

AMENDMENT FORM

Title V: Exercise of Union Competence

Suggestion for amendment of Article : Article I-37: Principles common to the Union's legal acts

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Article I-37: Principles common to the Union's legal acts

1. Unless the Constitution contains a specific stipulation, the Institutions shall decide, in compliance with the procedures applicable, the type of act to be adopted in each case, in accordance with the principle of proportionality set out in Article I-9.
2. European laws, European framework laws, European regulations and European decisions shall state the reasons on which they are based and shall refer to any proposals or opinions required by this Constitution.
3. *Upon the adoption of a framework law in the Council, each Member State shall within sixty days inform the Commission about how they intend to transpose the legislation into national law.*

Explanation:

This additional proposal stems from the current work of the institutions on better regulation. The obligation placed on governments to set out their intentions with respect to the transposition of EU law into their domestic jurisdiction will assist scrutiny of the measure by national parliaments and comprehension by regional and local authorities and the social partners.

It may also encourage member state governments to share best practice.