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## NOTE

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Subject:

- Voting result
- Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down temporary measures concerning the time limits for the collection, verification and examination stages provided for in Regulation (EU) 2019/788 on the European citizens' initiative in view of the COVID-19 outbreak
  - = Adoption of the legislative act
  - = Derogation from the 8-week period provided for in Article 4 of Protocol 1 on the role of national Parliaments in the EU
  - = Outcome of the written procedure completed on 14 July 2020

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The outcome of voting on the above mentioned legislative act can be found in Annex 1 to this note.

Reference document:

PE-CONS 23/20

date of adoption by Coreper of the decision to use the Written Procedure  
08.07.2020

The statements and/or explanations of vote are in Annex 2 to this note.

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## General Secretariat of the Council

Institution: Council of the European Union  
 Session:  
 Configuration:  
 Item: 2020/0099 (COD) (Document: 23/20)  
 Voting Rule: qualified majority  
 Subject: Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down temporary measures concerning the time limits for the collection, verification and examination stages provided for in Regulation (EU) 2019/788 on the European citizens' initiative in view of the COVID-19 outbreak

Vote	Members	Population (%)
Yes	27	100%
No	0	0%
Abstain	0	0%
Not participating	0	
Total	27	

Sitting date: 14/07/2020

Final result



Member State	Weighting	Vote	Member State	Weighting	Vote
BELGIQUE/BELGIË	2,56		LIETUVA	0,62	
БЪЛГАРИЯ	1,56		LUXEMBOURG	0,14	
ČESKÁ REPUBLIKA	2,35		MAGYARORSZÁG	2,18	
DANMARK	1,30		MALTA	0,11	
DEUTSCHLAND	18,54		NEDERLAND	3,89	
EESTI	0,30		ÖSTERREICH	1,98	
ÉIRE/IRELAND	1,10		POLSKA	8,49	
ΕΛΛΑΔΑ	2,40		PORTUGAL	2,30	
ESPAÑA	10,49		ROMÂNIA	4,34	
FRANCE	14,98		SLOVENIJA	0,47	
HRVATSKA	0,91		SLOVENSKO	1,22	
ITALIA	13,65		SUOMI/FINLAND	1,23	
ΚΥΠΡΟΣ	0,20		SVERIGE	2,29	
LATVIJA	0,43				

\* When acting on a proposal from the Commission or the High Representative, qualified majority is reached if at least 55 % of members vote in favour (15 MS) accounting for at least 65% of the population

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**Statement by Romania**

Romania understands the intention of the European Commission to preserve the efficacy of the European citizens' initiative instrument during this pandemic and to provide reassurance and legal clarity to the organizers of initiatives with the collection, verification or examination still ongoing.

Romania considers that in this difficult situation there is a need to have a clear and sound policy applying to the European Citizens' Initiative, in order to preserve their important character of participative democracy and ensuring that the voice of European citizens can be heard.

Romania will not oppose, in the spirit of compromise, the proposal of the European Commission, but considers that some of the provisions do not provide legal certainty and equal treatment for the ECI. Romania considers that the most problematic is the application of the provisions that extend the collection period, which is unclear and could lead to discrimination between ECIs, especially in the case of those which finalized their collection period between 11 March and 11 September. Since the legal text provides the same extension for the collection of signatures without adapting it on a case by case basis, depending on the time elapsed in each case, such an approach will result in an unequal treatment between these ECI.

Romania's position is that, even in exceptional circumstances, a legal act needs to be legally sound and ensure fair and equal treatment to all that are impacted by it.

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