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The Commission does not comment on national investigations.

Member States, when applying EU law, must respect the Charter of Fundamental Rights, including freedom of expression. National decisions can be challenged before national courts and the latter can then refer questions to the Court of Justice of the European Union for a preliminary ruling, if the case raises a question of interpretation or validity of EU law.

More generally, through its annual Rule of Law Report¹ the Commission examines developments across all Member States, both positive and negative, in four key areas for the rule of law: the justice system, the anti-corruption framework, media pluralism and freedom, and other institutional issues related to checks and balances.

¹ https://commission.europa.eu/strategy-and-policy/policies/justice-and-fundamental-rights/upholding-rule-law/rule-law/annual-rule-law-cycle_en.