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Under the EU Treaties, the Commission has no general powers to intervene in individual judicial cases, nor is the Commission in a position to examine how individual cases are addressed by the judicial authorities of a Member State. The adjudication in specific cases comes under the responsibility of judicial authorities of each Member State.

The Commission monitors significant developments concerning the rule of law in all Member States, including Cyprus, in the context of the annual Rule of Law Report¹, which includes country specific recommendations to all Member States. The 2024 Country Chapter on Cyprus, published in July 2024, reported that limited access to relevant information affects the ability of the Audit Office to effectively perform audits on the finance of public institutions. The Commission follows closely developments in this area, also in view of the important oversight role of the Audit Office in checking the expenditure of public institutions and detecting suspicions of corruption, and will provide an up-to-date assessment in its 2025 Rule of Law Report.

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