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Answer given by Mr Dombrovskis
on behalf of the European Commission
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1. The EU Treaties have conferred to the Commission the role of guardian of the Treaties. Decisions on the opening and pursuing of infringement cases are the Commission's prerogative and are taken by the College, based on the principle of collegiality, after detailed analysis of the facts and laws at stake.

2. The Commission attaches great importance to ensuring transparency of its enforcement policy and decisions¹. Its 2016 and 2022 Communications on enforcement² set out the criteria that underpin the Commission's strategic approach to enforcement and the various tools used for this purpose. This Commission has reinforced its reporting to co-legislators on the enforcement of EU law. Every Commissioner has published an Annual Progress Report on Simplification, Implementation and Enforcement, transmitted to the relevant Committees of the European Parliament and configurations of the Council³. The individual reports have been complemented by an Overview Report adopted by the Commission on 21 October 2025⁴.

3. The Commission's enforcement actions are guided by the Commission's strategic approach referred to in reply to the second question of the Honourable Member.

¹ A public register of infringement cases and press releases (https://ec.europa.eu/implementing-eu-law/search-infringement-decisions/?lang_code=en&langCode=EN) informs about the progress of individual cases while an Europa website (<https://ec.europa.eu/implementing-eu-law/home/en>) on infringement cases, pre-infringement dialogues and transposition of directive provides easily accessible statistical data with customisable graphs.

² 'EU law: Better results through better application' of 19 January 2017 (https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=oj:JOC_2017_018_R_0002) and 'Enforcing EU law for a Europe that delivers' of 11 October 2022 (https://commission.europa.eu/document/b75864f0-8516-4ff0-9e2a-c3e8a557bbfb_en).

³ The Annual Progress Reports are available on a dedicated website on Europa (https://commission.europa.eu/law/law-making-process/better-regulation/simplification-and-implementation/2025-annual-progress-reports-simplification-implementation-and-enforcement_en).

⁴ The Overview Report (https://commission.europa.eu/publications/2025-overview-report-simplification-implementation-and-enforcement_en) was presented to the Committee on Legal Affairs by Commissioner Dombrovskis on 4 December 2025.