



# Management Plan 2026



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# PART 1. Introduction

Strategic planning and programming is the cornerstone of the **Commission's performance management framework**. The [Commission's strategic plan for 2025-2029](#) translates the [political priorities](#) set in the [Political Guidelines of President von der Leyen](#) into general objectives. This process ensures institutional coherence, enhances accountability, and aligns the actions of all Commission departments with the strategic vision of the mandate.

Within this framework, each Commission service has developed a [strategic outlook for 2025-2029](#) in [Management plan 2025](#). This outlook establishes a set of multiannual objectives and indicators to measure progress towards their achievement. These will be used for planning and reporting on performance throughout the period.

The [2026 management plan](#) sets out what the Directorate-General for Justice and Consumers (DG JUST) intends to deliver this year to contribute to these multiannual objectives (Part 2). It also describes how DG JUST will contribute to the common objective of building a modern and sustainable public administration (Part 3). The main outputs with their indicators and targets are presented in Annexes 1 and 2. The chart below illustrates the performance framework for DG JUST.

**General objective 1: A new plan for Europe's sustainable prosperity and competitiveness**

Specific objective 1.1: Improved conditions for companies, including SMEs, through EU company law and corporate governance rules, to set up, attract investment and grow sustainably in the Single Market

*[Key performance indicator: Number of searches in BRIS]*

Specific objective 1.2: The justice system is adapted to digitalisation

*[Key performance indicator: Progress in the state of digitalisation of national justice systems according to the EU Justice Scoreboard by measuring the availability of digital solutions to initiate and follow proceedings]*

**General objective 2: A new era for European defence and security**

Specific objective 2.1: Accountability ensured for Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine and a more effective fight against violations of EU restrictive measures

*[Key performance indicator: Number of criminal offences registered and adjudicated in relation to the violation of Union restrictive measures]*

**General objective 3: Supporting people, and strengthening our societies and our social models**

Specific objective 3.1: Fighting discrimination and promoting equality for all

*[Key performance indicator: Execution of funding for equality projects]*

Specific objective 3.2: Consumers are empowered and better protected

*[Key performance indicator: Consumer knowledge and trust index]*

**General objective 5: Protecting our democracy, upholding our values**

Specific objective 5.1: Strengthened rule of law in the EU

*[Key performance indicator: Consolidation and further strengthening of the Rule of Law Cycle, with annual adoption of the Rule of Law Report]*

Specific objective 5.2: Strengthened application of fundamental rights

*[Key performance indicator: Higher awareness of people's rights enshrined in the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights and where to turn in case of violation]*

Specific objective 5.3: An improved framework to protect democracy in the EU

*[Key performance indicator: Citizens satisfied with how democracy works in the EU]*

Specific objective 5.4: A more developed European area of justice with enhanced judicial cooperation in civil and criminal matters

*[Key performance indicator: Number of cooperative exchanges between contact points of the European Judicial Network in criminal matters]*

**Sound financial management**

*[Key performance indicator: Estimated risk at payment remains < 2 % of relevant expenditure and estimated risk at closure remains < 2 % of relevant expenditure]*

## **PART 2. Delivering on the Commission’s priorities in 2026**

This part sets out the main expected deliverables that DG JUST plans to deliver in 2026. For more details on the deliverables please see the performance tables in [Annex 1 on page 28](#).

### **General objective 1: A new plan for Europe’s sustainable prosperity and competitiveness <sup>(1)</sup>**

#### **Specific objective 1.1: Improved conditions for companies, including SMEs, through EU company law and corporate governance rules, to set up, attract investment and grow sustainably in the Single Market**

As announced in the Commission Work Programme, the Commission will propose a 28th Regime for Innovative Companies, which will simplify the applicable rules and reduce the cost of failure, including as regards any relevant aspects of corporate, insolvency, labour and tax law. The 28th regime will provide a single set of rules, potentially in a progressive and modular way and will include an EU corporate legal framework. The adoption of the new Insolvency Directive will contribute to the future regime in the field of insolvency.

As part of the continuous stress-testing of the EU rules (“acquis”) and as a contribution to the Commission’s goal to reduce administrative burdens, DG JUST will also evaluate and revise the Shareholder Rights Directive to harmonise and simplify interactions between issuing companies, their investors and intermediaries, and to reduce costs and burdens on those players in the financial market.

DG JUST will develop guidelines and accompanying measures to support the implementation of Directive 2024/1760 on Corporate sustainability due diligence (the deadline for transposition is 26 July 2027 and the Directive will apply from 26 July 2028), subject to the timelines decided as part of the Omnibus I legislation. DG JUST will adopt an implementing act and support the transposition of Directive 2025/25 on Upgrading digital company law (the first transposition deadline is 31 July 2027).

To further enable data-driven business models and the use of innovative technologies in the digital economy by EU companies, the Commission will continue its work on adapting contract law to the needs of the digital economy. Following the adoption of the Communication approving the text on 19 November 2025, in 2026 DG JUST will prepare for adoption a Commission Recommendation with model contract terms for access and use of data and standard

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<sup>(1)</sup> For more details on the deliverables please see the performance tables in [Annex 1](#).

contractual clauses for cloud computing contracts (in all EU official languages). The model contractual terms will help SMEs, in particular, to navigate their obligations, reduce legal complexity and focus on innovation. This Commission Recommendation is based on Article 41 of the Data Act. From 2026, DG JUST will closely monitor the uptake- of the model contractual terms and will review, complement or adapt them if necessary in line with international developments in data sharing.

Under the Apply AI strategy (action on AI contracting is outlined in the Annex III) DG JUST will set up a discussion forum with interested stakeholders on reducing risks in AI contracting for SMEs (including start-ups). It will provide legal guidance, notably in the form of model contract terms for AI contracts and guidance on the choice of AI contracting systems. The Commission will also consider the need for a contract terms data pool for automated contracting as mentioned in the Data Union strategy.

## Specific objective 1.2: The justice system is adapted to digitalisation

In 2026, DG JUST will begin to implement the DigitalJustice@2030 strategy, adopted in November 2025. The strategy aims to accelerate the digitalisation of national justice systems, bringing forward efficiency gains, cost savings, and greater transparency and accessibility, which are a precondition for economic growth and competitiveness.

In particular, and in line with the strategy, the Commission will create a ‘living repository’ of digital tools, in particular AI, used in justice systems across the EU. This would include good solutions in use in the Member States that could be applied more widely and foster cross-border interoperability. The repository should be available on the European e-Justice Portal by the end of 2026. The repository will facilitate the exchange of best practices between the Member States. At the same time, the Commission will create an IT Toolbox for Justice, which will be hosted on the Interoperable Europe Portal, where Member States can include those IT (including AI) tools that they are willing to share with each other.

Under the European Legal Data Space, DG JUST will reconvene the European Case Law Identifier (ECLI) Expert Group, which will serve as a forum to discuss best practices and challenges in making judicial data accessible online. In addition, work will begin on improving the ECLI search engine on the [European e-Justice Portal](#) and implementing the [ECLI extended standard](#).

As regards the use of videoconferencing in justice, the strategy has announced an initiative on voluntary, common EU-wide technical requirements for videoconferencing by 2027, and that by the end of 2027 it will study the feasibility and assess the costs and benefits of different options to overcome interoperability issues in cross-border videoconferencing in judicial proceedings. A study to prepare these initiatives will be launched in 2026.

The implementation of the Digitalisation Regulation will continue in 2026, with the adoption of the implementing acts for the first batch of legal acts. The development of the reference implementation software and the European Electronic Access Point will continue throughout the year, with the adoption of the implementing act on Electronic Access Point planned for 2026.

The implementation of the new European Judicial Training Strategy will play a key role in advancing the digital transition of justice systems across the EU. The 2026 European Judicial Training Conference, organised under the auspices of Cyprus's Presidency of the Council of the EU, will serve as the launch event of the Judicial Training Forum, which will aim to foster results-oriented stakeholder engagement and outreach. A series of 40 training e-Capsules, covering a broad range of EU criminal law, civil law, and fundamental rights topics, will be available on the European Training Platform (ETP). The priorities of the 2026 calls for proposals under the Justice programme for both projects and operating grants will be aligned where relevant with the new digitalisation-related strategic objectives of the strategy. Furthermore, the 2026 Judicial Training Report will establish clear benchmarks to assess progress in digitalisation.

Digitalisation improves the efficiency and resilience of our justice systems and thus supports the competitiveness of our economy, while also strengthening access to justice. However, this is a costly process which requires significant investments. The Commission's proposal for the 2028-2034 multiannual financial framework (MFF) includes a stronger Justice programme with a budget of nearly EUR 800 million (nearly three times the amount available under the current MFF). The significant increase in the budget of the Justice Programme will allow for the digitalisation of justice to progress at EU level, as one of the programme's objectives. The Justice Programme will support the implementation of the two strategies – the Digital Justice Strategy and Judicial Training Strategy, while it will also continue to support the digitalisation of cross-border judicial proceedings. Digitalisation of justice is also particularly challenging for already strained national budgets. The proposed National and Regional Partnership Plans could offer significant funding opportunities to support national digitalisation efforts.

## General objective 2: A new era for European defence and security <sup>(2)</sup>

### Specific objective 2.1: Accountability ensured for Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine and a more effective fight against violations of EU restrictive measures

In 2026, DG JUST will continue to work on ensuring accountability for the crimes connected with Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine, notably by supporting the preparations to establish the Special Tribunal for the Crime of Aggression against Ukraine and the ongoing work of the International Centre for the Prosecution of the Crime of Aggression (ICPA) at Eurojust.

The Commission will also continue to support the creation of a compensation mechanism for Ukraine, which includes continuing participating in the Register of Damage, joining the

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<sup>(2)</sup> For more details on the deliverables please see the performance tables in [Annex 1](#).

International Claims Commission, and contributing to the design of the future compensation fund with international partners.

DG JUST will continue to strengthen coordination within the EU and with international partners in enforcing EU restrictive measures (sanctions) and combating their violations, notably through the Freeze and Seize Task Force, in close cooperation with the Directorates-General for Financial Stability, Financial Services and Capital Markets Union (DG FISMA), Migration and Home Affairs (DG HOME), and Taxation and Customs Union (DG TAXUD).

Additionally, DG JUST will also continue its work to ensure a more effective fight against violations of EU restrictive measures (sanctions), including by means of criminal law. In 2026, DG JUST will continue supporting Member States in the correct and complete transposition of Directive 2024/1226 on the criminalisation of sanctions violations (the transposition deadline expired on 20 May 2025). To this end, it will consider the appropriate measures to take as a follow up to the ongoing infringement cases for non-communication of transposition measures and will carry out conformity checks of the measures taken by the Member States to transpose this Directive into their national systems.

## General objective 3: Supporting people, and strengthening our societies and our social models <sup>(3)</sup>

### Specific objective 3.1: Fighting discrimination and promoting equality for all <sup>(4)</sup>

In 2026, the Commission will continue its efforts to build a Union of Equality, including by raising awareness of EU action to promote equality and fight discrimination through a communication campaign to engage people across the EU.

As announced in the Commission Work Programme, the Commission will adopt the new Gender equality strategy 2026-2030. It will build on the **Roadmap for Women's Rights**, adopted in March 2025, and the eight principles for a gender-equal society outlined in its annexed Declaration, which have been endorsed by all Member States, EU institutions and over 50 EU-level and international stakeholders. The Roadmap will inform the concrete policy actions of the new Gender Equality Strategy addressing all issues affecting women, from the fight against gender-based violence to the economic empowerment of women, their participation in politics and addressing discrimination in health, education, housing, social protection and in the supply

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<sup>(3)</sup> For more details on the deliverables please see the performance tables in [Annex 1](#).

<sup>(4)</sup> This specific objective also contributes to the general objective “Protecting our democracy, upholding our values” as illustrated in the Commission Work Programme 2026, where the Gender equality strategy or the strategy for the rights of persons with disabilities were included under the general objective “Protecting our democracy, upholding our values”.

of goods and services. It will also look at the challenges facing women in the labour market, online violence and work life balance.

DG JUST will prepare a reply to the **European citizens' initiative (ECI) "My Voice, My Choice: For Safe And Accessible Abortion"**, which was submitted to the European Commission on 1 September 2025 and presented to Commissioner Lahbib on 1 October 2025.

DG JUST will support the implementation of the Directive on Combating violence against women and domestic violence by organising workshops. Further support will also be provided for the implementation of the Pay Transparency Directive with the development of tools to help companies apply the new rules. DG JUST will also continue to assess the compliance of national legislation transposing the Directive on Work-Life Balance which had to be transposed by August 2022 and August 2024.

DG JUST will intensify its work on tackling cyber violence against women by working with internet platforms to develop a code of conduct on gender-based cyber violence. This work will follow-up on a high-level event with platforms which took place in November 2025. DG JUST will also continue to support the evaluation of the **EU's implementation of** the Istanbul Convention by GREVIO, the Group of Experts on Action against Violence against Women and Domestic Violence.

As also announced in the Commission Work Programme, in 2026 DG JUST will present a Communication on Enhancing the Strategy for the Rights of Persons with Disabilities up to 2030. Halfway through the implementation of the ten-year strategy adopted in 2021, the Commission will aim to reinforce it to further foster disability rights in the EU and beyond. The Communication is set to put forward new actions under the strategy up to 2030. A progress report will accompany the Communication.

In parallel, DG JUST will continue to implement the strategy by, for example: (i) supporting the implementation by the EU of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities; (ii) supporting the implementation of the Directive establishing the European Disability Card and European Parking Card for persons with disabilities, including by producing delegated and implementing acts; (iii) supporting the transposition of the European Accessibility Act and setting up an expert group to facilitate cooperation and exchanges of information between authorities and stakeholders on matters related to the implementation of the Act; and (iv) organising the European Day of Persons with Disabilities and the Access City Award.

DG JUST will focus on making progress in the negotiations on the proposal for the equal treatment Directive, by supporting the Council Presidency and Member States in reaching an agreement.

In 2026, DG JUST will prioritise implementing the LGBTIQ+ equality strategy 2026-2030 to protect LGBTIQ+ people from violence, empower them to live free from discrimination and on an equal footing with all other individuals. Key actions include combating conversion practices, fighting hate crimes and hate speech, and ensuring funding for civil society organisations that are fighting for LGBTIQ+ equality.

DG JUST will also prepare a reply to the 'Ban on conversion practices in the European Union' initiative, which was submitted to the European Commission on 17 November and presented to Commissioner Lahbib on 12 December 2025. It will also draw on a study analysing the phenomenon to shape future actions and support Member States in banning these practices. DG JUST will consider a legislative initiative to fight effectively hate offences committed online, which would tackle LGBTIQ+-phobic cyber harassment, violence or hatred.

Additionally, DG JUST will promote a new LGBTIQ+ Policy Forum to engage LGBTIQ+ civil society organisations, social partners, and researchers to address emerging challenges, and monitor progress.

In 2026, DG JUST will continue its coordination work with Member States on equality and discrimination within the High-Level Group on Non-Discrimination, Equality, and Diversity. In 2026, the high-level group will also focus on improving the collection and analysis of equality data. This work is essential for evidence-based policies with an intersectional approach. Additionally, a second High-Level European Round Table on Equality Data will be organised to bring together key stakeholders and further promote the collection and use of equality data.

The Task Force on Equality supports the Commissioner for Equality and consists of a network of representatives from all departments of the Commission and the European External Action Service. In 2026, the Task Force will strive to implement effective equality mainstreaming in the Commission so that equality considerations are integrated into EU policies, legislation and funding programmes. DG JUST and the Secretariat-General will support the network.

In 2026, work will continue to promote diversity and inclusion at the workplace through the EU Platform of Diversity Charters. DG JUST will continue to cooperate with the Diversity Charters to prepare guidance, for instance, on inclusive hiring practices. In addition, the Commission will organise the 5<sup>th</sup> edition of the European Capitals of Inclusion and Diversity Award and the 7<sup>th</sup> edition of the EU Diversity Month to recognise best practices in creating diverse and discrimination-free communities and workplaces. In 2026, a specific award and the theme of the Diversity Month are dedicated to 'an inclusive labour market for all'.

In 2026, DG JUST will continue its efforts to counter racism effectively by adopting the first Anti-Racism Strategy 2026-2030, which will be presented at the Anti-racism conference that is being organised together with the Cypriot presidency and will take place in March. DG JUST will also continue to monitor the correct application of EU antidiscrimination legislation and will adopt a report on the application of the Racial Equality and Employment Equality Directives.

DG JUST will further support the Member States in their transposition of the Directives on standards for equality bodies, which must be completed by June 2026, through expert group meetings, guidance and an online space. It will also adopt an implementing act with a list of common indicators on the functioning of equality bodies.

The reformed EU Roma strategic framework sets a number of targets until 2030 that aim to promote effective equality, socio-economic inclusion and the meaningful participation of Roma in society. As part of its implementation, the Commission will adopt a report on the

implementation of national Roma strategic frameworks and continue to monitor Roma civil society. DG JUST will work closely with the Member States to facilitate the implementation of their national Roma strategic frameworks and it will support activities that promote positive narratives and Roma role models, combat negative stereotypes, raise awareness of Roma history and culture, and promote truth and reconciliation under the Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values (CERV) programme. DG JUST will also organise the 19<sup>th</sup> European Platform for Roma Inclusion (EPRI) in cooperation with the Irish Presidency in October 2026.

DG JUST will continue to fund projects and organisations active in the area of equality and non-discrimination via the CERV programme. In its proposal for the next MFF (2028-2034), the Commission proposed a new funding programme which will bring together support for culture, media and rights and values – AgoraEU. The CERV+ strand of the new programme will continue to support equality and non-discrimination initiatives.

As part of continuous stress-testing of the acquis, DG JUST will organise a reality check back-to-back with an implementation dialogue on the European Care Strategy.

## Specific objective 3.2: Consumers are empowered and better protected <sup>(5)</sup>

2026 will mark the first year of implementation of the 2030 Consumer Agenda and the Action Plan for Consumers on the Single Market, adopted in November 2025. In 2026, DG JUST will organise three flagship events in the consumer policy area: the European Consumer Summit, the Ministerial Meeting on Consumer Policy (organised together with the Irish Presidency), and the International Product Safety Week.

DG JUST will also continue to stress test consumer policy. A new Implementation Dialogue will be organised in 2026 to get feedback from stakeholders in view of facilitating the implementation of policies and the simplification of rules. In addition, DG JUST will organise the 2026 edition of the Youth Policy Dialogue on consumer policy, with the participation of Commissioner McGrath, to engage young people and youth organisations in shaping consumer policy and to ensure that the perspectives of the younger generations are reflected in policy discussions.

As announced in the Commission Work Programme, the adoption of the proposal for the Digital Fairness Act (DFA) is planned for early autumn 2026. The DFA will address the problems such as (i) dark patterns that can unfairly influence consumer decisions; (ii) addictive designs that incentivise consumers to keep using a service or spend more money; (iii) problematic commercial practices of social media influencers; (iv) unfair personalisation practices; and (v) issues with digital contracts and subscriptions. The protection of minors will be

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<sup>(5)</sup> This specific objective also contributes to the general objective “Protecting our democracy, upholding our values” as illustrated in the Commission Work Programme 2026, where the Digital Fairness Act was included under the general objective “Protecting our democracy, upholding our values”.

a key priority. The DFA will also clarify and simplify the existing rules where possible, without compromising the high level of consumer protection.

DG JUST will prepare the implementation report on the the Digital Content Directive (EU) 2019/770 and the Sale of Goods Directive (EU) 2019/771 by the end of 2026.

DG JUST will also focus on the timely and correct transposition of Directive 2024/1799 on promoting the repair of goods. We will continue to support Member States in implementing the directive and will organise at least one workshop on its transposition. In addition, DG JUST plans to adopt a second Commission delegated directive to update Annex II to the Directive.

Following its February 2025 Communication '*A comprehensive EU toolbox for safe and sustainable e-commerce*', the Commission announced in the 2030 Consumer Agenda the revision of the Consumer Protection Cooperation (CPC) Regulation (EU) 2017/2394 as one of the measures needed to strengthen enforcement and address the challenges of e-commerce. The adoption of a proposal for a revised CPC Regulation is planned for early autumn 2026, potentially together with the DFA. The main objective of this initiative is to make enforcement more effective to better protect consumers' rights, especially in the context of large-scale infringements of consumer law, and to contribute to ensuring a fairer level-playing field for compliant traders in the EU.

Throughout 2026, the Commission will work with Member States and stakeholders to facilitate the correct and timely implementation of the revised Directive on Alternative Dispute Resolution. DG JUST will organise transposition workshops for competent authorities and launch the digital tool to inform consumers on redress mechanisms. A call for grants will be launched with an envelope of EUR 1.5 million targeting both Alternative Dispute Resolution entities and qualified entities under the Representative Actions Directive to improve their infrastructure, capacity building, digitalisation and awareness raising.

DG JUST will continue to strongly support the European Consumer Centres (ECC-Net) to further consolidate their capacity to advise and assist consumers when they encounter problems with cross-border transactions.

DG JUST will oversee the implementation of key legislative files adopted in 2023–2024, including the Consumer Credit Directive, the Distance Marketing of Financial Services Directive and the Empowering Consumers for the Green Transition Directive. Work will focus on supporting Member States in the transposition and enforcement of these instruments, providing guidance to ensure consistent interpretation, and promoting the uptake of (new) consumer rights, in particular as regards information on product durability and the reminder of the existing legal guarantee. DG JUST will also begin to support Member States in transposing the revised Package Travel Directive (EU) 2015/2302 (which aims to make the protection of travellers more effective), in particular by organising transposition workshops.

DG JUST will further strengthen its role in supporting and coordinating actions of the Consumer Protection Cooperation (CPC) Network to tackle widespread and cross-border breaches of consumer legislation in key market sectors. The focus will remain on unfair commercial practices and unfair contract terms in digital and e-commerce environments, as well as on misleading environmental claims and other issues related to sustainable consumption.

DG JUST will also design and coordinate the yearly large-scale thematic consumer law compliance screenings ('sweep') of EU and non-EU traders, as well as the second product safety sweep stemming from the General Product Safety Regulation (GPSR). DG JUST will continue to support digitalisation and the use of AI in consumer enforcement.

DG JUST will continue a wide range of activities to support the effective implementation of the Representative Actions Directive (EU) 2020/1828, by increasing the operational capacity of qualified entities that are enabled to carry out the representative actions and by strengthening cooperation between Member States' national contact points and members of the judiciary. EC-REACT, a restricted internet platform run by DG JUST, will continue to facilitate the cross-border cooperation among these actors. DG JUST will continue to carry out transposition checks, including opening EU dialogues with Member States and, if needed, non-conformity infringements proceedings.

In the field of product safety, the Commission will continue to fully support the implementation and enforcement of the GPSR, which took effect on 13 December 2024 and provides an updated EU framework for general product safety. In the framework of stress-testing the acquis, a General Product Safety Regulation reality check through the GPSR Businesses Sounding Board is planned in November 2026. Among other things, this Reality Check will help get input into the first evaluation of the GPSR's online marketplace obligations linked to the removal of illegal online content by end 2027. We will also actively contribute to the work on the review of the Market Surveillance Regulation to make product safety enforcement more efficient.

In 2026, DG JUST will organise the largest coordinated activities for product safety (CASP) to date, covering 11 activities amounting to EUR 5,000,000, which will focus on many new aspects that market surveillance authorities have asked for. In 2026 DG JUST will finalise a study on e-vulnerability, an ongoing CASP activity on mental health and continue the work with OECD on the risks posed by new technology products.

Additionally, and to be able to continue monitoring the ever-increasing threat of dangerous products entering our Single Market, DG JUST will actively incorporate AI technologies into the Safety Gate Rapid Alert System for dangerous non-food products. The Commission will also further enhance the eSurveillance WebCrawler. The IT application developed by the European Commission detects products that have been notified in Safety Gate and are still sold or reappear in web shops and online marketplaces.

On the international scene, DG JUST's efforts will also focus on improving cooperation to enhance global product safety, tackling product safety at the source and aiming to increase product safety globally. Initiatives with international partners like Canada, China, the UK, and the US are ongoing. DG JUST will carry on its work with partner organisations like the OECD, and UNCTAD, including by funding studies and workshops. DG JUST will continue the EU-Japan Informal Dialogue on Consumer Policy, fostering exchanges on sustainability, digitalisation and vulnerable consumers. DG JUST will also remain an active member of the OECD Consumer Policy Committee (CCP).

At operational level, DG JUST will monitor and support EU-funded projects promoting debt advice and consumer education, helping citizens to build financial resilience and make responsible economic decisions. The Consumer Data Dashboard will be operational in 2026, providing an

interactive, data-driven overview of key consumer indicators, and insights into market developments and consumer conditions across the EU.

## General objective 5: Protecting our democracy, upholding our values <sup>(6)</sup>

### Specific objective 5.1: Strengthened rule of law in the EU

DG JUST will continue to develop and apply all the instruments in the rule of law toolbox to prevent challenges from emerging and address concerns where they arise. DG JUST together with SG as co-lead service will further consolidate the Annual Rule of Law Report at the centre of an integrated annual rule of law cycle with a common rhythm, clear milestones, and contributions from all institutions. The focus will be on closing the existing loopholes, also in view of the challenges identified in the Rule of Law Report. The single market dimension of the Rule of Law Report introduced in 2025 will be further expanded on. Enlargement countries will be included in the Rule of Law cycle if and when they are ready. DG JUST will also contribute to the on-going work on strengthening the link between respect for the rule of law and EU funds, in particular in the context of the negotiations on the next Multiannual Financial Framework.

DG JUST will further develop the Annual EU Justice Scoreboard, and its comparative overview of the efficiency, quality, and independence of national justice systems, including the indicators relevant for the single market.

### Specific objective 5.2: Strengthened application of fundamental rights

DG JUST will continue to strengthen the application of the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights, ensuring a high level of data protection throughout the EU, combating hate speech and hate crime, and promoting the protection and mainstreaming of children's rights across all relevant policies within the EU and internationally.

DG JUST will start implementing the actions presented in the EU Strategy for Civil Society, adopted in November 2025. The Strategy has set up a framework to strengthen the Commission's engagement with civil society and to take measures to protect and support civil society organisations and human rights defenders in their day-to-day activities, including through funding. In 2026, DG JUST will set up a Civil Society Platform to better facilitate dialogue with civil society organisations that work in the area of EU values and rights, specifically those that work to uphold fundamental rights, democracy and the rule of law.

In 2026, the Commission will present its annual report on the application of the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights. Following the adoption of the mid-term review of the Charter strategy

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<sup>(6)</sup> For more details on the deliverables please see the performance tables in [Annex 1](#).

in December 2025, the Commission will begin to implement the policy measures it sets out. These include better training on the Charter in particular through the publication of 53 online courses, as well as the creation of an official network of the Charter focal points to support the Charter mainstreaming at national level.

Within the implementation of the new European Judicial Training Strategy judicial training on fundamental rights will remain important for building justice systems which respect the EU's founding values of the rule of law, democracy and equality. These aspects will be reflected in the priorities of the 2026 calls for proposals for both action and operating grants.

As part of its continuous efforts to tackle illegal hate speech and hate crime, in 2026, DG JUST will start the preparatory work for a possible legislative initiative based on the areas of crime covered by Article 83 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU) to harmonise the definition of hate offences committed online. In addition, we will continue to support the implementation of the Code of Conduct on countering illegal hate speech online under the Digital Services Act and to provide guidance and tools for national authorities.

DG JUST will continue to mainstream **children's rights** across the range of EU policies, ensuring synergies with new Commission initiatives (such as the Action Plan on Cyberbullying and the strengthening of the European Child Guarantee). This will respond to emerging challenges and to the Call to Action that children presented to participants in the EU Forum on the Rights of the Child on behalf of the EU Children's Participation Platform- which will be strengthened. DG JUST will continue to implement the Recommendation on integrated child protection systems with Member States and stakeholders, through the EU Network for Children's Rights, fostering mutual learning. DG JUST will keep supporting the preparation of the Action Plan on cyberbullying, ensuring that it responds to children's concerns, and is centred on their rights, while ensuring consistency with the EU legal framework and tackling often underlying discriminations. DG JUST will continue to support the full protection of the rights of Ukrainian children affected by Russia's war of aggression. In particular by representing the EU in the Council of Europe Consultation Group on the Children of Ukraine, including as regards unlawfully deported or transferred Ukrainian children, and participation in the preparation for the Summit of the International Coalition for the Return of Ukrainian Children, to be held in 2026, as regards DG JUST's policies, notably accountability for crimes against Ukrainian children, and child-friendly access to justice and access to remedies.

DG JUST will continue to actively support the discussions in the Council and the European Parliament, and subsequently the interinstitutional negotiations, on the two GDPR simplification proposals: the 4<sup>th</sup> Omnibus package, including the proposal simplifying the GDPR record-keeping obligation, and the Digital Omnibus, containing a number of targeted amendments to the GDPR and the Data Protection Regulation for EU institutions, bodies, offices and agencies ('EUDPR').

DG JUST will also issue the second report on the application of the data protection Law Enforcement Directive (LED) by May 2026, contributing to the continuous stress-testing of the acquis.

Targeted amendments to the EUDPR will be prepared in the context of the Criminal Law package. DG JUST will further harmonise and consolidate the data protection regime for processing of operational personal data by JHA agencies.

To continue to promote safe and free data flows with international partners, DG JUST should use and further develop all the available transfer tools adapted to different situations and legal frameworks. To this end, the existing sets of Standard Contractual Clauses should be complemented with additional sets of clauses which cater for specific transfer scenarios. The adequacy decision with Brazil should be adopted, adequacy talks with Kenya should be concluded, and the review of the existing adequacy decision with Korea and the extension of the existing adequacy decision with Japan be completed. In addition, exploratory adequacy talks should be held with other key partner countries and international organisations.

On EU citizenship rights, DG JUST will contribute to the Citizens Omnibus announced in the Commission Work Programme on potential aspects relevant to DG JUST's mission, notably on aspects related to free movement of persons. In addition, DG JUST will continue its efforts on the implementation and enforcement of the EU Emergency Travel Document Directive 2019/997 and will work with the Council to ensure the adoption of the pending amendment to the Consular Protection Directive 2015/637.

## Specific objective 5.3: An improved framework to protect democracy in the EU

The Commission announced in its Work Programme that it will adopt the new Anti-Corruption Strategy. It will set out the EU's priorities and its action to prevent and fight corruption in a comprehensive, coherent and strategic manner within and beyond the EU, allowing action against corruption to be mainstreamed in all relevant policy areas. The new Strategy will cover actions aimed at better protecting citizens, better coordination in the various EU policies. DG JUST will support the adoption of the Directive on combating corruption by criminal law by the co-legislators and will support Member States as regards its implementation.

In the context of a continuous stress-testing of the acquis, DG JUST will present an evaluation of the Whistleblower Protection Directive. The report will assess whether the rules are working as intended and whether any additional measures or amendments might be needed. The Commission will hold extensive consultation activities with various stakeholders to gather evidence on the Directive's effectiveness, efficiency, relevance, coherence and EU added value. DG JUST will continue to carry out transposition checks. This work could include opening EU dialogues with Member States and, if necessary, non-conformity infringement proceedings. DG JUST will also continue to seek agreement on the Commission's proposal for a Directive on transparency of interest representation carried out on behalf of third countries.

DG JUST will deepen and intensify its work to address the challenges to our democratic systems by implementing the relevant actions announced in the European Democracy Shield, an operational framework to protect and promote democracy. The Shield is aimed at empowering strong and resilient democracies by reinforcing situational awareness and response capacity to:

- (i) safeguard the integrity of the information space;
- (ii) strengthen democratic institutions, fair

elections and free media; and (iii) boost societal resilience and citizens' engagement. In this context, the Commission will set up a new European Centre for Democratic Resilience.

As part of the roll-out of the Shield, DG JUST will in particular reinforce cooperation with Member States within the European Cooperation Network on Elections, supporting common tools and products, including a repository of common references and standards for electoral processes. Particular areas of work will include the responsible use of AI in electoral processes, election integrity and funding in political life. DG JUST will also develop a Commission Recommendation and Guide of Member State best practices on the safety in political life. The adoption of the Commission Recommendation is expected to be accompanied by a high-level event. DG JUST will follow up on the anti-SLAPP package, by organising a high-level event on combatting SLAPPs (strategic lawsuits against public participation) to support the review of the anti-SLAPP Recommendation and by renewing the anti-SLAPPs Expert Group. DG JUST will also strengthen its work on citizens' participation by reinforcing work with national authorities, making a training package available, and organising a civic tech hackathon and a civic tech hub. DG JUST's other areas of work will include education on citizenship, and the role of the private sector in defending and promoting democracy.

Strengthening EU citizenship, by protecting and reinforcing the rights that come with citizenship, will also continue to be a priority for DG JUST. For 2026 this will include the adoption of an EU Citizenship Report, at a timing to be decided also in light of the announced citizens omnibus, which may include relevant proposals from the angle of EU citizenship rights.

DG JUST will also support the implementation of the Directive on the Right to vote and to stand as a candidate in elections to the European Parliament and will further support the implementation of the Regulation on Transparency and Targeting of Political Advertising, in cooperation with Member States and stakeholders, on which an Implementation Dialogue is also planned.

The CERV programme remains the main funding programme under which the above-mentioned initiatives in the field of fundamental rights, citizenship and democracy will be supported – with a view to such support to continue under the proposed AgoraEU programme in the next multiannual financial framework.

## Specific objective 5.4: A more developed European area of justice with enhanced judicial cooperation in civil and criminal matters

In the field of judicial cooperation in criminal matters, as a follow-up to the High-Level Forum on the Future of EU Criminal Justice, in 2026 DG JUST could consider the adoption of a Communication/Staff Working Document.

DG JUST will continue to support the implementation of the Environmental Crime Directive 2024/1203, whose transposition deadline expires in May 2026. DG JUST will assess the most appropriate measures to ensure its correct and timely transposition.

In 2026, DG JUST will adopt the evaluation report on the implementation and impact of the Regulation on the establishment of the **European Public Prosecutor's Office (EPPO)** as well as the third report on the Directive on the fight against fraud to the Union's financial interests by means of criminal law (PIF Directive). This report will assess the impact of national law transposing the Directive on the prevention of fraud and also contain a proportionate evaluation of the Directive. DG JUST will also prepare, together with OLAF, a joint impact assessment that will support the proposals to revise the EPPO Regulation, the OLAF Regulation and the PIF Directive that are planned for the end of 2026.

These initiatives will feed into the Commission's broader work on the review of the EU Anti-Fraud Architecture (AFA), of which, among others, the EPPO, Eurojust and the PIF Directive are key elements. DG JUST will therefore work closely with the other services on the Communication on the review of the AFA, which is also due by the end of 2026. The review of the AFA will represent a major opportunity to streamline the relations between the different AFA actors (EPPO, OLAF, Eurojust and Europol), improve their synergies and ultimately contribute to the simplification of the existing framework. In addition, DG JUST will continue its work on the infringement proceedings for non-compliance of Member States' legislation with the PIF Directive. DG JUST will also provide the secretarial support to the independent selection panel that will interview the candidates for the post of European Prosecutor from those Member States whose European Prosecutors' mandate will expire in 2026.

In the second quarter of 2026, DG JUST will propose a revision of Eurojust's founding Regulation, to strengthen the Agency's efficiency in combating cross-border crime and new criminal threats. This work will be coordinated with the revision of the EUDPR (see above under specific objective 5.2) and the revision of Europol's founding Regulation. This work is also part of the AFA review.

DG JUST also aims to propose, in the fourth quarter of 2026, the creation of an IT solution offering a secure and efficient data exchange mechanism for the EU Member States and, potentially, EU agencies and bodies involved in the fight against cross-border crime. This mechanism seeks to improve coordination between the stakeholders by ensuring that national prosecution authorities and EU bodies and agencies can readily verify if a suspect or accused person is the subject of investigations in other Member States or in other EU bodies/agencies.

DG JUST intends to table a proposal to amend the European Investigation Order Directive (EIO). The initiative seeks to address shortcomings identified in the 10th Round of Mutual Evaluations and to further strengthen cross-border judicial cooperation by regulating additional investigative measures. It also aims to establish common rules for the use of videoconferencing for the participation of suspects and accused persons (and possibly victims of crime) in court hearings in criminal proceedings from another Member State and related procedural safeguards.

DG JUST, in cooperation with DG HOME, also aims to clarify the scope of the e-evidence package, in particular as regards service providers that are established and offer their services in only one Member State, possibly through a legislative amendment. Moreover, DG JUST, in cooperation with DG HOME, will present one or more proposals for mandates for international negotiations on an international agreement on e-evidence with third countries.

In the context of enhancing cross-border criminal asset recovery, DG JUST intends to publish a guide on the application of Regulation (EU) 2018/1805 on the mutual recognition of freezing and confiscation orders and its interplay with other Union legal instruments but also other relevant instruments for judicial and law enforcement cooperation as well as cooperation between Financial Intelligence Units (the anti-money laundering *acquis*).

DG JUST also intends to provide a synthesis of relevant case law of the Court of Justice on legal professional privilege and to highlight the protections for lawyer-client confidentiality that are already enshrined in the EU *acquis*, in particular in Directives 2013/48 on the right of access to a lawyer and Directive 2016/800 on procedural safeguards for children.

As regards victims' rights, DG JUST is looking forward to the final adoption of the amendment to the Victims' Rights Directive and aims to adopt a new EU Strategy on Victims' Rights for 2026-2030.

Throughout 2026, DG JUST will continue to pay close attention to the Directives on procedural rights for suspects and accused persons by handling ongoing infringement proceedings and proposing appropriate next steps, such as reasoned opinions or referrals to the Court.

In the field of judicial cooperation in civil and commercial matters, DG JUST will support the final adoption of the proposed directive on harmonising certain aspects of substantive law on insolvency proceedings and the proposal on the protection of adults in cross-border situations (a package of a Regulation and a Council Decision) in 2026. DG JUST will also continue to facilitate the interinstitutional negotiations on the proposal on the recognition of parenthood.

The transposition period of the Anti-SLAPP Directive will end in May 2026. Ahead of that, DG JUST will continue its efforts to support the Member States in their transposition work and to encourage them to be ambitious in their national Anti-SLAPP legislation in line with Commission's 2022 horizontal Anti-SLAPP Recommendation.

The Commission will continue its work towards a review of Brussels Ia Regulation, to be published in 2027, with an open public consultation and other preparatory actions in 2026. As part of the review, the Regulation will be evaluated back-to-back with the impact assessment.

DG JUST will further strengthen its work to ensure the correct application of existing civil justice instruments within the European Judicial Network in civil and commercial matters. This work includes six annual two-day meetings with the Member States and stakeholders, several ongoing working groups, regular bilateral meetings between Member States and preparing or updating new practice guides.

In international forum work will continue in the context of the Hague Conference on Private International law (HCCH), UNCITRAL, Unidroit and the Council of Europe.

As part of the implementation of the new European Judicial Training Strategy DG JUST will address emerging needs and practical challenges in applying EU judicial cooperation and mutual recognition instruments in the area of civil, commercial and criminal law through training, with a particular focus on digitalisation to ensure modern and efficient delivery of justice across borders,

which will be reflected in the relevant priorities of the 2026 calls for proposals for both action and operating grants under the Justice programme.

## PART 3. A modern and sustainable public administration: outputs in 2026

This part sets out the main actions that DG JUST intends to take in 2026 to modernise its functioning. For more details on the deliverables please see the performance tables in [Annex 2 on page 41](#).

The internal control framework supports sound management and decision-making. In particular, it ensures that risks to the achievement of objectives are addressed and reduced to acceptable levels through cost-effective controls.

The Directorate-General for Justice and Consumers has established an internal control system tailored to its particular characteristics and circumstances. The effective functioning of this internal control system will be assessed on an ongoing basis throughout the year and will be subject to an annual assessment covering all internal control principles.

### A. Human resource management <sup>(7)</sup>

Building on the foundation laid in previous years, DG JUST's 2026 human resources (HR) strategy will focus on continuity, consolidating the results achieved, and strategic adaptation to evolving political priorities. The HR situation remains dynamic, requiring continual monitoring and adjustment to ensure that DG JUST delivers its key objectives effectively. The results of the 2025 staff survey will have to be critically analysed in 2026 to inform follow-up actions and further improve staff satisfaction and engagement.

Key activities in 2026 will focus on:

- Maintaining a proactive approach to strategic workforce planning to regularly monitor HR needs in light of shifting political priorities, and to address, where feasible, workload peaks.
- Investing in capacity building and skills development to optimise the use of the learning and development budget earmarked for DG JUST (e.g. for team-building events or skills development courses), and participating in all corporate training initiatives such as the Management Development Programme. Options for better knowledge management within DG JUST will be explored in 2026.
- Maintaining the emphasis on staff well-being and engagement: the 2025 actions under the JUST well-being action plan will be consolidated into a set of activities for 2026 that will combine recurrent actions (e.g. continuation of the WOSSOP programme (Wellbeing Online Sessions Sharing Our Passions)) with new ones including follow-up actions to the 2025 staff survey. Efforts to leverage digital tools to support modern and flexible ways of working (drawing on the success of the AI fair held in October 2025) will also be continued.

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<sup>(7)</sup> For more details on the deliverables please see the performance tables in [Annex 2](#).

DG JUST remains committed to fostering a diverse, equitable and inclusive workforce, and is committed to reaching the corporate gender equality targets in forthcoming open management functions in 2026.

## B. Digital transformation and data management <sup>(8)</sup>

### Digital Transformation

DG JUST's digital transformation is driven by strong governance, with strategic oversight provided by Senior and Middle Management and the IT Steering Committee. Leadership and coordination are ensured through the joint efforts of the Chief Technology Officer, Chief Information Officer, Chief Data Officer and Digital Transformation Officer, supported by the network of Digital Transformation Coordinators and the Data Protection Officer. As DG JUST contributes to the Digital Transformation of the Judiciary within the European Union, it operates under a dedicated policy domain digital strategy. In 2026 DG JUST will continue to promote a digital culture through targeted IT and digital skills training. It will identify staff needs recommend relevant EU Learn courses, and organise events to strengthen digital skills. Cybersecurity awareness will be reinforced through regular CyberAware briefings, training, and campaigns to foster a security-minded culture. Collaboration will also be enhanced through M365 and Teams, supported by digital workplace sessions, M365 Champions, and success stories showcasing improved productivity and cooperation between units.

The use of AI in DG JUST will be high on the agenda, with the aim to mainstream the use of the Corporate AI tools (GPT@EC, eBriefing, eReply). drawing on the success of the AI fair that took place in October 2025, where policy officers presented DG JUST use cases of corporate AI application. More such use cases will be identified and lunchtime presentation will be organised in 2026.

With the aim of taking a holistic approach to improving the digital workplace and benefit from new technologies, the M365 champions network was merged with the AI ambassadors' networks in DG JUST. In 2026, this merge is expected to produce synergeies between collaboration and adoption of AI tools.

Building on its strong performance of ensuring that policy initiatives in the Commission Work Programme undergo digital impact assessments, DG JUST continues to advance the Digitalisation of Justice legislative package, including systems like JUDEX (GovIS ID IS-1278). DG JUST has the legal obligation to digitalise some 30 legal instruments by 2031. In 2026, it should provide the Member States with the Reference Implementation for JUDEX supporting the European Production and Preservation Orders to go live by the legal deadline of 18 August 2026.

In 2026 policy and IT units in DG JUST will continue to collaborate early on the design of digital solutions, adopting best practices from the Better Regulation Tool #28. The local digital-ready

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<sup>(8)</sup> For more details on the deliverables please see the performance tables in [Annex 2](#).

polymaking (DRPM) support task force will further support DRPM, supported by continuous staff training through EU Learn and the EU Academy.

In 2026 DG JUST will pursue process improvement, simplification, and the rationalisation of tools, ensuring that business processes are systematically documented. Efforts to strengthen data interoperability include the publication of datasets on data.europa.eu, the application of FAIR (Findable, Accessible, Interoperable, Reusable) principles, and continuous improvements to data quality and documentation. These actions are complemented by the advancement of major digital initiatives that enhance cross-border interoperability, notably Safety Gate, the Digitalisation of Justice, and the e-Justice Portal. Innovation will be further promoted through the use of AI, data analytics and predictive modelling, including the work on the Safety Gate AI Alert Assistant proof of concept. Staff are encouraged to adopt AI tools and participate in related training, supported by AI Champions who promote the responsible and effective AI use across the Directorate-General.

DG JUST is modernising its digital landscape by phasing out outdated systems and migrating Safety Gate to cloud-ready architectures. Continuous monitoring ensures that technical components remain up to date and aligned with the IT product roadmap. Reuse is prioritised across all IT developments, leveraging the RSP catalogue and corporate solutions in line with the Reuse-before-Buy-before-Build (RBB) principle. Cloud adoption continues to expand, with the systematic migration of systems, including the e-Justice platform, to secure and scalable infrastructures.

DG JUST will continue to maintain a robust approach to the digital workplace and cybersecurity, supported by its ongoing asset inventory, vulnerability management and continuous security assessments. Its commitment to sustainability is reflected in efforts to digitise judicial processes, increase the use of virtual meetings, and adopt energy-efficient cloud solutions. Together, these initiatives strengthen the department's resilience, security and environmental responsibility, contributing to a modern, sustainable and trusted digital ecosystem across the European Commission.

## Data Protection

With regard to compliance with data protection rules, DG JUST will continue to oversee processing operations and ensure that the corresponding records in the Data Protection Management System are duly updated, in accordance with the objective established by the Data Protection Officer for biannual reviews. In relation to the rights of data subjects and potential data breaches, DG will maintain its established administrative practices, supported by the Data Protection Coordinator (DPC). To further enhance data protection compliance and awareness, staff members will be continuously encouraged to participate in targeted training sessions organised by DPC, the Office of the Data Protection Officer, as well as in other relevant courses available through the EU Learn platform.

The baseline for the percentage of staff trained on data protection compliance, combined with the percentage of public records of processing operations that have been reviewed within the last two years, is 58,8%.

## C. Sound financial management <sup>(9)</sup>

To ensure the legality and regularity of transactions, DG JUST implements control activities as set out in its financial guide and ensures that budgetary needs are assessed carefully and that resources are allocated effectively during the year. These control activities encompass:

- the performance of *ex ante* financial controls,
- the deployment of an audit strategy for *ex post* audits,
- the timely application of financial corrections, when needed,
- a regular follow-up on the state of implementation of all outstanding audit recommendations issued by the Internal Audit Service (IAS) and European Court of Auditors (ECA).

These control activities will cover all operations related to DG JUST's expenditure.

DG JUST will continue to carry out corrective actions to address weaknesses in the error rate in the non-audited population, such as the lump sum type funding scheme; close monitoring of ongoing projects by checking if the deliverables have been submitted on time; reinforced monitoring (e.g. for lack of operational/financial capacity; risk of double funding, risk of plagiarism etc.).

DG JUST acts as partner DG for three agencies and one Union body which received budget implementation tasks from the legislative authorities: the Institute for Gender Equality (EIGE), the Fundamental Rights Agency (FRA), the European Agency for Judicial Cooperation (EUROJUST) and the European Public Prosecutor's Office (EPPO).

The overall control objective is to ensure that DG JUST is fully informed in good time of any relevant management issues encountered by the agencies, in order to possibly mitigate any potential financial and/or reputational impacts.

The agencies and the union body EPPO have full responsibility for the implementation of their budget, DG Justice and Consumers being responsible for the regular payment of the contributions established by the Budgetary Authority.

In 2026, DG JUST will ensure that appropriate preventive and corrective mechanisms are in place to maintain the estimated amount at risk at payment under 2% (baseline 2024: 0.89%). The estimated risk at closure is expected to be lower, due to the implementation of future corrections.

## D. Fraud risk management <sup>(10)</sup>

DG JUST developed and has implemented its own anti-fraud strategy since 2012, based on the methodology provided by OLAF. It was last updated on 22 May 2024 following a fraud risk assessment. Its implementation is being monitored and reported on annually.

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<sup>(9)</sup> For more details on the deliverables please see the performance tables in [Annex 2](#).

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To minimise the risk of fraud, as identified following both the fraud risk assessment and the evaluation of the previous anti-fraud strategy (and detailed in the updated 2024 anti-fraud strategy), DG JUST will continue to carry out targeted anti-fraud actions in 2026. These include: increasing fraud awareness among members of staff; discussions at management level on how to further strengthen the culture of trust and zero tolerance of fraud in DG JUST, as well as the professional integrity of its staff members; and regular attendance at meetings of the Fraud Prevention and Detection Network, to optimise cooperation with OLAF.

In 2026, DG JUST will continue to actively contribute to the implementation of the Commission Anti-Fraud Strategy (CAFS), and in particular the revised CAFS action plan adopted in 2023. Specifically, DG JUST is leading in the implementation of action 30c on the transposition and implementation of the PIF Directive on the protection of the EU's financial interests. It will co-lead with the Directorate-General for Communications Networks, Content and Technology (DG CNECT) on the implementation of action 32 on protecting and empowering investigative journalists as an important source of information on suspected fraud, ensuring also that Member States take appropriate measures to put in practice the Commission Recommendation on SLAPP (see performance table in Annex 2.D.).

In 2026, DG JUST will start the work related to the control strategy. In 2025, DG JUST has been a pilot DG for SUMMA planning tool, and therefore, it is expected to have a smooth transition in 2026 due to the procedure in place.

## E. Sound environmental management <sup>(11)</sup>

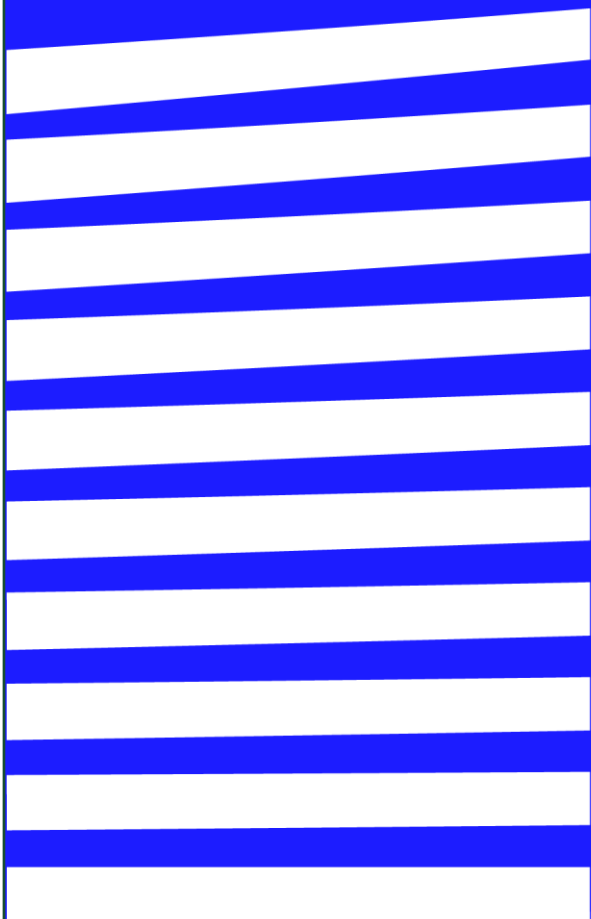
In its Communication on the European Green Deal the Commission committed itself to lead by example in this field. The Commission is working to reduce the direct environmental impact of its own activities through EMAS, the Eco-Management and Audit Scheme. DG JUST aims to contribute by following the Building Energy Savings Together (BEST) actions for both its buildings to the greatest extent possible. It will also follow the EC Guidelines for sustainable events.

In line with the multi-annual common objective DG JUST is also following the target of reducing by 50% emissions from staff professional travel compared to 2019 baseline, which is 657 t CO<sub>2</sub>eq.

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<sup>(11)</sup> For more details on the deliverables please see the performance tables in [Annex 2](#).

# ANNEXES



# ANNEX 1: Performance tables – delivering on Commission priorities in 2026



General objective 1: **A new plan for Europe’s sustainable prosperity and competitiveness**

*Specific Objective 1.1: Improved conditions for companies, including SMEs, through EU company law and corporate governance rules, to set up, attract investment and grow sustainably in the Single Market*


*Related to spending programme(s): ...*

## Main outputs in 2026:

### New policy initiatives

Output	Indicator	Target
28th Regime for Innovative Companies 	Adoption	Q1 2026
Revision of Shareholder Rights Directive 	Adoption	Q4 2026

### Evaluations and fitness checks – part of the stress testing of the EU acquis

Output	Indicator	Target
Evaluation of the Shareholder Rights Directive 	Adoption	Q4 2026

### Major public consultations

Output	Indicator	Target
Call for evidence and open public consultation on the evaluation and review of the Shareholder Rights Directive	Launch	Q1 2026

### Major implementation activities and enforcement actions

Output	Indicator	Target
Implementing act under Directive 2025/25 (Upgrading digital company law)	Adoption	Q3 2026
Call for evidence and open public consultation for the guidelines under Directive 2024/1760 (Corporate sustainability due diligence)	Launch	Q1 2026
Recommendation of model contractual terms for data access and use and standard contractual clauses for cloud computing	Adoption	Q1/Q2 2026

Output	Indicator	Target
Establishing a discussion forum and process to deliver the legal guidance on automated contracting envisaged under the Apply AI Strategy	Kick-off of activities	Q1/Q2 202
<b>Other major outputs</b>		
Output	Indicator	Target
Report on the implementation of the Digital Content and Sale of Goods directives	Publication	Q4 2026

**General objective 1: A new plan for Europe's sustainable prosperity and competitiveness**

*Specific Objective 1.2: Justice system adapted to digitalisation*

*Related to spending programme(s): ...*

**Main outputs in 2026:**

**Major implementation activities and enforcement actions**

Output	Indicator	Target
Implementing act on technical specifications for the decentralised IT system set up by the Digitalisation Regulation	Adoption	Q1 2026
Implementing act on the European Electronic Access Point	Adoption	Q1 2026
European Judicial Training Conference - launch event of the Judicial Training Forum	160 participants at event	Q1 2026

**Other major outputs**

Output	Indicator	Target
Digital Justice Strategy: Living repository to be made available on the European e-Justice Portal	Repository live on the Portal	Q4 2026
Digital Justice Strategy: IT Toolbox for Justice for Member States to share tools	Tools included in the dedicated space on Interoperable Europe Portal	Q4 2026
2026 Judicial Training Report	Publication	Q4 2026
European Training Platform – training toolbox	New tools in toolbox	Q1-Q4 2026

General objective 2: A new era for European defence and security

*Specific Objective 2.1: Accountability ensured for Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine and more effective fight against violation of Union restrictive measures*

*Related to spending programme(s): ...*

Main outputs in 2026:

Major implementation activities and enforcement actions

Output	Indicator	Target
Infringement proceedings on Directive 2024/1226 on the criminalisation of sanctions violations	Closures of infringement proceedings for non-communication and opening of non-conformity cases	throughout 2026
Signature of the Enlarged Partial Agreement on the Management Committee of the Special Tribunal	Adoption	Q1 2026
Conclusion of the Enlarged Partial Agreement on the Management Committee of the Special Tribunal	Adoption	Q1 2026
Conclusion of the Convention on the International Claims Commission for Ukraine	Adoption	Q1 2026
Authorisation to participate in the formal negotiations on the international agreement on cooperation between the Union and the Special Tribunal	Adoption	End of 2026



General objective 3: Supporting people, and strengthening our societies and our social models

*Specific Objective 3.1: Fighting discrimination and promoting equality for all*

*Related to spending programme(s): CERV*

Main outputs in 2026:

New policy initiatives

Output	Indicator	Target
Gender Equality Strategy 2026-2030 	Adoption	Q1 2026
Communication on enhancing the Strategy for the rights of persons with disabilities up to 2030 	Adoption	Q2 2026
Anti-racism Strategy 2026-2030	Adoption	Q1 2026

## Implementation dialogues and significant reality checks

Output	Indicator	Target
Implementation Dialogue on the Care Strategy	Completion	2026
Reality Check on the Care Strategy	Completion	2026
2026 Annual Progress Report on Simplification, Implementation, and Enforcement for Commissioner Lahbib	Completion	Q4 2026

## Other major outputs

Output	Indicator	Target
Implementing act under Directive (EU) 2024/2841	Adoption	Q4 2026
EU Diversity Month	Awareness raising campaign completed	By May 2026
European Capitals of Inclusion and Diversity Awards	Number of applications received	45 eligible applications
	Number of initiatives registered on an online map	At least 200 initiatives registered by participating organisations
Study on conversion practices (LGBTIQ+ equality strategy)	Publication	Q4 2026
Creation of an LGBTIQ+ Policy Forum (LGBTIQ+ equality strategy)	First meeting	Q1/Q2 2026
Roundtable on equality data (LGBTIQ+ equality strategy)	Meeting	Q4 2026
Report on the application of the Racial Equality and Employment Equality Directives	Adoption	Q1 2026
Commission Report on the progress made in the implementation of national Roma strategic frameworks	Adoption	Q2 2026
Communication to reply to the ECI “Ban on conversion practices in the European Union”	Adoption	Q2 2026
Communication to reply to the ECI “My voice, my choice”	Adoption	Q1 2026
Access City Award	Number of participating cities	40
European Day of Persons with Disabilities Conference	Number of participants	400
Call for proposal: CERV-2026-GE Action grants in the area of anti-discrimination and equality as well as in the area of fighting against violence	Number of action grants awarded	55

Output	Indicator	Target
Call for proposal: CERV-2026-EQUINET Operating grants to promote equality and preventing and combating inequalities and discrimination.	Number of operating grants	1
Calls for proposal: CERV-2026-OG-SGA CERV-2026-OG-DISA-GSA Operating grants in the area of anti-discrimination, gender equality, fighting against violence as well as rights of persons with disabilities.	Number of operating grants	CERV-2026-OG-SGA: 55 CERV-2026-OG-DISA-GSA: 12


General objective 3: Supporting people, and strengthening our societies and our social models

*Specific Objective 3.2: Consumers are empowered and better protected*

*Related to spending programme(s): SMP*

Main outputs in 2026:

New policy initiatives

Output	Indicator	Target
Commission proposal for the Digital Fairness Act 	Adoption	Q4 2026
Revision of CPC Regulation	Adoption	Q4 2026

Implementation dialogues and significant reality checks

Output	Indicator	Target
Implementation Dialogue in the consumer policy area	Completion	2026
GPSR Reality Check	Completion	Q4 2026
2026 Annual Progress Report on Simplification, Implementation, and Enforcement for Commissioner McGrath	Completion	Q4 2026

Major implementation activities and enforcement actions

Output	Indicator	Target
Ensuring adequate transposition of the Representative Actions Directive (EU) 2020/1828	Further steps within the ongoing non-communication infringements procedures (Closures, and as appropriate Reasoned Opinions and Referrals to the CJEU)	Q1 2026

Output	Indicator	Target
Ensuring adequate transposition of the Representative Actions Directive (EU) 2020/1828	EU dialogues and, if necessary, infringement proceedings on non-conformity	throughout 2026
CPC coordinated actions	Number of actions started	4 by Q4 2026
Supporting transposition of the revised ADR Directive (transposition deadline will fall on 2027)	Number of workshops with Member States	at least 1 by Q4 2026
Support transposition of the Directive promoting the repair of goods (transposition deadline: 31 July 2026)	Number of workshops with Member States	at least 1 by Q2 2026
Support transposition of the revised Package Travel Directive following its formal adoption in early 2026 - likely transposition deadline early 2028	Number of workshops with Member States	2
Product Safety Sweep	Number of listings swept by authorities	2,000 listings
CASP 2026	Number of MSAs participating in the different activities	50 MSAs
Improved Product Safety Webcrawler	Number of listings inspected	1 500 000 inspections

### Other major outputs

Output	Indicator	Target
Capacity building of national authorities (events, trainings, behavioural experiments)	Number of behavioural experiments done to support enforcement actions (national/EU level)	at least 5 by Q4 2026
Second Delegated Act updating Annex II of Directive (EU) 2024/1799 promoting the repair of goods (space and combination heaters, vacuum cleaners)	Adoption	Q3 2026

General objective 5: Protecting our democracy, upholding our values

*Specific Objective 5.1: Strengthened rule of law in the Union*

*Related to spending programme(s): CERV*

Main outputs in 2026:

New policy initiatives

Output	Indicator	Target
2026 Rule of Law Report (co-CF with SG)	Adoption	Q3 2026
2026 EU Justice Scoreboard	Adoption	Q2 2026

General objective 5: Protecting our democracy, upholding our values

*Specific Objective 5.2: Strengthened application of fundamental rights*

*Related to spending programme(s): CERV*

Main outputs in 2026:

Major public consultations

Output	Indicator	Target
Consultation for the evaluation of Directive 2019/1937 on the protection of persons reporting breaches of Union law	Targeted consultation (workshops)	Q1 2026

Major implementation activities and enforcement actions

Output	Indicator	Target
Infringement proceedings on the Framework Decision 2008/913 on combating racism and xenophobia	Number of referrals/closures	throughout 2026
Infringement proceedings on Directive 2019/1937 on the protection of persons reporting breaches of Union law	Number of closures of infringement proceedings for non-communication and opening of non-conformity cases	throughout 2026
Annual report on the application of the Charter of Fundamental Rights in the EU	Adoption	Q4 2026
Report on the application of the Data Protection Law Enforcement Directive	Adoption	Q2 2026
Amendments to Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 (EUDPR), in the context of the 'Criminal law package'	Adoption	Q2 2026
Evaluation of compliance with the Schengen acquis (data protection)	Adoption	Q4 2026

Output	Indicator	Target
Infringement proceedings on EU Emergency Travel Document Directive 2019/997	Number of closures of infringement proceedings for non-communication	Throughout 2026
<b>Other major outputs</b>		
Output	Indicator	Target
Consultation and preparatory work (including IA) on the possible legislative initiative on harmonising the definitions of hate offences committed online under Article 83(1) TFEU	Targeted consultation	Q3 2026
14th Meeting of the High Level Group on combating hate speech and hate crime	Event organised	Q4 2026
Relevant actions (where Commission support is mentioned) under the Code of conduct on countering illegal hate speech online	Annual monitoring exercise organised; launch of the online knowledge hub	Q4 2026
Omnibus IV (proposal on simplification of GDPR record-keeping)	Progress/adoption by co-legislators	Q4 2026
Digital Omnibus (GDPR amendments)	Progress by co-legislators	Q4 2026
Launch of the network of Charter focal points	Network established	by Q4 2026
Proposal to amend Consular Protection Directive 2015/637	Adoption by Council	Q3 2026
2 <sup>nd</sup> Contract for the implementation of the EU Children's Participation Platform	Contract signed	Q4 2026
Phase II of the EU-Council of Europe Child-Friendly Justice Project	Contract signed	Q3 2026
Calls for proposal CERV-2026-CHAR-LITI CERV-2026-UV Action grants to promote capacity building and awareness on the EU Charter of fundamental rights	Number of action grants awarded	CERV-2026-CHAR-LITI: 53 CERV-2026-UV: 24
Call for proposal CERV-2026-OG-SGA Operating grants in the area of promoting and protecting Union Values	Number of operating grants awarded	6

Output	Indicator	Target
Call for proposal: CERV-2026-DATA Action grants for national data protection authorities on reaching out to stakeholders in data protection legislation	Number of action grants awarded	8


## General objective 5: Protecting our democracy, upholding our values

### *Specific Objective 5.3: Improved framework to protect democracy in the European Union*

*Related to spending programme(s): CERV*

#### Main outputs in 2026:

##### New policy initiatives

Output	Indicator	Target
Anti-corruption Strategy 	Adoption	Q4 2026
Guidance on the fair, transparent, human-centred and responsible use of AI in electoral processes	Adoption	Q4 2026
Commission Recommendation and Guide of Member State best practices on the safety in political life	Adoption	Q3 2026

##### Evaluations and fitness checks – part of the stress testing of the EU acquis

Output	Indicator	Target
Evaluation of the Whistleblower Protection Directive	Adoption	Q4 2026

##### Implementation dialogues and significant reality checks

Output	Indicator	Target
Implementation Dialogue on Political Advertising	Completion	Q4 2026

##### Major public consultations

Output	Indicator	Target
Consultation on EU citizenship supporting the EU citizenship Report 2026	Consultation carried out	Q3 2026
Consultation on the Anti-Corruption Strategy	Consultation carried out	Q1 2026

## Major implementation activities and enforcement actions

Output	Indicator	Target
Implementing Act with detailed arrangements for the European Repository for political advertisements	Adoption	10 April 2026

## Other major outputs

Output	Indicator	Target
Expert Group on Directive (EU) 2019/1937 (on whistleblower protection)	Meetings held	Q4 2026
Proposal for a Directive establishing harmonised requirements in the internal market on transparency of interest representation carried out on behalf of third countries and amending Directive (EU) 2019/193	Continued progress in the negotiations	throughout 2026
Calls for proposals: CERV-2026-CITIZENS-CIV CERV-2026-CITIZENS-TOWN-NT Action grants awarded in the area of citizens engagement and participation	Number of action grants awarded	CERV-2026-CITIZENS-CIV: 100 CERV-2026-CITIZENS-TOWN-NT: 50
Call for proposals: CERV-2026-OG-SGA Operating grants awarded in the area of citizens participation and European Remembrance	Number of operating grants awarded	9


## General objective 5: Protecting our democracy, upholding our values

*Specific Objective 5.4: A more developed European area of justice with enhanced judicial cooperation in civil and criminal matters*

*Related to spending programme(s): Justice Programme 2021-2027*

## Main outputs in 2026:

### New policy initiatives

Output	Indicator	Target
Revision of Eurojust Regulation	Adoption	Q2 2026
 Revision of the EPPO Regulation	Adoption	Q4 2026
3 <sup>rd</sup> report, evaluation and revision of the PIF Directive	Adoption	Q4 2026

Output	Indicator	Target
Criminal Justice Cross-Check Mechanism	Adoption	Q4 2026
Revision of the European Investigation Order Directive	Adoption	Q2 2026
Clarification of scope of e-evidence package	Adoption or publication	Q1 2026
Mandate(s) for international negotiations on e-evidence with third countries	Adoption of proposal	Q3 2026
<b>Evaluations and fitness checks – part of the stress testing of the EU acquis</b>		
Output	Indicator	Target
Evaluation of the European Public Prosecutor's Office Regulation	Adoption	Q2 2026
<b>Major public consultations</b>		
Output	Indicator	Target
Call for evidence and open public consultation on the review of Brussels Ia Regulation	Launch	Q2 2026
<b>Major implementation activities and enforcement actions</b>		
Output	Indicator	Target
Infringement proceedings on Directive 2019/1023 (insolvency and restructuring)	Number of opening of infringement proceedings for non-conformity following the conformity study	Q4 2026
Implementing act on maintenance	Adoption	Q1-Q2 2026
Implementing act on insolvency data collection (postponed from 2025)	Adoption	Q2 2026
Quantitative information on the practical operation of the European Arrest Warrant 2023	Adoption of a commission staff working document	Q3/Q4 2026
Continuation of the infringement proceedings for incorrect transposition of the European Arrest Warrant Framework Decision (non-conformity)	Number of closures, following amendments in national law, and additional steps in the procedures (additional reasoned opinions/referrals to court) if the identified grievances of incorrect transposition remain.	Throughout 2026

Output	Indicator	Target
Continuation of the infringement proceedings for Directive 2016/800 on procedural safeguards for children who are suspects or accused persons in criminal proceedings (non-communication)	Number of closures, following amendments in national law, and additional steps in the procedures for incomplete transposition of the Directive. Depending on the outcome of these procedures, possibly infringement proceedings for incorrect transposition could also be started.	Throughout 2026
Continuation of the infringement proceedings for incorrect transposition of Directive 2016/1919 on legal aid in criminal proceedings (non-conformity)	Number of new proceedings and additional steps in already ongoing proceedings for incorrect transposition of the Directive	Throughout 2026
Continuation of the infringement proceedings for incorrect transposition of Directive 2016/343 on the presumption of innocence and the right to be present at trial in criminal proceedings (non-conformity)	Number of new opened cases and additional steps (reasoned opinions) in already ongoing cases for incorrect transposition of the Directive	Throughout 2026
Continuation of the infringement proceedings for incorrect transposition of Directive (EU) 2017/1371 on the fight against fraud to the Union's financial interests by means of criminal law	Number of new proceedings and additional steps in already ongoing proceedings for incorrect transposition of the Directive	Throughout 2026

### Other major outputs

Output	Indicator	Target
Proposed Directive on harmonising certain aspects of substantive law on insolvency proceedings	Adoption by co-legislators	Q2 2026
Proposal on the protection of adults in cross-border situations (a Regulation and a Council Decision)	Adoption by co-legislators	Q4 2026
Authorising Poland to join the Convention on Supplementary Compensation for Nuclear Damage	Adoption	Q2 2026
Authorising accessions to 1980 Child Abduction Convention	Adoption	Q2 2026

Output	Indicator	Target
Conclusion of an International Agreement between the EU and Algeria on cooperation with Eurojust.	Completion	Q2 2026
Victims Rights Strategy 2026-2030	Adoption by the Commission	Q4 2026
Communication on safeguarding legal professional privilege in criminal proceedings	Adoption by the Commission	Q4 2026
Handbook on cross-border criminal asset recovery: Judicial cooperation context	Adoption by the Commission	Q4 2026
Review of Mutual Legal Assistance and Surrender Agreements with Iceland and Norway	Adoption of a Commission Staff Working Document	Q4 2026
Possible adoption of a Communication/SWD following up on the discussions of the High-level Forum on the Future of EU Criminal Justice	Adoption of a Communication or Commission Staff Working Document	Q3/Q4 2026
Call for proposal JUST-2025-JACC-EJUSTICE (evaluation ending February 2026)	Number of action grants awarded	9
Action grants awarded in the area of judicial cooperation as well as judicial training		
Calls for proposals: JUST-2026-JCOO JUST-2026-JTRA JUST-2026-JCOO-JACC-OG-SGA JUST-2026- EJTN-OG-SGA	Number of operating grants awarded	JUST-2026-JCOO: 15 JUST-2026-JTRA: 9 JUST-2026-JCOO-JACC-OG-SGA: 16 JUST-2026- EJTN-OG-SGA: 1
Operating grants awarded in the area of judicial cooperation as well as judicial training		

# ANNEX 2: Performance tables – A modern and sustainable public administration

## A. Human resource management

<b>Objective:</b> DG JUST employs a skilled, diverse and motivated workforce to deliver on the Commission's priorities.		
<b>Main outputs in 2026:</b>		
Output	Indicator	Target
Actions to strengthen relationship between staff and senior management	Number of actions	At least 2 Townhall meetings with DG, 5 Directorate specific gatherings with staff (e.g. café d'actualité, Directorate breakfast etc.)
Maintained gender balance in DG JUST management positions as they become open for selection	Percentage of female middle managers 50%	Maintain or increase percentage
Targeted number of activities under the JUST Well-being Charter oriented towards and staff well-being and L&D efforts	Number of activities	3 welcome sessions 2 "chats around a cup of coffee" with the Chair of the Wellbeing board (newcomers after 2-3 months in the DG) 4 wellbeing activities by the end of the year

## B. Digital transformation and data management

<b>Objective:</b> DG JUST is using innovative, trusted digital solutions for better policymaking, data management and administrative processes to create a digitally transformed, user-focused and data-driven Commission.		
<b>Main outputs in 2026:</b>		
<b>Digital Transformation</b>		
Output	Indicator	Target
Digital Culture Use of online collaborative tools	Number of trained staff on M365	150 staff
DG JUST staff is aware of cybersecurity threats	Percentage of DG JUST staff participating in at least one cybersecurity training and/or awareness	35%

<p>Digital-Ready EU policymaking</p> <p>Ensure outputs related to the digital dimension are considered in the early stages of the design of policy initiatives.</p>	<p>Percentage of new DG JUST legislative proposals that include an LFDS identifying at least one requirement of digital relevance, relative to the total number of DG JUST legislative proposals within scope of the LFDS</p>	<p>25%</p>
<p>Seamless Digital Environment</p> <p>Ensure outputs related to the Information Systems that are streamlined, fit for purpose and running on supported technologies.</p> <p>Promote outputs related to a cloud first approach with Information Systems owned by the department.</p>	<p>Number of new DG JUST IT systems complying with the Solution design guidelines</p>	<p>100%</p>
<p>Green, Resilient and Secure Digital Infrastructure</p> <p>Ensure outputs related to the continuous improvement of the department's performance as captured in the risk maturity quadrant (RMQ).</p>	<p>Number of DG JUST IT systems moved to the cloud brokered by DIGIT</p>	<p>40%</p>
	<p>Status of implementation of the actions identified by the Security Strategy 2024 – 2025 that concern DG JUST</p>	<p>100%</p>
	<p>Adherence of DG JUST to the objective for 100% of CIS having an ITSP less than 2 years old by the end of 2025</p>	<p>100%</p>
	<p>Adherence of DG JUST to the objective for 100% attestation of compliance for the IT priority controls for all CIS until the end of 2025</p>	<p>100%</p>
<p>List of key actions on information management</p>	<p>Promote key use cases of M365 and Teams</p>	<p>4 use cases</p>

### Data Management

Output	Indicator	Target
Compliance with corporate data management policies and rules	100%	100%

### Data Protection

Output	Indicator	Target
.Number of data protection records reviewed in last two years	Percentage of staff trained on data protection compliance	100% reviewed data protection records in last two years
The percentage of staff in the department who have attended data protection awareness-raising activities.]	combined with the percentage of public records of processing operations reviewed within the last two years.	75% of staff attended data protection awareness-raising

Output	Indicator	Target
	<p>The compiled compliance indicator is calculated with a 50% weight attributed to the following two values:</p> <p>First, the number of public records of the department reviewed in the last two years / public records of the department.</p> <p>Second, the percentage of staff in the department who have attended data protection awareness-raising activities.</p>	

## C. Sound financial management

**Objective:** The authorising officer by delegation has reasonable assurance that resources have been used in accordance with the principles of sound financial management and that cost-effective controls are in place which give the necessary guarantees concerning the legality and regularity of underlying transactions.

### Main outputs in 2026

Output	Indicator	Target
Effective controls: legal and regular transactions	Estimated risk at payment	remains < 2 % of relevant expenditure
	Estimated risk at closure	remains < 2 % of relevant expenditure
Effective controls: Safeguarded assets Safeguarded information	% of transactions of the cost-centre and applications which entered the Production Phase are correctly encoded	100%
Efficient controls	Timely payments	becomes 98% of payment appropriations and becomes 99% of payments (in value) made on time
Economy of controls	Overall estimated cost of controls	remains < 5% of funds managed

## D. Fraud risk management

Objective: The risk of fraud is minimised through the application of effective anti-fraud measures and the implementation of the Commission anti-fraud strategy <sup>(12)</sup> aimed at the prevention, detection and correction <sup>(13)</sup> of fraud.

### Main outputs in 2026:

Output	Indicator	Target
Increased anti-fraud awareness among staff in DG JUST, including about the relevant requirements of professional ethics	Extended management meeting discussion reflected in the minutes	One extended management meeting
Survey on the level of awareness of anti-fraud policy of DG JUST staff	Correct answers to a survey	Baseline from 2024 survey: average correct answer to Q3-6 88%
Anti-fraud information session in DG JUST, inviting OLAF and/or DG HR experts	Level of staff attendance	Minimum one representative per unit
Member states' compliance with transposition and implementation of the PIF directive (CAFS action 30c) is assessed.	Letters of Formal Notice/Reasoned Opinion sent and next steps decided by COM	Continuous
Continue cooperating with Member States to ensure the implementation of the anti-SLAPP Directive and monitoring of the implementation of the anti-SLAPP Recommendation. (CAFS action 32)	- Letters of Formal Notice/Reasoned Opinion sent and next steps decided by COM	Continuous
	- Member States report to the COM on the implementation of the Recommendation - Consolidation of the data collection exercise related to the implementation of the Recommendation by Member States	Yearly

<sup>(12)</sup> Communication from the Commission 'Commission Anti-Fraud Strategy: enhanced action to protect the EU budget', COM(2019) 176 of 29 April 2019; Communication from the Commission "Commission Anti-Fraud Strategy Action plan – revision 2023" [COM\(2023\) 405](#) of 11 July 2023 – “the Communication on the 2023 revision” – and the accompanying revised action plan, [SWD\(2023\)245](#)– “the revised Action Plan”.

<sup>(13)</sup> Correction of fraud' is an umbrella term, which notably refers to the recovery of amounts unduly spent and to administrative sanctions.

## E. Sound environmental management

**Objective:** Reaching climate neutrality by 2030 and a reduced environmental footprint for the Commission.

### Main outputs in 2026

Output	Indicator	Target
Reduced emissions from experts' travel	Yearly average of DG JUST emissions from staff missions	50% of reduction compared to baseline 2019
Energy saving actions	% of Department buildings participating in the annual BEST energy saving actions	100% i.e. both buildings
Sustainable events	Department's events, incorporating the EC Guidelines for sustainable events	DG JUST is following the EC Guidelines for sustainable events