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**Question for written answer E-000981/26
to the Commission
Cynthia Ní Mhurchú (Renew)
(10 March 2026)**

Subject: Enquiry on the status of the ‘Stop Killing Games’ petition

The ‘Stop Killing Games’ petition calls for stronger consumer rights regarding video games, ensuring purchased products remain functional even if online services end.

Can the Commission provide an update on the status of this petition and any EU measures being considered to protect consumers?

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**Answer given by Executive Vice-President Virkkunen on behalf of the European Commission
(19 May 2026)**

The European Citizens’ Initiative (ECI) ‘Stop Destroying Video games’ ⁽¹⁾ was submitted to the Commission on 26 January 2026. On 23 February 2026, the Commission met with the ECI organisers to allow them to present the objectives of the initiative in detail, clarify its requests and provide further background information.

The initiative was subsequently presented to the European Parliament on 16 April, and it is now in examination phase in the Commission.

In line with Regulation (EU) 2019/788 on the European Citizens’ Initiative ⁽²⁾, the Commission will adopt its formal reply, in the form of a communication, no later than 27 July 2026.

The communication will set out the Commission’s conclusions on the initiative, as well as the action it intends to take (including a possible envisaged timeline), if any, and its reasons for taking, or not taking, any action.

⁽¹⁾ https://citizens-initiative.europa.eu/initiatives/details/2024/000007_en.

⁽²⁾ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32019R0788>.