

(English version)

**Question for written answer E-000739/25
to the Commission
Cynthia Ní Mhurchú (Renew)
(18 February 2025)**

Subject: Infringement proceedings against Ireland

On 27 June 2007, the Commission began infringement proceedings against Ireland (reference INFR(2007)4011). Can the Commission please provide an update on why these infringement proceedings closed?

1. What was the outcome of the infringement proceedings?
2. What is the current status of these infringement proceedings?

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**Answer given by Executive Vice-President Séjourné on behalf of the European Commission
(24 April 2025)**

The infringement procedure INFR(2007)4011 ⁽¹⁾ concerned rules in development plans of the Irish counties favouring applicants who have certain ties to the county concerned.

Such applicants were exceptionally granted the right to apply for a building permit for a house in pre-urban rural areas where in principle construction of houses was not permitted.

The Commission decided to close the case in March 2018.

Member States have a primary responsibility to monitor the application of the relevant legal provisions and to take the necessary steps for enforcement.

In its role as guardian of the Treaties, the Commission remains committed to overview the correct implementation of EU law by Member States.

⁽¹⁾ [https://ec.europa.eu/atwork/applying-eu-law/infringements-proceedings/infringement_decisions/?langCode=EN&version=v1&typeOfSearch=byDecision&refId=INFR\(2007\)4011&page=1&size=10&order=desc&sortColumns=decisionDate](https://ec.europa.eu/atwork/applying-eu-law/infringements-proceedings/infringement_decisions/?langCode=EN&version=v1&typeOfSearch=byDecision&refId=INFR(2007)4011&page=1&size=10&order=desc&sortColumns=decisionDate)