



European Commission

RULE of LAW REPORT 2021

Mechanism

20 July 2021

THE EUROPEAN RULE OF LAW MECHANISM

2020-2021 CYCLE - STEP BY STEP

September 2020: Adoption of the first annual Rule of Law Report and launch of the dialogue with national parliaments, the European Parliament and between Member States in the Council.

March - May 2021: Commission receives Member States' written input and over 200 stakeholder contributions about developments in specific Member States as well as at the EU-level. Over 400 meetings take place across all 27 Member States with national authorities, independent bodies and stakeholders (as compared to 300 for the 2020 report).

June 2021: Member States receive their draft country chapters to provide factual updates.

January 2021: Member States are consulted on an updated questionnaire for the second 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 2021: Commission compiles all the findings and prepares draft country chapters.

20 JULY 2021: THE COMMISSION ADOPTS THE SECOND ANNUAL RULE OF LAW REPORT, INCLUDING 27 COUNTRY CHAPTERS.

Autumn 2021 - onwards

EU inter-institutional cooperation. Council and European Parliament discuss the 2021 Report, including its country chapters.

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Discussion at national level. National parliaments, national authorities, stakeholders and civil society discuss the 2021 Report, including its country chapters.

COMMISSION STARTS PREPARING THE 2022 RULE OF LAW REPORT