

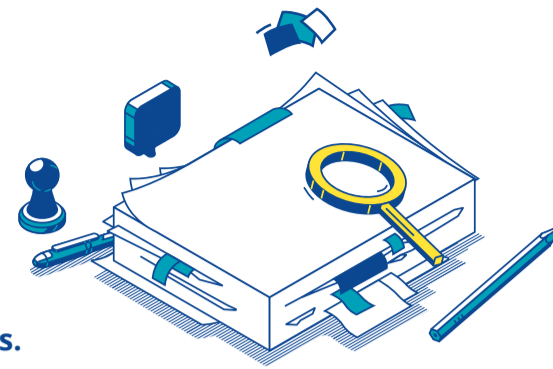
Blocked in the Council

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Selection of the oldest Commission's proposals



This list shows a selection of Commission's proposals, which have been negotiated in the Council of the EU for more than four years.

2008 2010 2012 2014 2016 2018 2020

Revised regulation on the public access to EU documents (COM (2008) 229)

Objective: to adapt existing regulation from 2001 to the requirement of the Lisbon Treaty (Art. 15 (3) TFEU).
Problem: blocked in Council because member states disagree on which institutions and documents transparency rules shall apply to.



Unanimity in Council required
Anti-discrimination directive (COM (2008) 426)

Objective: to implement the principle of equal treatment outside the labour market, regardless of age, disability, sexual orientation or religious beliefs.
Problem: disagreement in the Council, especially as national competences are involved.



Unanimity in Council required
Revised directive on a common system of taxation applicable to interest and royalty payments made between associated companies of different Member States (COM (2011) 714)



Unanimity in Council required
Directive on improving the gender balance among non-executive directors of companies listed on stock exchanges (COM (2012) 614)



Unanimity in Council required
Directive on implementing enhanced cooperation in the area of financial transaction tax (COM (2013) 71)

Objective: to ensure a fair contribution of the financial sector to tax revenues & curb short-term speculation.
Problem: among other things, disagreement about the scope of application blocks decision between the 10 participating member states.



Revised regulation on common rules on air passenger rights and liability limits for airlines (COM (2013) 130)



Directive regarding disclosure of income tax information by certain undertakings and branches (Public Country-by-Country Reporting - COM (2016) 198)

Objective: obligation to publish country-specific company tax payments in order to avoid tax avoidance practices and aggressive tax planning.
Problem: member states disagree on the Council configuration in charge



Unanimity in Council required
Directive on a common corporate tax base (COM (2016) 685)



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✓ Important to EM Germany

- Implement transparency requirements as stipulated under Art. 11 TEU and Art. 15 TFEU for all EU institutions
- Hold Council meetings in public, when legislating, and publish documents, including Member States' positions
- Reduce unanimity voting in the Council and allow more qualified majority voting, with the European Parliament as co-legislator