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Upholding the law Infringement procedures update as per 25 September 2024



The European Union is constitutionally designed as a Union of Law. According to the Treaties (Treaty on European Union, Treaty on Functioning of the European Union), Member States are obliged to comply with EU legislation adopted by the legislator (European Parliament and Council), and the Commission has the right and the obligation to scrutinise such compliance and where appropriate take legal action.

Past weeks saw a range of infringement procedures, from the Nitrates Directive to the Water Framework Directive, and from the Drinking Water Directive to the Urban Waste Water Treatment Directive, against the following Member States: Austria, Belgium, France Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Malta, Netherlands, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia, and against all Member States in waste collection and recycling targets.

EWA NEWS provides you the key elements of the cases, an overview of the system of infringement procedures and links to environmental cases where the Court imposed financial sanctions.