

Upholding the law Infringement procedures update as per 29 May 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.

April and May 2024 saw a range of infringement procedures, from EU waste and nature protection legislation to the Single-Use Plastics Directive and access to justice in environmental matters, against the following Member States:

- Austria
- France
- Hungary
- Ireland
- Italy
- Malta
- Portugal

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.