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Answer given by Mr McGrath
on behalf of the European Commission
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The European Citizens' Initiative (ECI) 'Stop Destroying Video games' was submitted to the Commission on 26 January 2026. On 23 February 2026, the Commission met with the ECI organisers to enable them to present the objectives of the initiative in detail, clarify its requests and provide further background information. By July 2026, the Commission will adopt a formal reply, in the form of a communication, setting out its conclusions on the initiative and the measures, if any, it intends to take.

As regards the substantive issues raised by the ECI, the Commission refers to its previous reply to written question E-003581/2025.

The ECI does not concern price differences for video games in the EU, and this matter is not being addressed by the Commission in the context of its reply to the ECI.

EU consumer legislation, in particular, the Consumer Rights Directive 2011/83/EU¹ requires traders, including video game providers, to provide consumers with information about the total price of their offers but it does not regulate the level of prices. Copyright-protected services, such as video games, are not covered by the principle of non-discrimination under the Geo-blocking Regulation (EU) 2018/302². However, other rules in the Regulation, such as on blocking access to online interfaces or re-routing without the customer's prior consent as well as discrimination for reasons related to payment, apply.

¹ <http://data.europa.eu/eli/dir/2011/83/oj>.

² <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2018/302/oj>.