

EU Compliance Deadline Tracker

Q1 2026 Edition • 12 Regulations Tracked • Primary Sources Only

Updated quarterly. All data verified against EUR-Lex, European Parliament legislative train, and Commission Work Programmes. Not legal advice.

STATUS KEY: **Enforcement** **In Force** **Proposal Imminent** **Trilogue** **Adopted** Preparation **Delayed**

Regulation	Status	Key Date	Penalty Tier	Who's Affected	First Action
AI Act		Aug 2026	Up to €35M or 7% global turnover	All companies deploying or providing AI systems in the EU	Classify AI systems by risk tier; conduct conformity assessment for high-risk systems
CADA (Cloud & AI Dev Act)	Proposal Imminent	Q1 2026 proposal	TBD (proposal pending)	Cloud service providers, AI developers, data centre operators in EU	Monitor Commission work programme; register for legislative alerts
Digital Fairness Act	Preparation	Q4 2026	TBD	B2C digital platforms, app stores, subscription services	Audit UX flows for dark patterns; review terms and cancellation flows
EHDS (European Health Data Space)	In Force	Jan 2026 → 2027 (rolling)	Mirrors GDPR — up to €20M or 4% global turnover	Health data processors, digital health platforms, EHR providers	Map health data flows; assess secondary use obligations; register with national authority
FIDA (Financial Data Access)		Adoption H1 2026	TBD — adoption pending	Banks, fintechs, insurance providers, investment firms in EU	Assess customer financial data holdings; prepare for open finance readiness
ESPR / Digital Product Passport	Preparation	2027 (phased)	Member state-level — varies	Manufacturers and importers placing physical products on EU market	Identify product categories in scope; begin supply chain data collection
European Product Act	Preparation	Q3 2026 proposal	TBD	Product manufacturers, importers, distributors in EU single market	Follow consultation outcomes; engage trade associations
28th Regime / EU Inc	In Force	Q1 2026 Parliament vote	N/A (corporate structure framework)	Startups and SMBs considering EU incorporation structure	Monitor Parliament vote outcome; consult legal counsel on structure options
Cyber Resilience Act		Dec 2027 application	Up to €15M or 2.5% global turnover	Manufacturers and vendors of hardware/software products with digital elements	Identify products in scope; begin vulnerability management programme
Digital Networks Act	Delayed	Early 2026	TBD	Telecoms providers, network operators, digital infrastructure companies	Monitor Commission timeline; review Digital Decade policy targets
Quantum Act	Preparation	Q2 2026 proposal	TBD	Quantum technology developers, critical infrastructure operators	Engage with EuroQCI initiative; assess cryptographic infrastructure
Advanced Materials Act	Preparation	Q4 2026 proposal	TBD	Materials manufacturers, R&D-intensive industries, supply chain operators	Monitor critical raw materials regulation overlap; assess supply chain exposure

HOW TO USE THIS TRACKER

This tracker is a starting point, not a compliance programme. Each regulation listed has its own technical standards, delegated acts, and implementation guidance. For regulations marked **Enforcement** or **In Force**, consult qualified legal counsel immediately. Penalty figures reflect maximum thresholds; actual penalties depend on breach severity, company size, and national authority discretion.

Subscribe to ComplianceLayer's weekly digest for updates as regulations move through the pipeline: compliancelayer.eu