

**MEETING OF THE NETWORK OF CONTACT POINTS ON THE RULE OF LAW**

**23 OCTOBER 2025**

- Venue:** Centre de Conférences Albert Borschette (CCAB) Room AB-4A (Rue Froissart 36, 1040 Brussels) / INTERACTIO
- Interpretation:** Participants can speak in: FR-DE-EN-ES-IT-PL  
Participants can listen to: FR-DE-EN-ES-IT-PL
- Chair:** Julien Mousnier  
Director, Rule of Law, Fundamental Rights and Democracy  
European Commission, Directorate-General for Justice and Consumers
- 09:30 – 10:00 Arrival and Registration
- 10:00 – 10:45 **2025 Rule of Law Report: presentation and feedback**
- *Presentation of key findings on the Member States (JUST, CNECT, SG)*
  - *Presentation of key findings on enlargement countries (ENEST)*
  - *Debrief on the rule of law dialogue in the Council*
- Exchange of views*
- 10:45 – 11:30 **Preparation of the 2026 Rule of Law Report**
- *Information on the 2026 cycle*
  - *Exchange on further strengthening the engagement with Member States and the interinstitutional cycle*
  - *Exchange on the further deepening of the single market dimension*
- 11:30 – 11:45 **Information on the proposal for the next Multi-Annual Financial Framework**
- *Presentation by DG BUDG*
- 11:45 – 12:30 **Information point on the “Standards for the assessment”** (point 2 of the Methodology for the preparation of the Rule of Law Report)
- *Presentation by the Council of Europe on European rule of law standards*
  - *Commission presentation (JUST) and feedback.*
- 12:30 – 14:00 Lunch break (lunch will be provided outside the meeting room)
- 14:00 – 14:30 **Raising awareness of the rule of law – initiatives at national and European level**
- *Netherlands “Rule of Law week” initiative*
  - *Council for the Judiciary, Belgium “Week for the rule of law”*
  - *“Our rule of law” foundation*

14:30 – 14:45	<b>Information by Denmark on the Presidency priorities and Presidency conference on rule of law</b>
14:45 – 15:15	<b>Follow-up at national level to the Report and its recommendations</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Cyprus: platform for stakeholder consultation</i></li> </ul> <p>Contacts points are invited to share experiences from national level</p>
15:15 – 15.45	<b>Updates on linked initiatives</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Civil society strategy</i></li> <li>• <i>Democracy Shield</i></li> <li>• <i>Anti-corruption directive</i></li> <li>• <i>EMFA</i></li> </ul>
15:45 – 16:00	<b>A.O.B.</b>