European Commission: Call on member states to fully transpose EU audiovisual and telecom rules

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On 23 September 2021, the Commission announced that it had sent a reasoned opinion to the Czech Republic, Estonia, Ireland, Spain, Croatia, Italy, Cyprus, Slovenia and Slovakia for failing to provide information about the implementation of the EU Audiovisual Media Services Directive (AVMSD) into their national laws. This is a further step in the infringement procedure initiated in November 2020, when the Commission sent letters of formal notice to 23 Member States for not having notified full transposition (see IRIS 2021-1:1/25).

On the same date, the Commission announced that it had sent a reasoned opinion to Estonia, Spain, Croatia, Ireland, Italy, Cyprus, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, Austria, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovenia, Slovakia and Sweden for not having notified the Commission about the full transposition of the European Electronic Communications Code (EECC). This is a further step in the infringement procedure initiated in February 2021, when the Commission sent letters of formal notice to 24 Member States for not having notified full transposition.

In both cases, the member states in question have two months to reply to the Commission, or the Commission may refer the case to the Court of Justice of the European Union.

Press release of the European Commission, "Audiovisual media: Commission calls on Member States to fully transpose EU rules on audiovisual content", 23 September 2021

https://digital-strategy.ec.europa.eu/en/news/audiovisual-media-commission-calls-member-states-fully-transpose-eu-rules-audiovisual-content

Press release of the European Commission, "EU Electronic Communications Code: Commission calls on Member States to fully transpose new telecom rules into national law," 23 September 2021

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