



NEWSLETTER

on postal regulation (No. 1)

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European Commission

New European Union postal regulation: “EU Delivery Act”

The European Commission (EC) work programme for 2026, approved in October 2025, sets out the key strategies, action plans and legislative initiatives that will lay the foundation for the forthcoming work of the European Union (EU). Among them, the EC has decided to work on a new postal regulation, the “EU Delivery Act”, which is expected to be forwarded to the European Parliament (EP) and EU Council at the end of 2026 for approval.

The process got underway with two public consultations. On 6 October 2025, the EC launched a call for evidence on its “Have Your Say” portal inviting all interested stakeholders to contribute to the future EU Delivery Act, an initiative aimed at modernizing the EU regulatory framework for letter-post and parcel-post delivery services.

The EC’s public consultation on the future of the regulatory framework for postal services in the EU, which began on 11 December 2025, is to end on 4 or 5 March 2026. This consultation aims to gather views from citizens, operators, national authorities and other stakeholders on the challenges, opportunities and priorities in the letter-post and parcel-post sectors.

Based on the results of these consultations, the EC will propose a legislative text to the EU Council and the EP, with the aim of achieving new postal legislation by 2027.

Date: 6.10.2025

Source: European Commission

Spain – Ministry of Transport and Sustainable Mobility

New cost accounting regulation

To ensure the maintenance of the universal postal service, Law No. 43/2010 of 30 December establishes a financing mechanism based on a fund to which postal operators and the state contribute, primarily through the state's general budget. Its purpose is to compensate the designated operators (DO) for any unfair financial burden resulting from universal postal service provision in accordance with the conditions and obligations provided for in the current regulations.

To comply with the mandate of Law No. 43/2010 of 30 December, this ministerial order develops the principles, criteria, scope and cost allocation system that the DO's cost accounting must observe. It also sets out the rules applicable to other postal operators that provide services within the scope of the universal postal service to achieve the separation of income, and the assumptions and conditions under which they must provide financial information on their activity.

Date: 20.9.2025

Source: Ministry of Transport and Sustainable Mobility

Greece – EETT

Postal services: Regulation for fee reduction resulting from green investments

The Hellenic Telecommunications and Post Commission (EETT) has approved a new regulation that offers the possibility of reducing postal service fees to providers that invest in anti-pollution technologies in accordance with the new regulation. EETT's objective is to strengthen incentives for the adoption of environmentally friendly technologies, as also provided for in the Regulation on General and Special Permits.

The regulation presents the procedure and methodology for calculating the fee reduction, as well as indicative examples.

Date: 8.9.2025

Source: EETT – Hellenic Telecommunications & Post Commission

Lithuania/Estonia – Omniva

Omniva to compete for Lithuania's universal postal service contract

Omniva's Lithuanian subsidiary, Omniva LT UAB, is entering the tender to become the country's next universal postal service operator. With this move, Omniva aims to strengthen its Baltic presence, challenge the market monopoly, and drive much-needed reforms to secure a sustainable future for postal services in the Baltic region.

In this connection, Mr Kuldma, CEO and Chairman of the Board of Omniva, explained that logistics is a volume business, and that the additional universal service obligation volumes from Lithuania would strengthen the company's position in the Baltics and make its operations (sorting and distribution networks) more efficient to improve the group's overall profitability, even though the service itself "comes to a zero". Mr Kuldma went on to explain that providing universal service in multiple countries could also allow Omniva to optimize its operations, such as combining letter sorting, making the universal service more sustainable in both Lithuania and Estonia.

Date: 13.10.2025

Source: Omniva

Belgium – BIPT

Opinion regarding the draft law amending the law of 26 January 2018, in order to provide a parcel locker in every municipality

The Parliamentary Committee on Mobility, Public Enterprises and Federal Institutions has requested an opinion from the Belgian Institute for Postal Services and Telecommunications (BIPT) regarding a draft law introducing an obligation for the universal postal service provider to provide at least one parcel locker in every municipality.

This opinion includes a presentation of the economic context and a legal analysis of the proposed obligation.

Date: 2.10.2025

Source: Belgian Institute for Postal Services and Telecommunications (BIPT)

Denmark – Ministry of Transport

Ministry of Transport: 5.2 million DKK for tailored postal services on small islands

The Minister of Transport has reached an agreement with the postal spokespersons from the parties behind the postal agreement, which means that 14 small island communities will receive parcel and letter solutions developed by the islands themselves.

Based on expressions of interest from the municipalities, the parties behind the postal agreement have decided which small island postal solutions will receive support this year. A total of 5.2 million Danish kroner (DKK) will be allocated in the second half of 2025. From 2026, a total of 10.8 million DKK is expected to be allocated annually for new postal solutions.

Date: 24.10.2025

Source: Ministry of Transport



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Upcoming events

2026.1 UPU Council of Administration session (S1)

The next UPU Council of Administration (CA) session will take place from 4 to 8 May 2026.

Conference on Postal Regulation

The Conference on Postal Regulation will be held under the theme "Beyond the mailbox: redefining the boundaries of the postal sector", and will take place during the next session of the CA on 5 May 2026 (14.00 to 18.00 CEST (UTC+2)).

61st CERP Plenary

The 61st CERP Plenary will be held in Mainz, Germany, on 17 and 18 June 2026.

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Postal Sector Reform Standing Group

At its November 2025 session, the CA formed the Postal Sector Reform Standing Group (PSR SG) as a standing group reporting to CA Committee 2.

The first meeting of the PSR SG will take place on **Wednesday, 18 March 2026 from 12.00 to 15.00 CET (UTC+1)** and held exclusively online.

Among other topics, this meeting will discuss a proposal on the organization of the work activities into four different workstreams. Document CA C 2 PSR SG 2026.1–Doc 2 provides full details on the work organization.

For more information: ca.c2.secretariat@upu.int

Survey on entities responsible for fulfilling the obligations arising from the Acts of the Union

Member countries to inform the UPU International Bureau, within six months of the end of Congress, of the name and address of the governmental body responsible for overseeing postal affairs and of the name and address of the operator or operators officially designated to operate postal services and fulfil the obligations arising from the Acts of the Union on their territory.

For more information, see International Bureau circular letter 0429(DPRM.PPRE.PRA)XX or www.upu.int/en/members-centre/policies-regulation/status-of-postal-entities