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on behalf of the European Commission
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The European Electronic Communications Code¹ entered into force on 20 December 2018 and Member States had until 21 December 2020 to transpose the directive into national law. The final text of the Directive had been known to the Member States since June 2018, when the co-legislators, the European Parliament and the Council, agreed on the Code, including the deadline for its transposition.

Over the course of these two years, in order to support Member States in transposing the Directive into national law, the Commission has been monitoring the transposition process and has been providing Member States with extensive technical guidance and legal assistance.

On 4 February 2021 the Commission sent letters of formal notice² to the 24 Member States that failed to notify or partially notified national measures transposing the Directive. The Member States have a two-month deadline to reply to the Commission. The Commission will then carry out its detailed assessment of the Member States' replies and decide on any further action in line with the Treaties.

¹ Directive (EU) 2018/1972 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2018 establishing the European Electronic Communications Code (Recast), OJ L 321, 17.12.2018, p. 36–214.

² https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_21_206