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September infringements package: key decisions

Overview by policy area

In its regular package of infringement decisions, the European Commission pursues legal action against Member States for failing to comply with their obligations under EU law. These decisions, covering various sectors and EU policy areas, aim to ensure the proper application of EU law for the benefit of citizens and businesses.

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Labour mobility: Commission calls on ITALY to put an end to discrimination of foreign lecturers

The Commission decided today to send a letter of formal notice to **Italy** for failing to comply with EU rules on free movement of workers ([Regulation \(EU\) No 492/2011](#)). Under EU law, EU citizens who exercise their right to free movement must not be discriminated against because of their nationality as regards access to employment and working conditions. In its [ruling](#) in case C-119/04, the Court of Justice stated that a 2004 Italian law provides an acceptable framework for the so-called reconstruction of careers of foreign lecturers ('Lettori') in Italian universities. This means that the law allows for the adjustment of their salary, seniority and corresponding social security benefits to those of a researcher under a part-time contract, and it grants them the right to back payments as of the start of their employment. However, Italian law requires the signing of a collective agreement. The majority of universities did not sign such a collective agreement, the result being that most foreign lecturers have still not received the money to which they are entitled. Italy is still discriminating against foreign lecturers. Italy now has two months to address the shortcomings identified by the Commission. Otherwise, the Commission may decide to send a reasoned opinion.