

## **Upholding the law Infringement procedures update as per 1 December 2023**



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.

October and November 2023 saw a range of infringement procedures, from the Waste Shipments Regulation via the Habitats Directive to the Water Framework Directive and Floods Directive, against the following Member States: Austria, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czechia, Estonia, Germany, Greece, Poland, Portugal and Romania.

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 (lump sum payments, periodic penalty payments).