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## **EU DEPORTATION BILL STALLS AS GOVERNMENTS AND MEPS FIGHT OVER WHEN TO START**

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*Talks over the highly-controversial EU deportation bill collapsed on Thursday (21 May) morning, as negotiations failed to agree on when the new rules would kick into force.*

With a new round of talks now set for 1 June, the contentious regulation has roused heated debate on timing.

EU states agreed to launch the legislation at the earliest in July next year, after first proposing a two-year delay. The parliament, however, wanted an immediate launch, but agreed on 1 January 2027 as a compromise.

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