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## THE EUROPEAN RULE OF LAW MECHANISM

2021-2022 CYCLE - STEP BY STEP

**July 2021:** Adoption of the second annual Rule of Law Report and launch of the dialogue with national parliaments, the European Parliament and between Member States in the Council.

**January - April 2022:** Commission receives Member States' written input and over 250 stakeholder contributions about developments in specific Member States as well as at the EU-level. Over 500 meetings (compared to 400 in 2021 and 300 in 2020) take place across all 27 Member States with over 650 national authorities, independent bodies and stakeholders.

**June 2022:** Member States receive their draft country chapters to provide factual updates.

**November 2021:** Member States are consulted on an updated questionnaire for the third report. The Rule of Law Network set up in 2020 continues to provide an ongoing channel of communication between the Commission and the Member States, including to exchange best practices.

**April - June 2022:** Commission compiles all the findings and prepares draft country chapters

13 JULY 2022: THE COMMISSION ADOPTS THE THIRD ANNUAL RULE OF LAW REPORT, INCLUDING 27 COUNTRY CHAPTERS AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO EACH MEMBER STATE

## Autumn 2022 - onwards

EU inter-institutional cooperation. Council and European Parliament discuss the 2022 Report, including its country chapters and recommendations.

## Autumn 2022 - onwards

Discussion at national level. National parliaments, national authorities, stakeholders and civil society discuss the 2022 Report, including its country chapters and recommendations.

COMMISSION STARTS PREPARING THE 2023 RULE OF LAW REPORT