



EUROPEAN UNION

The European Citizens' Initiative - a tool to carry your ideas across the EU!

Ireland in focus

AGENDA

Digital event,

16 June 2021

11:00-12:30 IST

(12:00-13:30 CET)



Spark a debate, raise awareness, foster a network with the European Citizens' Initiative!

Learn how this unique tool of participatory democracy can help amplify your message and the causes you care about.

Institutional and civil society representatives will discuss the rich participatory democracy landscape in Ireland and the EU and highlight how the European Citizens' Initiative can take your idea to the next level. Initiatives' organisers will share their experience and give you the tips you need to get started.



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Welcome and introduction -

Moderator - **Debra Daly**, Vice-Chairperson of the Board of National Committees of the European Youth Parliament in Ireland and ECI ambassador

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Welcome word from **Andy Klom**, Deputy Head of the European Commission

Representation in Ireland

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Panel 1 – **What is the value of the European Citizens' Initiative for participatory democracy at national and EU level?**

- When is the ECI relevant at EU level? What are the keys to success and the main steps of the process?
- How is the ECI different from national/regional options and what is its added value?
- Why get involved?
- Where can you get help and information about the ECI?

/ Speakers include:

- **Adriana-Nicoleta Mungiu-Pătrașcu**, Policy Officer, European Citizens' Initiative team, European Commission
- **Liam Herrick**, Executive Director of the Irish Council for Civil Liberties (ICCL)
- **Theresa Reidy**, Political Scientist in the Department of Government at University College Cork
- **Hendrik Nahr**, European Democracy Outreach Coordinator, ECAS

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Panel 2 – **Why start an ECI? What can you achieve? Tips and tricks to make the most of it**

Ongoing and past initiative organisers will share their experience and tips and tricks on how best to undertake an ECI.

- **Ella Jakubowska**, ECI organiser - 'Reclaim your Face', Civil society initiative for a ban on biometric mass surveillance practices
- **Zmary Gharwal**, ECI organiser - HOUSINGFORALL
- **Amy McAuley**, ECI organiser - Voters without borders

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Wrap up -

Debra Daly, Vice-Chairperson of the Board of National Committees of the European Youth Parliament in Ireland and ECI ambassador, moderator

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Closing remarks -

Adriana-Nicoleta Mungiu Pătrașcu, Policy Officer, European Citizens' Initiative team