

Information about the follow-up to the multiple complaint registered under reference CPLT(2022)03325 – Possible breach by France of the EU rules on succession (Regulation (EU) No 650/2012) - update

This communication provides information about the Commission's follow-up to the series of complaints registered under the above reference number.

The complainants allege that Article 913(3) of the French Civil Code is in breach of Regulation (EU) No 650/2012¹, in particular the provision allowing testators to choose the law of their nationality as the law governing their succession as a whole.

The Commission has assessed the allegations put forward in the complaints. Following this preliminary assessment, on 11 December 2023 the Commission contacted the French authorities to gather additional information. The Commission received the reply of the French authorities on 12 February 2024 and is now assessing the information provided before deciding on the next steps.

The Commission will inform complainants through this website of any next steps it decides to take.

¹ Regulation (EU) No 650/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 4 July 2012 on jurisdiction, applicable law, recognition and enforcement of decisions and acceptance and enforcement of authentic instruments in matters of succession and on the creation of a European Certificate of Succession