

On the European Citizens' Initiative "My Voice, My Choice" - for Safe and Accessible Abortion in Europe

The Congress of the Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe (ALDE) Party, convening in Brussels, Belgium, on 24-25 October 2025

Notes that:

- Across the EU more than 20 million women do not have access to abortion. Access to safe and legal abortion remains deeply unequal and, in several Member States, increasingly restricted or under threat;
- In countries such as Hungary, Poland, Malta, and Slovakia, abortion care is either prohibited or constrained by new bureaucratic barriers, mandatory counselling, waiting periods, and stigmatization - reflecting a broader regression in reproductive rights;
- These developments have widened inequalities in healthcare and threaten women's health, autonomy, and equality, requiring concerted action at both national and EU levels;
- The European Citizens' Initiative (ECI) My Voice, My Choice calls on the European Commission to establish an EU-level cross-border funding mechanism guaranteeing access to affordable, safe, and legal abortion care for all women;
- The initiative gathered over one million verified signatures and was submitted to the Commission on 1 September 2025;
- The European Parliament's FEMM Committee will vote on 5 November 2025 on a question for oral answer and related resolution, and hold a hearing on 2 December 2025.

Believes that:

- Access to safe and legal abortion is a fundamental human right rooted in equality, dignity, and bodily autonomy;
- The EU has both the means and the duty to safeguard reproductive rights and ensure that no woman is denied essential healthcare because of where she lives;
- The aims of My Voice, My Choice to align with EU Treaties and the Charter of Fundamental Rights;
- Protecting reproductive rights is essential to gender equality, freedom, and personal autonomy.

Calls for:

- Public endorsement of My Voice, My Choice by the ALDE Party, its members, and liberal MEPs;
- The Commission to act by proposing legislation ensuring access to affordable, safe, and legal abortion care across the EU;
- Renewed liberal commitment to defending women's rights and reproductive freedom at all levels