

# All 27 EU countries, plus the UK, are in the EU Commission's dock for breaking its rules

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## Rejoiners, you want the UK subjected to all of this again?

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And the worst culprit is the EU Commission's home country of BELGIUM

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The dictatorial and unelected EU Commission has just taken further legal action against more than half its member countries. Not one member is free of legal or financial threats from Brussels, which now total almost 2,000 active cases in all.

**And – despite Brexit – the United Kingdom is also in the dock.**

On Tuesday the EU Commission announced it is “*adopting a package of infringement decisions due to the absence of communication by Member States of measures taken to transpose EU directives into national law*” (referred to as ‘non-communication infringements’).

**Almost 2,000 active infringement cases are currently being pursued by the Commission**

We have accessed the EU Commission’s legal infringements database to review the veracity of the EU’s claim to be a bloc where “the rule of law” applies.

So numerous are the EU’s laws, directives and regulations that the Commission is now actively pursuing 1,990 infringement cases against its member countries. Every single one of the 27 is in the dock.

It might surprise readers to learn that the UK is also in the dock, despite having left the EU. Facts4EU.Org will be reporting on this separately tomorrow.

**Summary**

**All 27 EU countries, plus the UK, are in the EU Commission's dock for breaking its rules**

**And the worst culprit is the Commission's home country of Belgium**



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1. Belgium : 114
2. Greece : 100
3. Spain : 100
4. Poland : 98
5. Czechia : 94
6. Portugal : 91
7. Bulgaria : 90
8. Italy : 82
9. Austria : 76
10. Slovenia : 76
11. Cyprus : 75
12. Hungary : 75
13. Romania : 74
14. France : 72
15. Germany : 71

16. Slovakia : 70
17. Ireland : 67
18. Sweden : 66
19. Croatia : 64
20. Luxembourg : 61
21. Netherlands : 61
22. Latvia : 60
23. Malta : 56
24. Finland : 47
25. Lithuania : 46
26. Estonia : 41
27. Denmark : 36
28. United Kingdom : 27

[Source : EU Commission legal infringement database, accessed 01 Dec 2022.]

## **What did the EU Commission (“the prosecution”) do on Tuesday?**

On Tuesday (29 Nov 2022) the EU Commission announced it is sending a letter of formal notice to those member countries who have failed to notify national measures transposing directives, whose transposition deadline expired recently. In this case, there are **15 member countries** who are alleged to have not yet notified full transposition measures for 14 EU directives in the fields of environment and transport.

## **The nature of the alleged crimes against the EU Commission**

Alleged crime no.1 : Updated requirements for technical roadside inspections

**The Accused :** Belgium, Bulgaria, Denmark, Germany, Ireland, Cyprus, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Hungary, Malta, Austria, Poland and Finland

Commission Delegated Directive (EU) 2021/1716 updates the roadside inspections technicalities and broadens the scope of vehicle categories subject to roadside inspections, such as high-speed tractors.

Alleged crime no.2 : Updated requirements for periodic roadworthiness tests for motor vehicles

**The Accused :** Belgium, Bulgaria, Ireland, Cyprus, Luxembourg, Hungary, Malta, Poland, Portugal and Finland

Commission Delegated Directive (EU) 2021/1717 amends the practicalities of the periodic roadworthiness tests for motor vehicles and their trailers, notably by updating certain vehicle category designations (high-speed tractors, powered two- and three-wheelers and quadricycles). It also adds eCall, a system sending automated messages to the emergency services following a road crash, to the list of items which should be subject to periodic roadworthiness tests.

Alleged crime no.3 : Clean and circular electronics

**The Accused :** Belgium, Denmark, Croatia and Portugal

In December 2021, the Commission adopted twelve delegated Directives ending a broad range of existing exemptions for the use of mercury in lamps. Under Directive 2011/65/EU (RoHS Directive), electronics that contain mercury cannot be placed on the market, except if time-limited and application-specific exemptions are granted by the Commission.

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