THE EUROPEAN RULE OF LAW MECHANISM
2020-2021 CYCLE - STEP BY STEP

September 2020: Adoption of the first annual Rule of Law Report and launch of the dialogue with national parliaments, the European Parliament and between Member States in the Council.

March - May 2021: Commission receives Member States’ written input and over 200 stakeholder contributions about developments in specific Member States as well as at the EU-level. Over 400 meetings take place across all 27 Member States with national authorities, independent bodies and stakeholders (as compared to 300 for the 2020 report).

June 2021: Member States receive their draft country chapters to provide factual updates.

April - June 2021: Commission compiles all the findings and prepares draft country chapters.

Autumn 2021 - onwards
EU inter-institutional cooperation. Council and European Parliament discuss the 2021 Report, including its country chapters.

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Discussion at national level. National parliaments, national authorities, stakeholders and civil society discuss the 2021 Report, including its country chapters.