



European Commission



# RULE of LAW REPORT 2023

5 July 2023

## THE ANNUAL RULE OF LAW CYCLE 2022-2023 CYCLE - STEP BY STEP

**5 JULY 2023: THE COMMISSION ADOPTS THE FOURTH ANNUAL RULE OF LAW REPORT INCLUDING 27 COUNTRY CHAPTERS, RECOMMENDATIONS AND FOLLOW-UP FROM 2022 RECOMMENDATIONS TO EACH MEMBER STATE**

**COMMISSION STARTS PREPARING THE 2024 RULE OF LAW REPORT**

**Autumn 2023 onwards**

EU inter-institutional cooperation. Council and European Parliament discuss the 2023 Report, including its country chapters, recommendations and the follow-up thereto.

Discussion at national level. National parliaments, national authorities, stakeholders and civil society discuss the 2023 Report, including its country chapters and recommendations.

**June 2023**

Member States receive their draft country chapters to provide factual updates.

**April - June 2023**

Commission compiles all the findings and prepares draft country chapters.

**July 2022**

Adoption of the third annual Rule of Law Report and launch of the dialogue with national parliaments, the European Parliament and between Member States in the Council.

**November 2022**

Member States are consulted on an updated questionnaire for the fourth 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.

**January - April 2023**

Commission receives Member States' written input and around 250 stakeholder contributions about developments in specific Member States as well as at the EU-level. Over 530 meetings (as compared to 500 for the 2022 report, 400 for the 2021 report and 300 for the 2020 report) take place across all 27 Member States with around 750 national authorities, independent bodies and stakeholders.