

COUNCIL DECISION (EU, Euratom) 2022/2518
of 13 December 2022
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, and in particular Article 240(3) thereof,

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')⁽¹⁾.
- (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 2023.
- (5) In accordance with Article 106a of the Treaty establishing the European Atomic Energy Community, Article 240 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union applies to the European Atomic Energy Community,

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

Member State	Population	Percentage of the population of the Union (%)
Germany	83 203 320	18,59
France	67 842 582	15,16
Italy	59 607 184	13,32
Spain	47 432 805	10,6
Poland	37 654 247	8,41
Romania	19 038 098	4,25
Netherlands	17 734 036	3,96
Belgium	11 631 136	2,6

⁽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 (%)
Greece	10 603 810	2,37
Czechia	10 545 457	2,36
Sweden	10 440 000	2,33
Portugal	10 352 042	2,31
Hungary	9 689 010	2,17
Austria	8 967 500	2,00
Bulgaria	6 838 937	1,53
Denmark	5 864 667	1,31
Finland	5 541 241	1,24
Slovakia	5 434 712	1,21
Ireland	5 060 004	1,13
Croatia	3 862 305	0,86
Lithuania	2 805 998	0,63
Slovenia	2 107 180	0,47
Latvia	1 875 757	0,42
Estonia	1 331 796	0,3
Cyprus	904 700	0,2
Luxembourg	643 648	0,14
Malta	520 971	0,12
EU 27	447 533 143	
Threshold (65 %)	290896543'	

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 2023.

Done at Brussels, 13 December 2022.

For the Council
The President
M. BEK