



EUROPEAN COMMISSION
DIRECTORATE-GENERAL FOR JUSTICE AND CONSUMERS

Directorate D – Equality and Non-Discrimination
The Director

Brussels
JUST.D.3

Subject: EU must implement the demands of “My Voice, My Choice” ECI

Dear Petitioner,

Thank you for your letter of 28 September 2025 addressed to Executive Vice-President Ribera, to which I am replying on her behalf.

In your letter, you urge the Commission to implement the demands of the European citizens’ initiative (ECI) ‘My Voice, My Choice’, that calls on the Commission to submit a proposal for financial support to Member States to enable them to assist those who lack access to safe and legal abortion.

The Commission received this initiative for examination on 1 September 2025 and is currently analysing the initiative’s requests, within the framework of its registration decision ⁽¹⁾. The registration decision specified that such financial support would need to comply with the limitations in Article 168(7) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, whereby Union action must respect the responsibilities of the Member States for the definition of their health policy and for the organisation and delivery of health services and medical care, which includes sexual and reproductive healthcare. The registration decision does not affect the assessment of whether the concrete substantive conditions required for the Commission to act, including compliance with the proportionality and subsidiarity principles and compatibility with fundamental rights, would be met (recitals (10) and (11) of the registration decision).

As part of the examination of the initiative, on 1 October 2025, Commissioner Lahbib received the organisers of the ‘My Voice, My Choice’ ECI who presented the objectives of their initiative in more detail. This was the first milestone in the six-month examination process. At the end of the examination phase, the Commission will present its legal and

⁽¹⁾ C/2024/2353: https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=OJ:L_202401158

political conclusions on the initiative, the action it intends to take, if any, and its reasons for taking or not taking action, in a communication to be adopted by 2 March 2026.

At this stage the Commission cannot yet state what action, if any, it would take. The communication replying to the initiative will be published in the ECI register.

Yours sincerely,

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