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Upholding the law Infringement procedures update as per 29 January 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.

December 2023 saw a range of infringement procedures, from the Drinking Water Directive to EU waste and nature protection legislation and the Urban Waste Water Treatment Directive, against the following Member States: Austria, Belgium, Czechia, Denmark, Ireland, Netherlands, Poland, Spain and Sweden. January 2024 saw only cases of non-transposition of directives into national legislation, but no water-related cases.

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.