



RIS: Refresh – what's the latest?

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Now that we're well into the new year, we thought it helpful to send you a quick update on where things have got to on RIS. Whilst things have been relatively quiet on the legislative front there's still been lots going on in the background.

So what's been happening?

No trilogues...yet

No trilogues are tabled for RIS as yet. **Parliament** indicated in Q4 2024 that it would be **ready and willing to enter trilogues in Q1 2025** – an intent re-iterated to us by MEP Stephanie Yon-Courtin when we spoke with her in late 2024 (watch the interview [here](#)). However, the intentions of the **Council** have been less clear. As we speculated in our [December RIS Update](#), we've been hearing that Poland (which took over the Council Presidency from Hungary on 1 January 2025), whilst aiming to **progress** the RIS file, is **not prioritising taking RIS into trilogues** (indeed, we understand that there is no meeting of the Council's RIS working group currently scheduled to take place). If that holds true, the RIS file would pass to the Danish Council Presidency in H2 2025.

Will the new US administration have an impact?

Potentially, yes. In light of recent actions of the new US administration the EU's focus has inevitably shifted towards broader geopolitical issues. On the one hand we are likely to see a move of EU resources and attention away from internal legislative matters that are not directly and immediately related to more pressing needs such as improving the EU's defence structure. Coupled with the Council's apparent intent to progress, but not to conclude, RIS in H1 2025, this could see RIS' conclusion pushed into H2 2025 or further afield. On the other hand, in order to fund the required increase in defence spending, there is a renewed pressure to create a strong EU bloc. This could force the EU (including the Council's Polish Presidency) to concentrate on concluding files which would achieve this aim (of which RIS is arguably one).

Keeping it simple

You can read our [December RIS Update](#) for our views on the direction of travel of RIS, once trilogues start - but one thing is for sure – **simplification** of RIS continues to be a **hot topic**. As we mentioned in December, MEP Yon-Courtin told us that a key consideration in RIS trilogues for **Parliament** will be a simplification agenda. We also saw **ESMA and EIOPA** take the unusual step of issuing a joint letter to Parliament/Council calling for simplification of RIS. This theme has continued into 2025. We've heard that the **Council's** Polish Presidency, in progressing the RIS file, intends to take into account simplification priorities. In January we also saw **France** publish a *Note from the French Authorities* ([attached](#)) calling for simplification across a swathe of EU legislation – including RIS – and we're aware of various trade associations lobbying for a simplification agenda across various aspects of RIS.

Given the breadth and depth of the calls for simplification of RIS, this is clearly going to be a key topic in trilogues, whenever they start. What simplification looks like practice, however, is where the battle lines will be drawn.

We continue to monitor developments closely and will keep you updated. For a refresher on the key developments of RIS in 2024 see our [December RIS Update](#), our [October RIS webinar with EFAMA](#), and our [interview with MEP Stephanie Yon-Courtin](#). You can also find lots of RIS resources, articles and podcasts on our [RIS Hub](#).

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