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Upholding the law Infringement procedures update as per 1 August 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.

Past weeks have seen a range of legal actions, from letters of formal notice to reasoned opinions, including procedures which might entail applications for penalty payments), against a range of Member States:

- Austria
- Belgium
- Bulgaria
- Croatia
- Cyprus
- Estonia
- Greece
- Italy
- Portugal
- Romania
- Slovakia

EWA NEWS provides information on these procedures plus general facts on infringement procedures, including links to Court judgments on penalty payments.