

DECISIONS

**COUNCIL DECISION (EU, Euratom) 2017/2461
of 12 December 2017
amending the Council's Rules of Procedure**

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on European Union,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Atomic Energy Community,

Having regard to Article 11(6) of the Council's Rules of Procedure ⁽¹⁾,

Whereas:

- (1) When an act is to be adopted by the Council acting by qualified majority, it has to be verified that the Member States constituting the qualified majority represent at least 65 % of the population of the Union.
- (2) That percentage is calculated according to the population figures set out in Annex III to the Council's Rules of Procedure ('the Rules of Procedure').
- (3) Article 11(6) of the Rules of Procedure provides that, with effect from 1 January each year, the Council is to amend the figures set out in that Annex, in accordance with the data available to the Statistical Office of the European Union on 30 September of the preceding year.
- (4) The Rules of Procedure should therefore be amended accordingly for the year 2018,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Annex III to the Rules of Procedure is replaced by the following:

'ANNEX III

Figures concerning the population of the Union and the population of each Member State for implementing the provisions concerning qualified majority voting in the Council

For the purposes of implementing Article 16(4) TEU and Article 238(2) and (3) TFEU, the population of the Union and the population of each Member State, as well as the percentage of each Member State's population in relation to the population of the Union, for the period from 1 January 2018 to 31 December 2018 shall be as follows:

Member State	Population	Percentage of the population of the Union (%)
Germany	82 437 641	16,10
France	67 024 633	13,09
United Kingdom	65 808 573	12,85
Italy	61 219 113	11,95
Spain	46 528 966	9,08

⁽¹⁾ Council Decision 2009/937/EU of 1 December 2009 adopting the Council's Rules of Procedure (OJ L 325, 11.12.2009, p. 35).

Member State	Population	Percentage of the population of the Union (%)
Poland	37 972 964	7,41
Romania	19 638 309	3,83
Netherlands	17 220 721	3,36
Belgium	11 365 834	2,22
Greece	10 757 293	2,10
Czech Republic	10 467 628	2,04
Portugal	10 309 573	2,01
Sweden	10 080 000	1,97
Hungary	9 797 561	1,91
Austria	8 752 500	1,71
Bulgaria	7 101 859	1,39
Denmark	5 743 947	1,12
Finland	5 499 447	1,07
Slovakia	5 435 343	1,06
Ireland	4 774 833	0,93
Croatia	4 154 213	0,81
Lithuania	2 847 904	0,56
Slovenia	2 065 895	0,40
Latvia	1 950 116	0,38
Estonia	1 315 635	0,26
Cyprus	854 802	0,17
Luxembourg	589 370	0,12
Malta	440 433	0,09'
EU 28	512 155 106	
Threshold (65 %)	332 900 819	

Article 2

This Decision shall enter into force on the date of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

It shall apply from 1 January 2018.

Done at Brussels, 12 December 2017.

For the Council
The President
 S. MIKSER