



EUROPEAN COMMISSION

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In its monthly package of infringement decisions, the European Commission is pursuing legal action against Member States for failing to comply properly with their obligations under EU law. These decisions covering many sectors aim to ensure proper application of EU law for the benefit of citizens and businesses.

The Commission has today taken **147 decisions**, including **39 reasoned opinions** and **4 referrals** to the European Union's Court of Justice. Below is a summary of the main decisions. For more information on infringements procedure, see [MEMO/12/12](#).

### Reasoned opinions

#### **Working Time: Commission requests France to respect rights of certain police officers to maximum working hours and minimum rest periods**

The European Commission has requested **France** to respect the rights of certain police officers to minimum rest periods and limits on their working hours, as required by the Working Time Directive ([2003/88/EC](#)). Under French law, several key rights contained in the Working Time Directive, such as the 48-hour limit to average weekly working time and the right to compensatory rest, are not guaranteed to certain police officers.

The Directive contains an exception from the right to a limit of working hours and minimum rest periods in the case of workers who can determine their own working time, such as managing executives. The French police officers in question, however, do not fall within this exception as they are not fully able to determine their working time themselves.

The request takes the form of a 'reasoned opinion' under EU infringement procedures. France now has two months to notify the Commission of the measures taken to bring national legislation in line with EU law. Otherwise, the Commission may decide to refer France to the European Court of Justice.

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