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EU Court of Justice: two advocates general and one judge appointed

The representatives of the governments of the member states today appointed two advocates general of the Court of Justice and a judge of the General Court.

Court of Justice

Mr Anthony Collins (Ireland) has been appointed as Advocate-General of the Court of Justice from 7 October 2021 to 6 October 2024 following the resignation of Mr Gerard Hogan.

Ms Laila Medina (Latvia) has also been appointed as Advocate-General of the Court of Justice from 7 October 2021 to 6 October 2027. This nomination is part of the partial renewal of the composition of the Court of Justice since the terms of office of 14 judges and 6 advocates-general will expire on 6 October 2021.

The appointing decision will enter into force on the day of its publication in the Official Journal of the European Union.

General Court

Mr Pēteris Zīlgalvis (Latvia) has been appointed as judge of the General Court from the date of entry of force of today's decision until 31 August 2025.

This nomination is part of the partial renewal of the composition of the General Court of 2019 since the terms of office of 23 judges expired on 31 August 2019.

The appointing decision will enter into force on the day of its publication in the Official Journal of the European Union.

Background

The Court of Justice of the European Union consists of two courts: the Court of Justice and the General Court.

The judges and advocates-general are appointed by common accord of the governments of the member states after consultation of a panel responsible for giving an opinion on prospective candidates' suitability to perform the duties concerned.

They are chosen from among individuals whose independence is beyond doubt. For appointment to the Court of Justice, candidates must possess the qualifications required for appointment, in their respective countries, to the highest judicial offices, or be jurisconsults of recognised competence. For appointment to the General Court, they must possess the ability required for appointment to high judicial office.

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