

# PERMANENT EUROPEAN UNION CITIZENSHIP

## EUROPEAN CITIZENS' INITIATIVE

**The European Commission has registered this text, which is open for endorsement online via [www.eucitizen2017.org](http://www.eucitizen2017.org):**

*EU citizens elect the European Parliament and participate in its work, thus exercising treaty rights, enhancing Union democracy, and reinforcing its citizenship. Noting the ECJ's view of Union citizenship as a 'fundamental status' of nationals of Member States, and that Brexit will strip millions of EU citizens of this status and their vote in European elections, requests the Commission propose means to avoid risk of collective loss of EU citizenship and rights, and assure all EU citizens that, once attained, such status is permanent and their rights acquired.*



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# OUR RIGHTS AT RISK

**The rights of EU citizens are at risk** across the continent. Stripping away rights and protections afforded by European Union citizenship from UK nationals as a consequence of Brexit sets a bad precedent. The far-right has made significant gains across many of the 28 member states. The **European Convention of Human Rights** and the **Charter of Fundamental Rights of the EU** stand in the way of those political forces who seek to radically transform the political scene for the worse. These rights inherent in the status of EU citizenship must be defended and upheld. **Please join us in this campaign!**



## What is a European Citizens' Initiative?

EU citizens can launch a **European Citizens' Initiative**. Seven EU citizens resident in seven different EU countries can form a committee, register their initiative and start to collect signatures and support from across Europe. Once an initiative reaches 1 million verified endorsements, the Commission and Parliament will consider the proposal. The **Permanent European Union Citizenship** eci has a committee formed by residents of the UK, Ireland, Belgium, France, Germany, Italy and Greece.