

# Personnel Changes at the CJEU



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## News

The terms of office of 14 judges and six advocates general of the Court of Justice of the EU expired on 6 October 2021 and the terms of office of 23 judges of the General Court expired on 31 August 2021. In October 2021, a series of personnel changes took place at the EU Court of Justice and the General Court. The nominations are part of the partial renewal of their composition.

- For the Court of Justice of the EU, Mr *Koen Lenaerts* was re-elected to serve as its President from 8 October 2021 to 6 October 2024. Mr *Lars Bay Larsen* was elected Vice President of the Court of Justice from 8 October 2021 to 6 October 2024. He succeeds Ms *Rosario Silva de Lapuerta*. Mr *Maciej Szpunar* was elected First Advocate General of the Court of Justice for the period from 8 October 2021 to 6 October 2024. Lastly, Mr *Siniša Rodin*, Mr *Irmantas Jarukaitis*, Mr *Niilo Jääskinen*, Ms *Ineta Ziemele*, and Mr *Jan Passer* were elected **Presidents of the Chambers of three judges** for a period of one year.
- For the period **from 7 October 2021 to 6 October 2027**, the terms of office of the following seven judges of the Court of Justice were renewed: Mr *Koen Lenaerts*, Mr *Lars Bay Larsen*, Mr *Siniša Rodin*, Mr *François Biltgen*, Mr *Eugene Regan*, Mr *Niilo Jääskinen*, and Ms *Küllike Jürimäe*.
- For the same period, the following five new judges of the Court of Justice started their terms of office: Ms *Maria Lourdes Arastey Sahún*, Mr *Zoltán Csehi*, Ms *Octavia Spineanu-Matei*, Mr *Miroslav Gavalec*, and Mr *Dimitrios Gratsias*.
- From **7 October 2021 to 6 October 2027**, Ms *Laila Medina*, Mr *Nicholas Emiliou*, and Ms *Tamara Čapeta* will serve as Advocates General of the Court of Justice. In addition, for the period from **7 October 2021 to 6 October 2024**, Mr *Anthony Collins* – former judge at the General Court – will serve as Advocate General of the Court of Justice; he replaces AG *Gerard Hogan*. Before joining the Court, Ms *Medina* held the position of Deputy State Secretary for Legal Policy at the Latvian Ministry of Justice. She is taking over from Mr *Henrik Saugmandsgaard Øe*. Mr *Emiliou* was Permanent Representative of the Republic of Cyprus to the EU, he succeeds AG *Michal Bobek*. Ms *Čapeta* looks back on a longstanding academic career with the University of Zagreb and is a founding member the Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence for which she had served as its coordinator from 2018 to 2021. She replaces AG *Evgeni Tanchev*.
- With regard to the General Court, Mr *Krisztián Kecsmár* (Hungary) and Mr *Ion Gâlea* (Romania) were appointed as judges from **7 October 2021 until 31 August 2022**. Furthermore, for the period from 10 September 2021 to 31 August 2025, Mr *Pēteris Zilgalvis* (former Head of Unit at the European Commission) will be judge of the General Court.

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