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Upholding the law Infringement procedures update as per 31 March 2022



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 have seen a range of legal enforcement actions by the Commission for non-compliance with EU water-related legislation, in particular

- Urban Waste Water Treatment Directive
- Industrial Emissions Directive
- nature protection legislation (Habitats Directive)
- Waste Directives (Landfill Directive, Waste Framework Directive)
- Floods Directive

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