

## **PROCEDURE FOR THE DESTRUCTION OF STATEMENTS OF A EUROPEAN CITIZENS' INITIATIVE**

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The deadline established in article 19.6 of Regulation EU 2019/788 for the destruction of the statements of support by the competent authorities is three month after the certificate has been issued.

Article 19.7 of the same regulation establishes the declarations "may" be kept beyond that period of time if necessary for judicial or administrative proceedings related to the initiative in question. They shall be destroyed in a period not exceeding one month from the date on which these proceedings are concluded by a final decision.

The Secretariat of the Commission has informed the Electoral Census Office (ECO) that:

- In the case of occasional proceedings that involve competent authorities in other countries, only the statements of support affected by those proceedings may be kept.
- If necessary, the authority may also contact the organisers to inform them of the expected destruction date and suggest they inform the authority of the existence of a proceeding before that date.

According to the aforementioned, ECO establishes the following procedure for the destruction of the received statements of support so as to verify and certify:

1. Notify the organisers of the expected date of destruction of tenders, files and data from the system for the verification corresponding to the citizens' initiative, except if a notification is received from them expressing their intention to file a judicial or administrative appeal before that date.

Organisers will be notified of the expected day of destruction at the same time the certificate is sent by e-mail...

The Electoral Census Office will be notified of the intention to file an appeal by e-mail to [ice.censoelectoral@ine.es](mailto:ice.censoelectoral@ine.es)

2. Destroy tenders and delete files on the indicated day or in a period not exceeding one month from the date on which the judicial or administrative proceedings are concluded.