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on behalf of the European Commission
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The Commission is closely monitoring the legislative developments of the draft Law on Transparency of Public Life, and it has voiced its serious concerns with the Hungarian authorities about the draft legislation. On 4 June 2025, the Hungarian authorities announced that the parliamentary work on this draft law would be postponed to the autumn session.

The Commission has already taken measures in relation to the Law on the Protection of National Sovereignty, which establishes the Sovereignty Protection Office¹. On 3 October 2024, the Commission decided to refer Hungary to the Court of Justice because it considers this law to be in breach of several fundamental freedoms of the internal market and related secondary legislation, the Charter of Fundamental Rights, and EU data protection legislation. The case is pending before the Court of Justice (C-829/24).

Regarding the Article 7(1) of the Treaty on European Union procedure against Hungary, the Commission continues to share several concerns raised by the European Parliament in its reasoned proposal of 12 September 2018. The Council has held eight formal hearings on Hungary, most recently on 27 May 2025. The Commission always stands ready to participate in Council hearings and contribute to any exchanges on the latest state of play on this matter. It is for the Council to decide on next steps in the Article 7(1) procedure, acting by a majority of four fifths of its members and after the consent of the European Parliament.

¹ The Office would be empowered under the draft Law on Transparency of Public Life to propose to the Government the registration on a list of those organisations whose activities threaten the sovereignty of Hungary.