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## **Notice Inviting Submissions**

### **The Joint Committee on European Affairs**

The Joint Committee on European Affairs, under the chairmanship of Bernard Durkan T.D. is considering the proposal for a European Citizens' Initiative which would enable the public to call on the European Commission to bring forward new legislation.

In order to assist the Committee with its work, written submissions directly relevant to the initiative are invited from interested parties and bodies and from members of the general public.

A copy of the European Commission's Green Paper on a European Citizens' Initiative is available on the Oireachtas website [www.oireachtas.ie](http://www.oireachtas.ie) and [www.euaffairs.ie](http://www.euaffairs.ie). The following issues for consideration are included in the Green Paper:

*Minimum number of Member States from which citizens must come / Minimum number of signatures per Member State / Eligibility to support a citizens' initiative - minimum age / Form and wording of a citizens' initiative / Requirements for the collection, verification and authentication of signatures / Time limit for the collection of signatures / Registration of proposed initiatives / Requirements for organisers - Transparency and funding / Examination of citizens' initiatives by the Commission / Initiatives on the same issue*

The members of the Joint Committee are:

*Deputies:* Pat Breen, Thomas Byrne, Joe Costello, Lucinda Creighton, Timmy Dooley, Bernard Durkan, Beverly Flynn, Michael Mulcahy, Mary O'Rourke, Sean Power, Billy Timmins, Noel Treacy and Joanna Tuffy.

*Senators:* Maurice Cummins, Pearse Doherty, Paschal Donohoe, Deirdre De Burca, John Hanafin, Terry Leyden, Rónán Mullen, Phil Prendergast and Feargal Quinn.

Submissions should be made in writing only to:

**Clerk to the Joint Committee on European Affairs,  
Kildare House,  
Kildare Street,  
Dublin 2.**

or by e-mail to: [eu.committee@oireachtas.ie](mailto:eu.committee@oireachtas.ie). If possible, submissions should be sent electronically. The closing date for submissions is 5.30 pm on 28 January 2010