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PROCEDURAL ASPECTS OF THE CITIZENS' INITIATIVE "BAN GLYPHOSATE AND PROTECT PEOPLE AND THE ENVIRONMENT FROM TOXIC PESTICIDES"

In accordance with Article 4(2) of Regulation (EU) No 211/2011 the present initiative was registered on 25 January 2017 and published in the Commission's online register.

The members of the citizens' committee registered with the Commission are residents of the following Member States: France, Germany, Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Estonia and Spain.

The initiative was registered in English. Based on the translation service offered by the European Economic and Social Committee the organisers provided translations of the title, subject-matter, and objectives of the initiative in all official EU languages except Irish.

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 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 may not have been consulted by all citizens who supported the initiative.

While the collection period for the initiative formally ran until 25 January 2018, its organisers decided to close the collection on 2 July 2017. 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 6 October 2017, together with certificates issued by 22 Member States' competent 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 is reflected in the table below.

Member State	Number of signatories	Threshold to be counted among the minimum number of seven Member States
Austria	41 099	13 500
Belgium	56 068	15 750
Bulgaria	552	12 750
Croatia	1 495	8 250
Cyprus	283	4 500
Denmark	13 942	9 750

Finland	3 786	9 750
France	57 895	55 500
Germany	663 867	72 000
Greece	1 094	15 750
Hungary	5 900	15 750
Ireland	11 297	8 250
Italy	71 367	54 750
Latvia	1 197	6 000
Lithuania	651	9 000
Luxembourg	5 708	4 500
Malta	585	4 500
Netherlands	39 754	19 500
Poland	7 107	38 250
Slovenia	2 738	6 000
Spain	72 357	40 500
Sweden	12 123	15 000
Total	1 070 865	Threshold reached in 10 Member States

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

- The Czech Republic: 9 901 valid statements of support
- Estonia: 588 valid statements of support
- Portugal: 7 990 valid statements of support.
- Romania: 1 681 valid statements of support
- Slovakia: 2 217 valid statements of support
- United Kingdom: 94 502 valid statements of support.

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

- published on 6 October 2017 the relevant information in the register at:

<http://ec.europa.eu/citizens-initiative/public/initiatives/successful/details/2017/000002>

- received the organisers on 23 October 2017.

During the meeting at the Commission, the Commission was represented by First Vice-President Timmermans, Commissioner Andriukaitis and senior officials from the various services concerned.

On 20 November 2017, in accordance with Article 11 of the Regulation, organisers were given the opportunity to present their initiative in a public hearing organised at the European Parliament. The Commission was represented by Commissioner Andriukaitis.