

Minority SafePack Initiative

– one million signatures for diversity in Europe

“ Minorities make Europe richer! ”

The number of European citizens' initiatives that have successfully reached the required number of support statements for the European Commission to take action, continues to grow. Some have resulted in new legislation, while others have had other meaningful results. All of them have built networks around issues and raised awareness among both citizens and policy makers.

“ The motto of the European Union is “In varietate concordia – United in diversity”. The purpose of the Minority SafePack Initiative is to encourage the European Union to live up to its motto and to improve the protection of people belonging to national and linguistic minorities and strengthen cultural and linguistic diversity in the Union. ”

ORGANISERS' GOAL



The Minority SafePack Initiative requested the Commission to propose 9 legal acts, in order to improve the protection of persons belonging to national and linguistic minorities and strengthen cultural and linguistic diversity in the Union. It shall include policy actions in the areas of regional and minority languages, education and culture, regional policy, participation, equality, audiovisual and other media content, and also regional (state) support.

FOLLOW-UP



- The Commission assessed each of the nine individual proposals on its own merits, taking into account the principles of subsidiarity and proportionality. While no further legal acts were proposed, the full implementation of legislation and policies already in place should provide a powerful arsenal to support the initiative's goals.
- The Commission underlined that it is committed to continue providing policy support and funding for the inclusion and respect of the rich cultural diversity of Europe, which is one of its priorities and objectives.
- The Commission will continue to monitor projects involving regional or minority languages and analyse their potential impact on policies in the countries concerned.

ENGAGEMENT



1,123,422 validated signatures, with required thresholds reached in 11 EU Member States



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