

Council of Europe
The Secretary General

Strasbourg, 25 February 2026

Dear Commissioner, *Dear Michael,*

Thank you for your letter of 9 December 2025 and the opportunity to flag findings of our monitoring and advisory bodies in the past year in the context of preparation of the EU Rule of Law reports for the 27 EU member states and four candidate countries.

You will find attached our inputs, country by country, which I hope you will find useful.

We remain available for any clarification and look forward to our continued co-operation.

Yours sincerely,



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