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### To keep you in the big picture

#### Rule of Law Report 2024

We open today's first edition after the summer recess with another headline to etch into the push for transparency: The Commission published in the summer its **fifth annual Rule of Law Report**, examining systematically and objectively rule of law developments in all Member States on an equal basis. In comparison to the first issue of the Rule of Law Report adopted in 2020, Member States and the EU as a whole are much better prepared to detect, prevent and address emerging challenges. This contributes to the resilience of our European democracies and to mutual trust in the EU. It also contributes to a good functioning of the single market and benefits a business environment that fosters competitiveness and sustainable growth. This year's report includes, for the first time, [four country chapters](#) on developments in Albania, Montenegro, North Macedonia and Serbia. Including these enlargement countries in the Rule of Law Report, the most advanced in the process, will support their reform efforts, help authorities to make further progress in the accession process and to prepare for the continuation of work on the rule of law as a future Member State. The report covers four pillars: national justice systems, anti-corruption frameworks, media freedom and pluralism as well as other institutional checks-and-balances. Get the [full story](#).

#### The Commission proposes to deliver over €1 billion to help Italy, Slovenia, Austria, Greece, and France recover from natural disasters

The Commission's proposal to deliver **over €1 billion** in financial support from the [EU Solidarity Fund](#) (EUSF) to help Italy, Slovenia, Austria, Greece and France deal with the impacts of the severe floods that hit these countries in 2023. The aid package is allocated as follows: €378.8 million for Italy following the flood damages to the Emilia-Romagna region in May 2023, and an additional €67.8 million for the Tuscany region following the floods in October and November 2023; €428.4 million for Slovenia and €5.2 million for Austria to address the consequences of the floods in August 2023; €101.5 million for Greece to support recovery efforts following the floods in September 2023; and €46.7 million for France for flood damages caused to the Hauts-de-France region in November 2023. The EUSF assistance will cover part of the costs of emergency and recovery operations, including repairing damaged infrastructure, safeguarding cultural heritage, and conducting clean-up operations.

## Commission sends request for information to Meta under the Digital Services Act

If you are after more evidence of the Commission's will to enact the Digital Services Act (DSA), look no further than this piece, which rounds up the Commission's dealings with Meta. Several days ago, the Commission sent Meta a request for information (RFI) under the Digital Services Act (DSA). Following the discontinuation of CrowdTangle on 14 August 2024, the Commission requested Meta to provide more information on the measures it has taken to comply with its obligations to give researchers access to data that is publicly accessible on the online interface of Facebook and Instagram, as required by the DSA, specifically, the Commission requested information about Meta's content library and application programming interface (API), including their eligibility criteria, the application process, the data that can be accessed and functionalities. Meta must provide the requested information by 6 September 2024. Based on the assessment of the replies, the Commission will determine the next steps, which could include interim measures, and non-compliance decisions, even imposing fines for incorrect, incomplete, or misleading information in response to an RFI. In case of failure to reply, the Commission may issue a formal request by decision that could lead to the imposition of periodic penalty payments.

## TikTok commits to permanently withdraw TikTok Lite Rewards programme from the EU to comply with the Digital Services Act

More about the Commission unwavering efforts to make companies comply with the Digital Services Act (DSA). Last month, the Commission made **TikTok's commitments** to permanently withdraw [TikTok Lite Rewards programme from the EU binding](#). These commitments have been submitted by TikTok to address the concerns raised by the Commission in the [formal proceedings](#) opened against TikTok on 22 April and ensure compliance with the [DSA](#). Today's decision makes these commitments legally binding, meaning that any breach of the commitments would immediately amount to a breach of the DSA and could therefore lead to fines. With this decision, the Commission is also closing the formal proceedings opened against TikTok on 22 April. This is the first case the Commission closes under the DSA, 105 days after the opening of the proceedings. More information is available in the [press release](#).

## European Artificial Intelligence Act comes into force

We continue our feed with more news on the world of technologies. On 1 August the European Artificial Intelligence Act (AI Act), the world's first comprehensive regulation on artificial intelligence, entered into force. The AI Act is designed to ensure that AI developed and used in the EU is trustworthy, with safeguards to protect people's fundamental rights. The regulation aims to establish a harmonised internal market for AI in the EU, encouraging the uptake of this technology and creating a supportive environment for innovation and investment. The AI Act introduces a forward-looking definition of AI, based on a product safety and risk-based approach in the EU. Want to find more. Look no [further](#).

Might wish to share among your networks

## Launch of the European Day of Languages campaign

In the run-up to the [European Day of Languages](#) on 26 September, DGT is launching a social media campaign. On 1 September the [new EDL poster](#) will be published and starting on 2

September, each day DGT will post fun facts about a different official language on DGT's social media channels (#EDLangs): [Instagram](#), [Facebook](#), [X](#). Throughout September, numerous events and activities are organised across the EU by [DGT's local language officers](#) in cooperation with DG EAC and DG COMM. [European Day of Languages – events and activities across the EU](#). Do not hesitate to promote those on your channels. Additionally, DG EAC, DGT and DG SCIC are organising (online) two central EDL conferences on 26 September: [Europeans and their languages](#), 26 September, 12:00 – 13:00 and [Virtual Café: Celebrating the 20th anniversary of the 2004 EU enlargement](#) (Knowledge Centre on Interpretation), 26 September, 15:00 – 16:45.