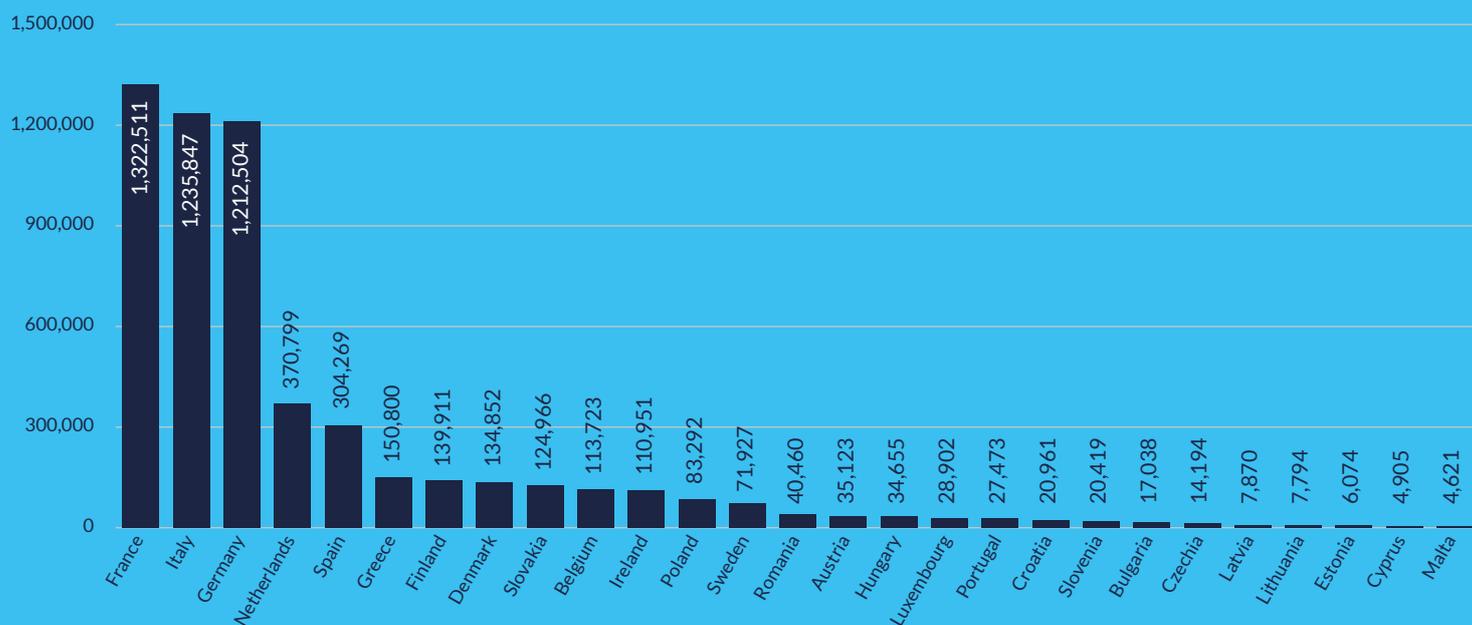
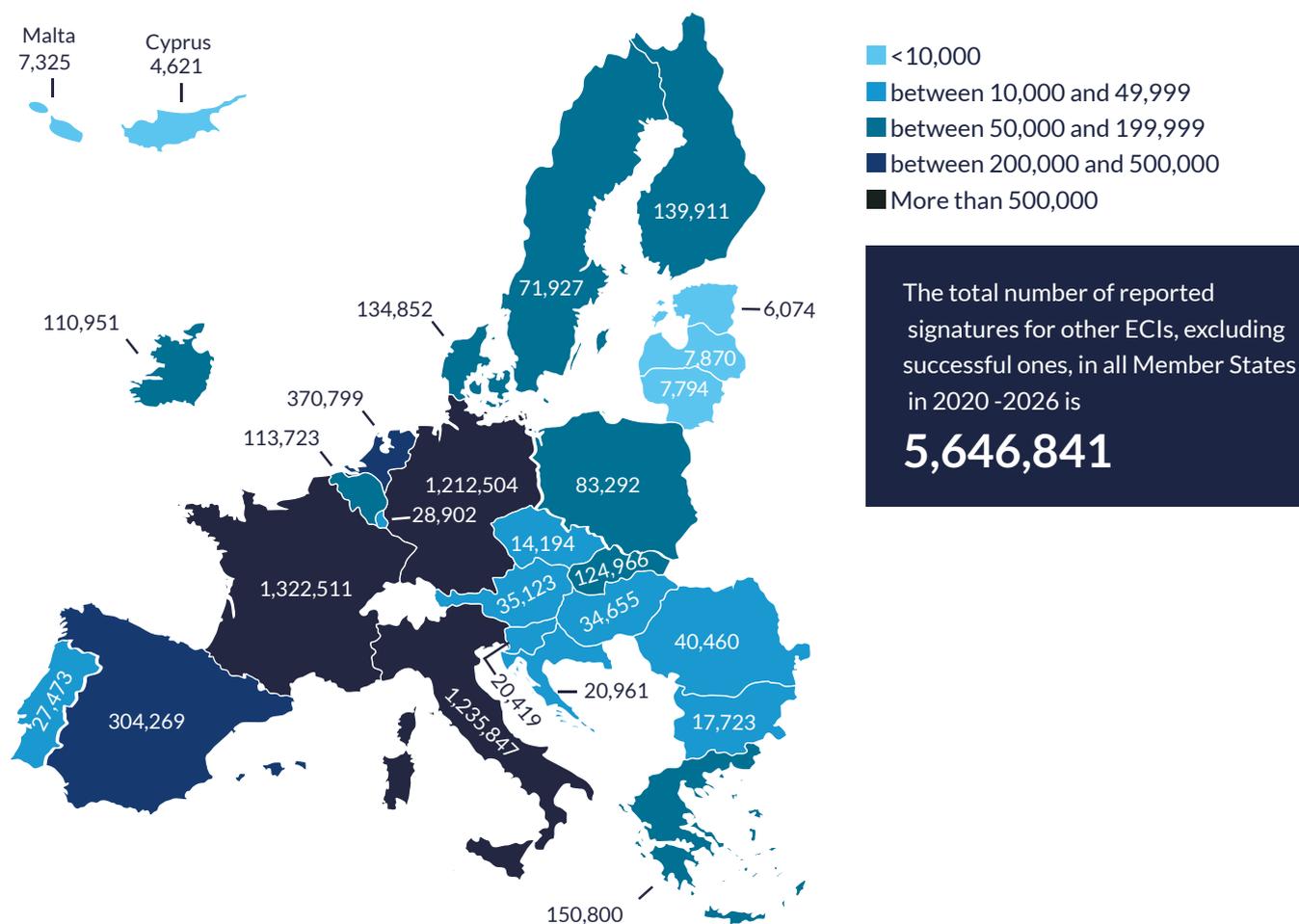
Successful ECIs that reached the signature threshold in each Member State (2012-2026)



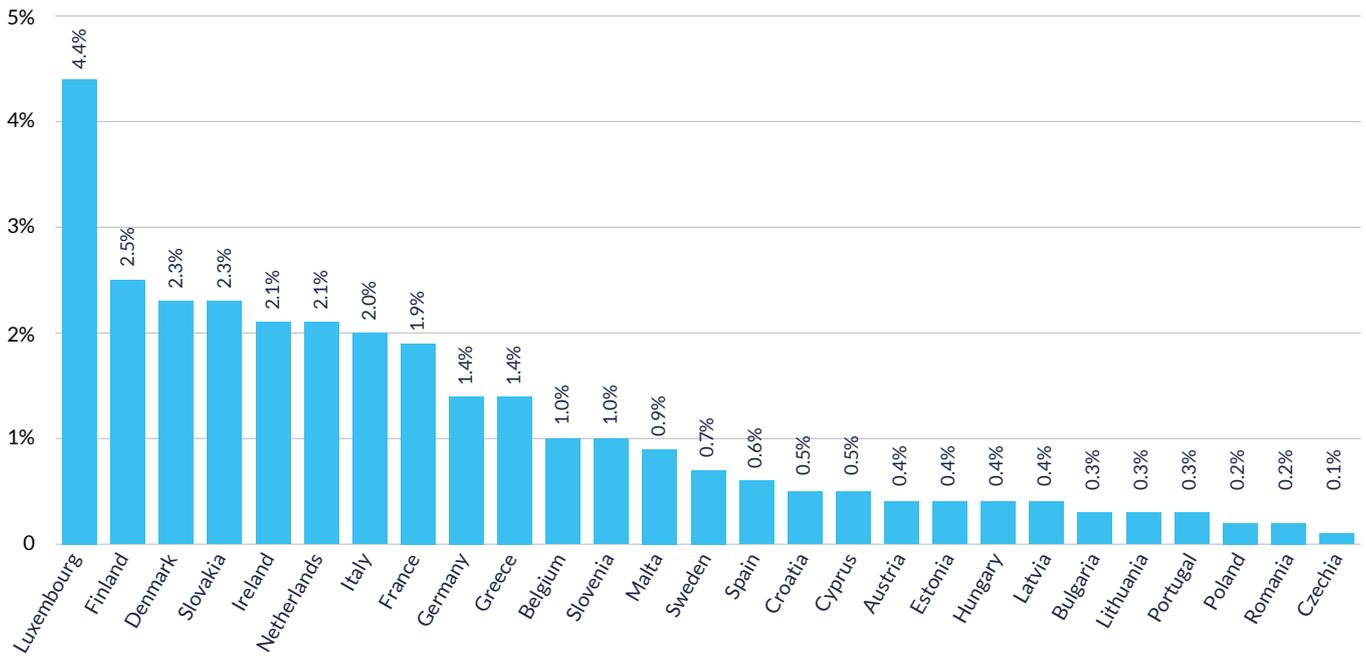
Data source: European Citizens' Initiative website (2026)

Signatures reported by organisers of other ECIs (Jan 2020 – February 2026)

Total reported signatures by Member State excluding successful ECIs



Total reported signatures from other ECIs relative to Member State populations

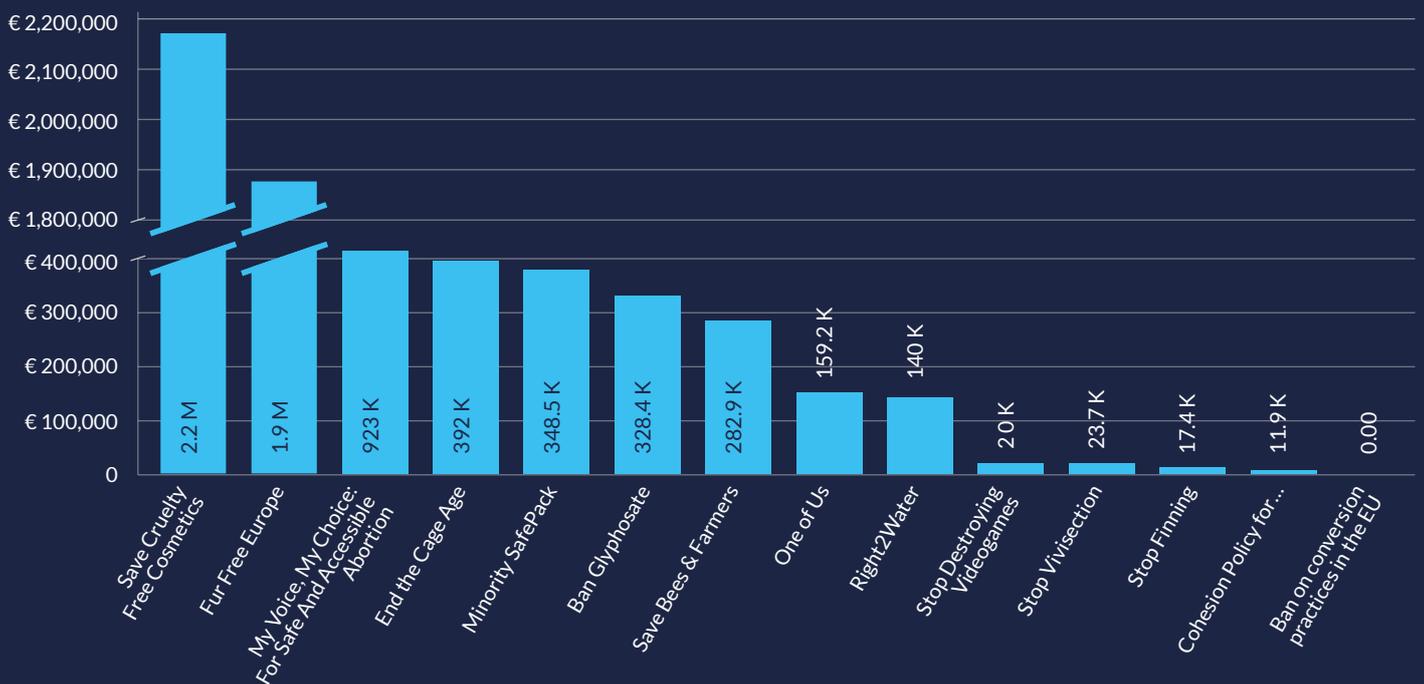


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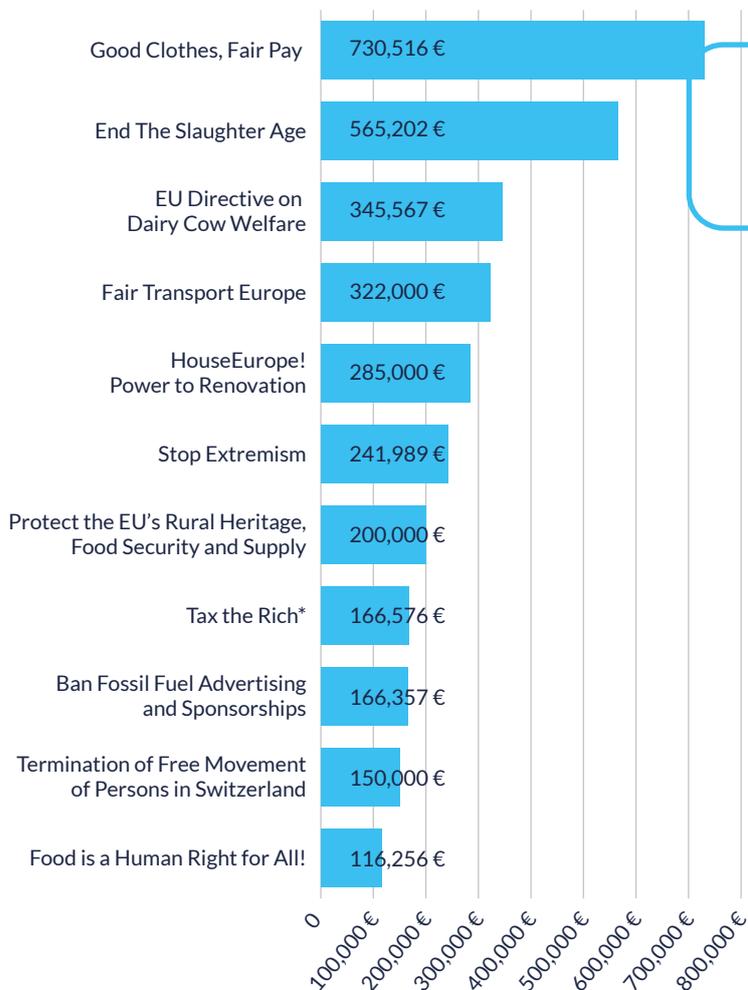
COMPARISON OF FUNDING REPORTED BY SUCCESSFUL AND OTHER ECIS

Funding reported by 14 successful ECIs (2012-2026)



Data source: European Citizens' Initiative website (2025)

Other ECIs Funding above 100K (€)



Other ECIs Funding between 20K – 100K (€)



Other ECIs Funding between 5K – 30K (€)



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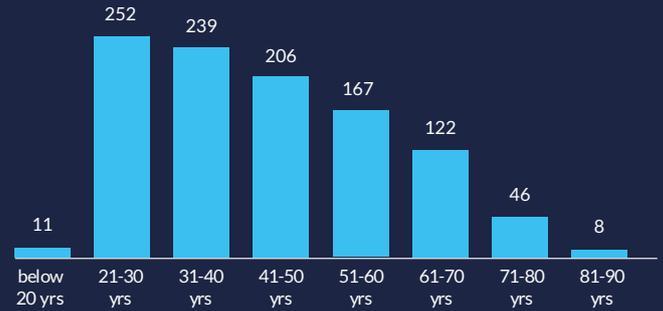
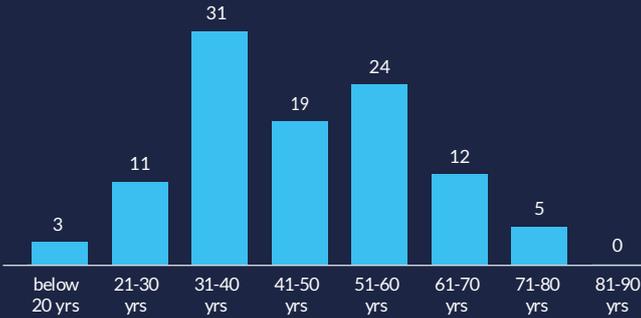
EUROPEAN CITIZENS' INITIATIVES ORGANISERS

Age Distribution of ECI Organisers (2012-2026)

Organisers' Age Distribution Successful ECIs

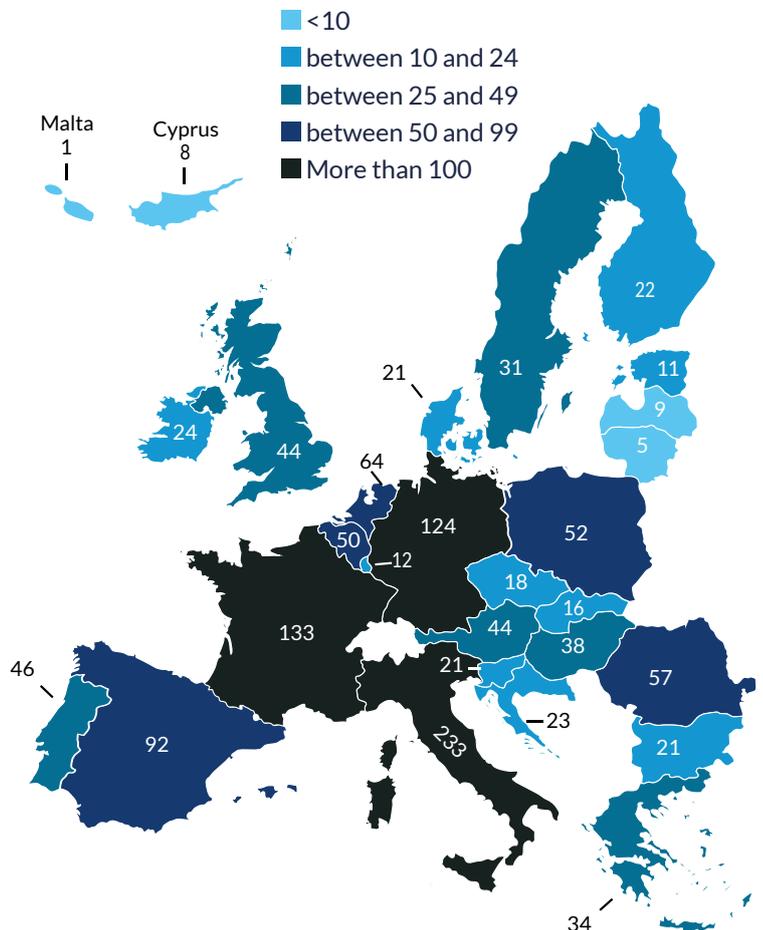
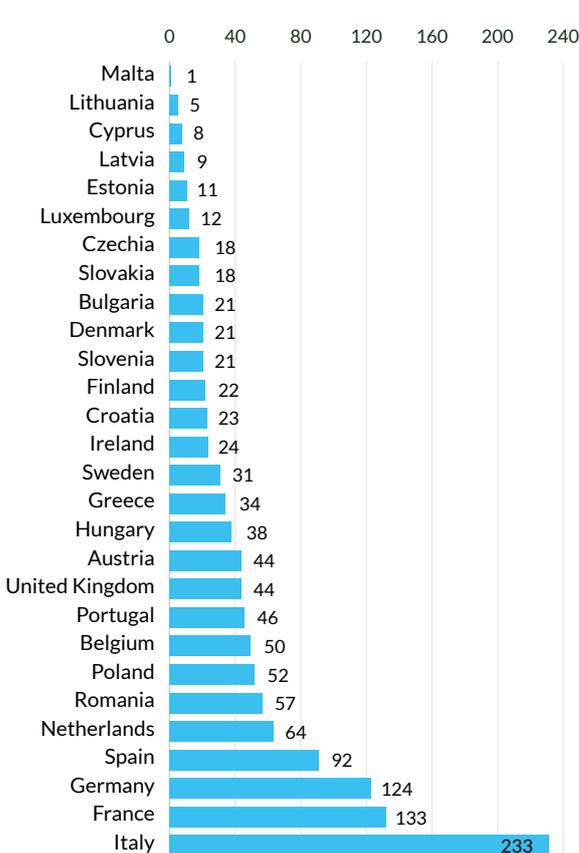
Organisers' Age Distribution All ECIs

The total number of organisers for all ECIs:
1051



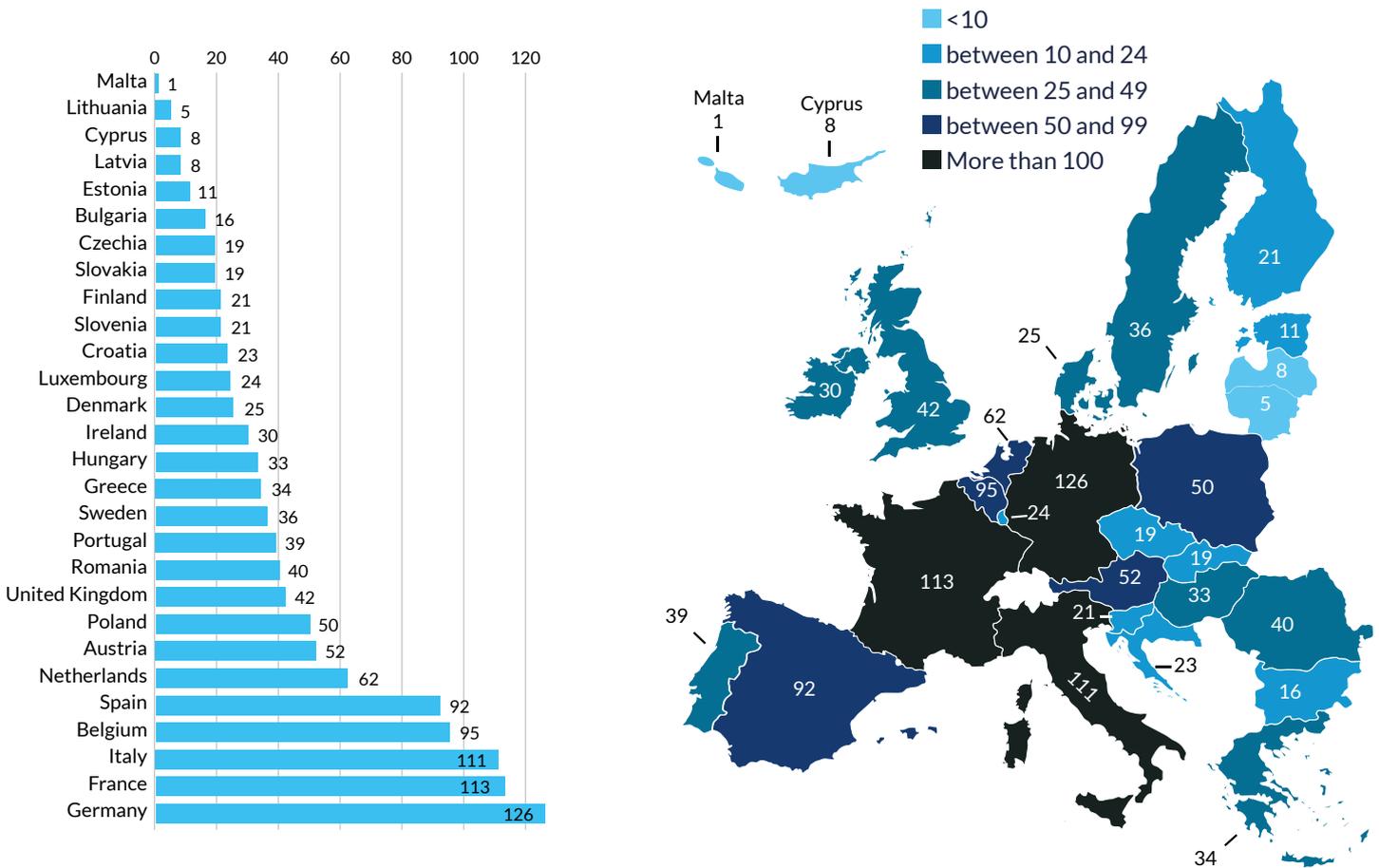
Geographical Distribution of ECI Organisers (2012-2026)

Distribution of ECI Organisers by Nationality



Data source: European Commission (2025)

Distribution of ECI Organisers by Country of Residence



Data source: European Commission (2026)

Total signatures relative to population size and type of data required (A or B) (2020-2026)

A

Full first names, Family names, Residence (street, number, postal code, city, country), Date of birth, Date, Signature

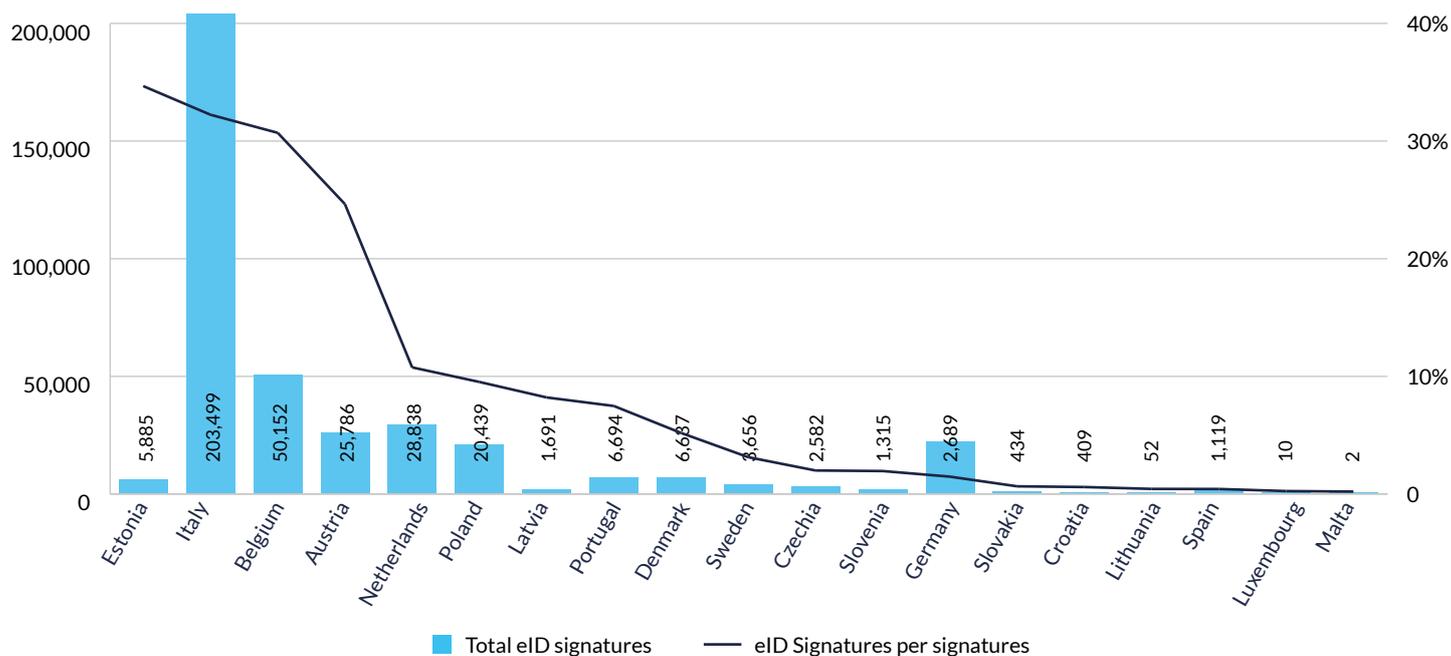
B

Full first names, Family names, Personal identification number/personal identification document number, Type of personal identification number or document, Date, Signature



Data source: European Commission, Central Online Collection System (2026)

Total signatures collected using electronic proof of identity (eID) (2020-2026)



Note: The eID option has been enabled at different points in time in different Member States. Some Member States have not enabled it yet (Bulgaria, Cyprus, Finland, France, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Romania).

