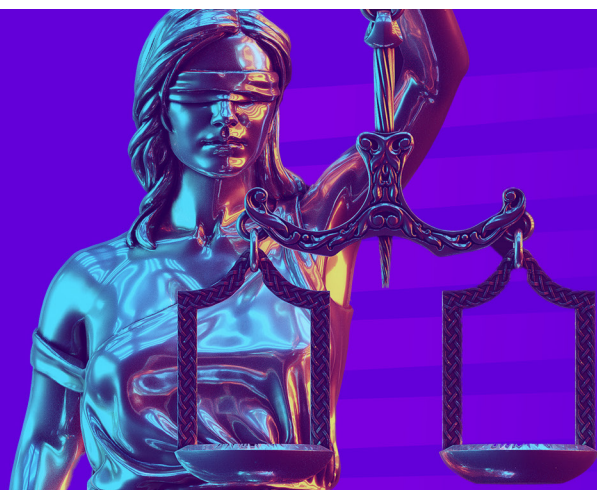




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REPORT 2025

July 2025

THE ANNUAL RULE OF LAW CYCLE

2024-2025-CYCLE - STEP BY STEP

COMMISSION STARTS PREPARING THE 2026 RULE OF LAW REPORT

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

July 2024

As of Summer/Autumn 2025

Council and European Parliament discuss the 2025 Report, including its country chapters, recommendations and the follow-up. Discussion in national parliaments and with national authorities, stakeholders and civil society.

October - December 2024

The Rule of Law Network continues to provide an ongoing channel of communication between the Commission and the Member States, including to exchange best practices, with the participation of the four enlargement countries included in the Rule of Law Report as observers. Member States are consulted on an updated questionnaire for the sixth report and on the inclusion of the new Single Market dimension.

8 July 2025

The Commission adopts the sixth annual Rule of Law Report, including 27 country chapters, recommendations and follow-up to 2024 recommendations to each Member State as well as four chapters for four enlargement countries.

January - April 2025

Commission receives governments' written input and around 270 stakeholder contributions about developments at national level and EU-level, as well as input to the additional questionnaire on the Single Market dimension. Over 650 meetings take place across all 27 Member States and in the four enlargement countries with over 980 national authorities, independent bodies and stakeholders.

June 2025

Countries receive their draft country chapters to provide factual updates.

April - June 2025

Commission compiles all the findings and prepares draft country chapters.