

The legislative process

- **Adoption** of the Commission proposal: 2 July 2008
- **First reading:** July 2008 - September 2010
- **Second reading:**
 - 19 January 2011: Vote in Parliament
 - 28 February 2011: Formal adoption of the Council
- **Publication in the Official Journal:** 4 April 2011
- **Entry into force:** 24 April 2011