

# CITIZEN RIGHTS

A STATE OF  
DEMOCRACY:  
TOWARDS  
CITIZEN RIGHTS  
PROTECTION  
IN THE EU



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On the other hand, the engagement of civil society and citizens at the European level remains weak. This includes both at the level of citizens being able to approach the EU on national level threats to fundamental and citizenship rights, beyond legal action – which is not always possible – and importantly to engage the EU on the policy decisions it takes, including those that affect fundamental values.

Through the following sections, we will explore firstly the possibility of citizens to engage with the EU in defence of their rights, then look at the proposals that have been made to establish a mechanism that would go further than current mechanisms in holding EU Member States to account for violations of EU fundamental values, before returning to look at active citizenship as a way to further engagement and making recommendations for reform.



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