

COUNCIL DECISION (EU, Euratom) 2016/2353
of 8 December 2016
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) From 1 November 2014, when an act is to be adopted by the Council acting by qualified majority, it must be verified that the Member States constituting the qualified majority represent at least 65 % of the population of the Union.
- (2) Until 31 March 2017, when an act is to be adopted by the Council acting by qualified majority, a member of the Council may request that it be adopted in accordance with the qualified majority as defined in Article 3(3) of Protocol No 36 on transitional provisions, annexed to the Treaty on European Union, to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union and to the Treaty establishing the European Atomic Energy Community. In that case, a member of the Council may request that a check be made to ensure that the Member States constituting the qualified majority represent at least 62 % of the total population of the Union.
- (3) Those percentages are calculated according to the population figures set out in Annex III to the Council's Rules of Procedure ('the Rules of Procedure').
- (4) 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.
- (5) The Rules of Procedure should therefore be amended accordingly for the year 2017,

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, as well as, until 31 March 2017, Article 3(2) of Protocol No 36, 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 2017 to 31 December 2017 shall be as follows:

Member State	Population	Percentage of the population of the Union
Germany	82 064 489	16,06 %
France	66 661 621	13,05 %

⁽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
United Kingdom	65 341 183	12,79 %
Italy	61 302 519	12,00 %
Spain	46 438 422	9,09 %
Poland	37 967 209	7,43 %
Romania	19 759 968	3,87 %
Netherlands	17 235 349	3,37 %
Belgium	11 289 853	2,21 %
Greece	10 793 526	2,11 %
Czech Republic	10 445 783	2,04 %
Portugal	10 341 330	2,02 %
Sweden	9 998 000	1,96 %
Hungary	9 830 485	1,92 %
Austria	8 711 500	1,71 %
Bulgaria	7 153 784	1,40 %
Denmark	5 700 917	1,12 %
Finland	5 465 408	1,07 %
Slovakia	5 407 910	1,06 %
Ireland	4 664 156	0,91 %
Croatia	4 190 669	0,82 %
Lithuania	2 888 558	0,57 %
Slovenia	2 064 188	0,40 %
Latvia	1 968 957	0,39 %
Estonia	1 315 944	0,26 %
Cyprus	848 319	0,17 %
Luxembourg	576 249	0,11 %
Malta	434 403	0,09 %
EU 28	510 860 699	
Threshold (62 %)	316 733 634	
Threshold (65 %)	332 059 455'	

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 2017.

Done at Brussels, 8 December 2016.

For the Council
The President
L. ŽITŇANSKÁ
