

The CJEU in 2020: A Review



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On 5 March 2021, the Court of Justice of the European Union (CJEU) presented its 2020 [judicial statistics](#). Whilst the COVID-19 pandemic significantly affected the operations of the Court, the number of new and completed cases brought to Luxembourg remained fairly stable: 1,582 new cases and 1,540 completed cases. Indeed, the number of cases might have been higher if the CJEU had not been closed from 16 March to 25 May 2020.

Despite the pandemic, the CJEU was able to resume its services with stringent health measures, thereby enabling court chambers to remain open to the representatives of litigating parties and the general public. Representatives of litigating parties unable to travel were offered to participate in hearings remotely by means of a videoconferencing system specifically designed to enable simultaneous interpretation. Forty hearings were held by videoconferencing before the Court of Justice and 37 before the General Court.

Lastly, the duration of finalised proceedings before the two courts was brought to an historic low, with an average of 15.4 months per case.

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