

Agenda of the European Commission ***24 – 30 November 2014***

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The news:

On Wednesday 26 November 2014, the European Commission will adopt its monthly infringements package. These decisions cover all Member States and most EU policy areas and seek to enforce EU law across Europe in the interest of both citizens and businesses.

The background:

Article 258 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU) gives the Commission the power to take legal action against a Member State that is not respecting its obligations under EU law.

There are three successive stages: Letter of formal notice, reasoned opinion and referral to the Court of Justice.

If, despite the ruling, a Member State still fails to act, the Commission may open a further infringement case under Article 260 of the TFEU. After only one written warning, Commission may refer a Member State back to the Court and it can propose that the Court imposes financial penalties based on the duration and severity on the infringement and the size of the Member State.

The event:

A comprehensive fact sheet on all referrals and reasoned opinions, specific press releases on each referral and a fact sheet on the procedure will be available on the day in the Press Release Database: <http://europa.eu/rapid/>

The sources:

- For more information on infringements: http://ec.europa.eu/eu_law/infringements/infringements_en.htm
- On the general infringement procedure: [MEMO/12/12](#)

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