

The April infringements' package: key decisions

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In its monthly package of infringement decisions, the European Commission is pursuing legal action against Member States for failing to comply with their obligations under EU law. These decisions, covering various sectors and EU policy areas (see Annex I and II), aim to ensure the proper application of EU law for the benefit of citizens and businesses.

The key decisions taken by the Commission (including, 2 letters of formal notice, 35 reasoned opinions and 6 referrals to the Court of Justice of the European Union) are presented below and grouped by policy area. The Commission is also closing 113 cases where the issues with the Member States concerned have been solved without the Commission needing to pursue the procedure further.

On the general EU infringement procedure [an infograph](#) and a full memo are available [here](#). For more detail on all decisions taken, consult the [infringement decisions' register](#).

Rail transport: Commission asks the UNITED KINGDOM to transpose the Directive establishing a Single European Railway area

The Commission has requested the **United Kingdom** to transpose [Directive 2012/34](#) establishing a single European railway area. The Directive contains the basic provisions for market opening in the railway sector. Notably, it lays down the rules for the management of rail companies as well as the principles and procedures for setting and collecting infrastructure charges and for allocating infrastructure capacity. Member States had to bring into force the measures necessary to comply with the Directive by 16 June 2015. On 22 July 2015, the European Commission sent a letter of formal notice to a number of Member States, including the United Kingdom. The United Kingdom has so far not communicated any measures to the Commission. The United Kingdom now has two months to do so; otherwise, the Commission may refer the United Kingdom to the Court of Justice of the EU.