



STOP LONG ANIMAL TRANSPORTS

Newsletter

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**September Challenge:
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The French Revolution

**34 MEPs
support 8hours**

Campaign News

*Dear friends,
Miracles happen. Did you need one further demonstration?*

While the end of September was rapidly approaching, even I was accepting the idea that 700,000 signatures would have not been reached by then. Actually, I had started to consider over 650,000 as a good result to feel better. But amazing things were behind the corner.

Our friends at PMAF suddenly communicated the shipping of tens of thousands of signatures, abundantly breaking both the 700,000 wall and the French target. A huge MERCI to them.

This means that we al have less to do to reach the million signatures... a good reason to speed up the collection.

Please get in touch with me about your plans, especially on the lobby side where confusion can be very harmful. We will be very happy to assist, and other groups can also help you develop your lobby plans if necessary.

Please carry on sending the signatures collected on paper from time to time, and **remember to correct the deadline on the forms on your websites into 4th November** if you haven't done it yet.

Thank you for your support.



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Signatures

In this moment (12.14 on 3 October) we have **756,197** signatures on the 8hours website, **5,052** on Change.org and **4,412** signatures on Firmiamo.it.

This brings the total so far to 765,661 !

The 4 November deadline is only one month away. We are free to postpone it if necessary, but we are really not far from the million signatures if we all make an extra effort.

As usual, the country breakdown of the next two pages includes signatures on www.8hours.eu only .

Please collect signatures on paper forms and postcards too, and please send the signatures you already have from time to time, to facilitate the counting at the office (and see numbers go up on the website!).

The main highlight for the last few days are the 106,000 more signatures from France, but here is some more good news:

- Germany: +7,500
- Italy: + 3,500
- Austria: + 2,000
- Spain: + 1,000

You find the updated numbers in the next two pages.

Signatures - EU

Country	Signatures on 3 October 10.24	Population ¹	Target	% of signatures collected so far
Slovenia	28,594	1,932,917	3,800	Over 700 %
Denmark	22,505	5,547,088	10,900	Over 200 %
Germany	227,293	81,757,595	160,000	Over 100 %
France	196,173	64,709,480	126,700	Over 100 %
Sweden	20,488	9,347,899	18,700	Over 100 %
Austria	23,585	8,372,930	16,700	Over 100 %
Luxembourg	1,359	502,207	1,000	Over 100 %
Netherlands	26,602	16,576,800	33,000	80.61
Italy	64,281	60,397,353	118,300	54.34
Poland	40,721	38,163,895	75,000	54.29
Malta	339	416,333	800	42.38
United Kingdom	48,510	62,041,708	121,500	39.93
Belgium	7,771	10,827,519	21,200	36.66
Finland	2,266	5,350,475	10,500	21.58
Cyprus	267	801,851	1,500	17.80
Slovakia	1,827	5,422,366	10,600	17.24
Ireland	884	4,467,854	8,700	10.16
Portugal	1,493	11,317,192	22,100	6.76
Spain	5,061	46,087,170	90,300	5.60
Estonia	144	1,340,274	2,600	5.54
Czech Republic	835	10,512,397	20,600	4.05
Greece	818	11,125,179	21,800	3.75
Hungary	647	10,013,628	19,600	3.30
Lithuania	207	3,329,227	6,500	3.18
Latvia	65	2,248,961	4,400	1.48
Bulgaria	166	7,576,751	14,800	1.12
Romania	299	21,466,174	42,000	0.71

Signatures – Non-EU

Country	Signatures	Population	Target
Albania	40	3,600,523	
Andorra	41	68,403	
Bosnia and Herzegovina	14	4,448,500	
Belarus	40	10,335,382	
Gibraltar	41	29,431	
Croatia	93	4,437,460	
Iceland	11	307,261	
Lichtenstein	18	32,842	
Moldova	3	4,434,547	
Monaco	24	31,987	
Norway	355	4,525,116	
San Marino	19	27,730	
Serbia and Montenegro	30	7,495,742	
Switzerland	18,716	7,507,000	
Ukraine	42	48,396,470	
Total	19,423		16,400

MEP support

The new MEP page on the 8hours website is now online. Have you checked it yet?

This is the natural and essential next step of the 8hours campaign. The million signatures we are collecting will be wasted if we don't use them to achieve permanent legislative change.

The best option to contact MEPs is that people from their country speak to them and ask for their support. If that doesn't happen we will do it in different ways, but please realise that your help for this is extremely valuable.

If you don't have previous experience of lobbying Members of the European Parliament, don't worry. Just get in touch with me and you will get all the advice you need to act in a simple and effective way.

In the next pages you will find:

- the list of MEPs who have already decided to express their support;**
- the country breakdown (unlikely for the signatures, in this case the percentage doesn't refer to the country target but to the number of MEPs who support 8hours – you are welcome to reach 100% though!)**
- photos of some of the supportive MEPs**

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MEP support (34)

UK (8 – 11.11%)

Davies, Girling, Lambert,
Martin, McAvan, Swinburne,
Skinner, Taylor

Netherlands (4 - 16%)

Eickhout, Gerbrandy, Liotard,
Merkies

Germany (3 - 3.03%)

Hirsch, Roth-Behrendt, Rühle

Austria (5.88%)

Leichtfried

Czech Republic (4.55%)

Poc

Luxembourg (16.67%)

Turmes

Romania (3.03%)

Sarbu

Italy (7 – 9.72%)

Alfano, Muscardini, Pittella, Sassoli,
Speroni, Vattimo, Zanoni

Denmark (3 – 23.08%)

Jørgensen, Rosbach, Søndergaard

Belgium (4.55%)

Brepoels

Finland (7.69%)

Pietikäinen

Greece (4.55%)

Tremopoulos

Poland (2%)

Senyszyn

Sweden (5.88%)

Schlyter

No support yet from: Bulgaria, Estonia, Ireland, Spain,
France, Cyprus, Latvia, Lithuania, Hungary, Malta,
Portugal, Slovenia, Slovakia

GROUPS: S&D: 12 – Greens: 8 – ALDE: 6 –
ECR: 3 – EPP: 2 – GUE: 2

MEP support

Keith Taylor and Jean Lambert (Greens, UK)



Gianni Vattimo (ALDE, Italy)

Jörg Leichtfried (S&D, Austria)



MEP support



Bas Eickhout (Greens, Netherlands)

Gerben-Jan Gerbrandy
(ALDE, Netherlands)



I am in Brussels this Wednesday and Thursday.
I can meet your MEPs, bring them a poster and
take their photo if you arrange the meeting.

8hours sticker

We have produced a new 8hours stickers.

You can already see quite a few of them around in Germany, so they can become popular in other countries too.



Please contact me if you are interested to receive some or to print them in your language.

Volunteers on Website

A new tag appeared on www.8hours.eu :
Volunteers

Leaving their data, people who want to help with the signature collection are receiving an automated reply containing many ideas on how to collect more signatures.

We also leave a possibility to be contacted in a more personal way, in case they want to receive specific information or materials.

For now the Volunteer tag is only present in the English version, but some other languages will soon be available.

Please let me know if you would like us to have it in other languages too (which will require your help with the translation of the letter).



Call your friends... in Europe

Please help the countries that are struggling to collect signatures.

Can you please get in touch with you friends and contacts in all the countries with a percentage below 10 % of their target?

Animal friends in Romania, Bulgaria, Latvia, Lithuania, Hungary, Greece, Estonia, Czech Republic, Spain and Portugal need your help to know about 8hours and be able to support it.

Please contact those you know, asking to sign and collect signatures for 8hours among their friends.

Help is also needed to translate the petition form to download from the 8hours home page in some of their languages.

Thank you in advance for all you will do.

Downloadable Petition Forms

Please remember that on the [www.8hours](http://www.8hours.eu) home page are available petition forms that can be downloaded by supporters to collect signatures in the following languages:

Bulgarian, German, English, Italian, Spanish, Slovak, French, Portuguese, Slovenian, Finnish, Greek, Dutch, Polish, Romanian, Danish, Swedish

We can easily upload petition forms in other languages, if the translation is provided. Please get in touch with Adolfo if you can offer help with that.



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8hours leaflets



The leaflet is ready.

Many signatures are arriving on paper forms or postcards. Holding stalls in the streets can produce wonderful responses by the public. Please plan to hold some stalls in the coming weeks. Some groups requested leaflets to help in this activity.

If you haven't done it yet, can you please let me know:

- Whether you would like to have some leaflets in your language;
- If that's the case, how many;
- Whether you can pay for the production cost or you need financial support

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What next?

It depends on what each of us will do.

- **Contact your MEPs**
 - **Email your supporters**
 - **Collect signatures on printed forms and postcards**
 - **Link on your website and other social networks**
 - **News on your Facebook and Twitter pages**
 - **Article in your newsletter, blog and other media**
 - **Press releases**
 - **Inclusion of 8hours postcards, stickers and posters among your merchandise**
 - **Invite other groups to join the campaign, especially in countries where signature growth is slow**
 - **Any other ideas?**
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- **Please let me have your comments, updates, news and questions: asansolini@gmail.com**

Thank you

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