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Upholding the law

Infringement procedures update as per 27 January 2025:

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 AIR directive to the Water Framework Directive to the Drinking Water Directive, against the following Member States:

Portugal
Sweden

The Commission is at the same time closing a three-digit number of cases in which the issues with the Member States concerned have been solved without the Commission needing to pursue the procedure further.

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.