

General Summary

QUESTIONS

Question 1

Have you ever heard about a European Citizens' Initiative (ECI), an EU mechanism of direct democracy?

- a) Yes, I know what it is
- b) Yes, I have heard about it but I am not sure what it is
- c) No, I have never heard of it

Question 2 [single choice; answers a) to d) by random]

Please choose one option of what you understand by a European Citizens' Initiative (ECI)?

- a) A petition which 300.000 EU citizens need to sign within the period of one year in order to get an official hearing in the European Parliament.
- b) A proposal for a new EU law which needs one Million valid signatures in order to get heard by the EU commission which also is forced to react.
- c) An organization run by EU citizens (without politicians) which has the right to attend expert committees of the European Commission.
- d) An organization run by EU citizens (without politicians) which has the right to get financial and advisory support by expert committees of the European Commission for communal/local politics.
- e) I do not know / none of the mentioned

RESULTS

Overall

- Question 1 ("Yes, I know what it is"): 434 answers, i.e. 8.5%
- Question 2: 548 clicked correct answer, i.e. 10.8%
- Combined – those who said "Yes, I know what it is" AND clicked the correct answer in question 2: 120 answers, i.e. **2.4% overall**

Italy:

- Question 1 ("Yes, I know what it is"): 112 of 1,034 respondents, i.e. 10.8%
- Question 2: 147 clicked correct answer, i.e. 14.2%
- Combined: 35 of 1,034 respondents in total say "Sì, so di cosa si tratta" AND clicked the correct answer in question 2. So, **3.4%** said to know AND proved to know what it is.

Germany:

- Question 1 ("Yes, I know what it is"): 138 of 2,057 respondents, i.e. 6.7%
- Question 2: 177 clicked correct answer, i.e. 8.6%
- Combined: 29 of 2,054 respondents in total say "Ja, ich weiß, was das ist" AND clicked the correct answer in question 2. So, **1.4%** said to know AND proved to know what it is.

Finland:

- Question 1 ("Yes, I know what it is"): 45 of 1,002 respondents, i.e. 4.5%
- Question 2: 100 clicked the correct answer, i.e. 10.0%
- Combined: 15 of 1,002 respondents in total say "Kyllä, tiedän, mikä se on" AND clicked the correct answer in question 2. So, **1.5%** said to know AND proved to know what it is.

Portugal:

- Question 1 ("Yes, I know what it is"): 139 of 1,001 respondents, i.e. 13.9%
- Question 2: 124 clicked the correct answer, i.e. 12.4%
- Combined: 41 of 1,001 respondents in total say "Sim, eu sei o que é" AND clicked the correct answer in question 2. So, **4.1%** said to know AND proved to know what it is.

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.

The original data set (Excel files) including the questionnaire's wording please see [here](#).