

COUNCIL DECISION (EU, Euratom) 2020/2030
of 10 December 2020
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 2021.
- (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	83 100 961	18,54
France	67 098 824	14,97
Italy	60 897 891	13,58
Spain	47 329 981	10,56
Poland	37 958 138	8,47
Romania	19 317 984	4,31
Netherlands	17 549 457	3,91
Belgium	11 549 888	2,58
Greece	10 709 739	2,39

⁽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 (%)
Czechia	10 557 001	2,35
Sweden	10 330 000	2,30
Portugal	10 295 909	2,30
Hungary	9 769 526	2,18
Austria	8 897 000	1,98
Bulgaria	6 951 482	1,55
Denmark	5 816 443	1,30
Finland	5 521 292	1,23
Slovakia	5 457 873	1,22
Ireland	4 964 440	1,11
Croatia	4 058 165	0,91
Lithuania	2 794 090	0,62
Slovenia	2 095 861	0,47
Latvia	1 907 675	0,43
Estonia	1 328 976	0,30
Cyprus	888 005	0,20
Luxembourg	623 962	0,14
Malta	514 564	0,11
EU-27	448 285 127	
Threshold (65 %)	291 385 333'	

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 2021.

Done at Brussels, 10 December 2020.

For the Council
The President
M. ROTH
