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As of autumn 2024
Council and European Parliament discuss the 2024 Report, including its country chapters, recommendations and the follow-up thereto. National parliaments, national authorities, stakeholders and civil society also discuss the 2024 Report, including its country chapters and recommendations.

24 July 2024
The Commission adopts the fifth annual rule of law report, including 27 country chapters, recommendations and follow-up to 2023 recommendations to each Member State as well as 4 chapters for 4 enlargement countries.

Early July 2024
Countries receive their draft country chapters to provide factual updates.

April – June 2024
Commission compiles all the findings and prepares draft country chapters.

September 2023
The President announces that the Rule of Law Report is opened to certain enlargement countries. Albania, Montenegro, North Macedonia and Serbia to be included in the 2024 report.

October 2023
Member States are consulted on an updated questionnaire for the fifth 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. As of 2024, the four enlargement countries also participate as observers to this network.

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