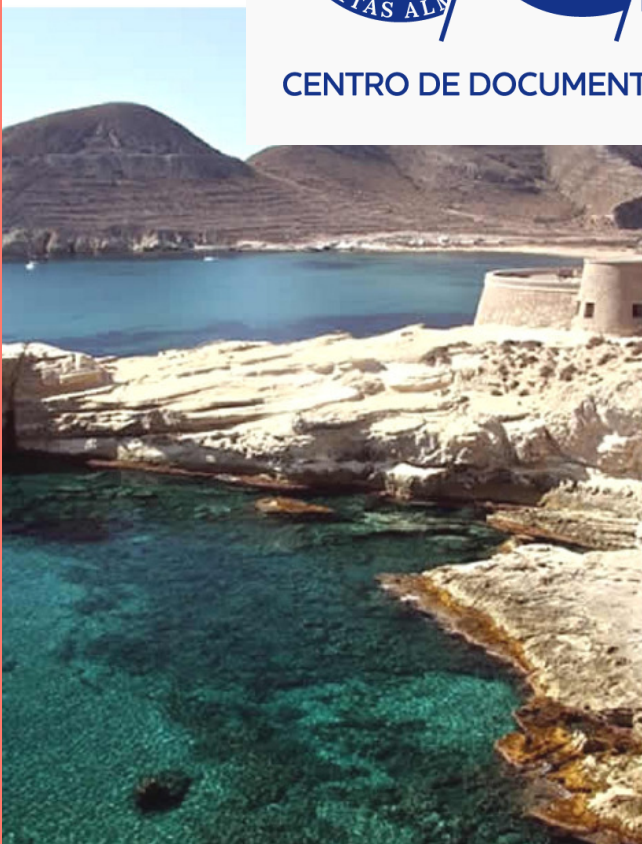


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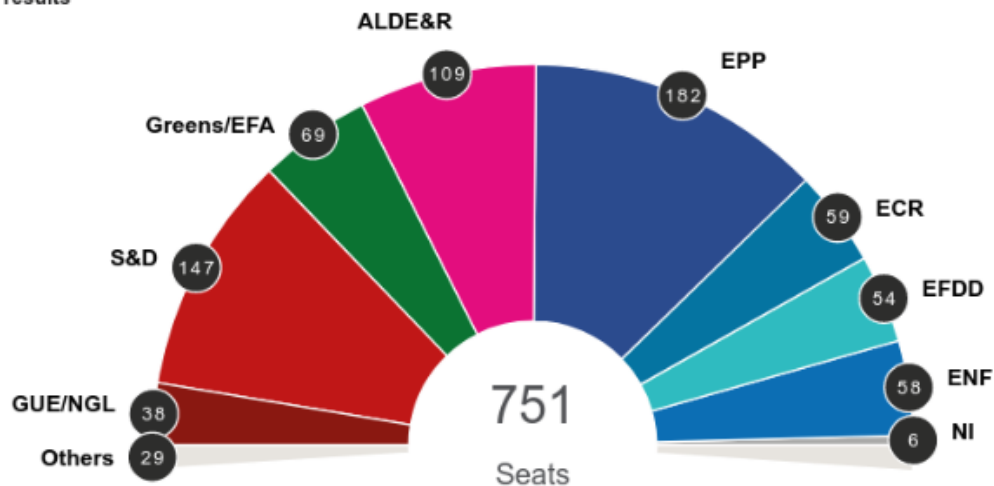


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# EUROPEAN ELECTIONS: RESULTS IN SPAIN AND NEW COMPOSITION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

## European Parliament 2019 - 2024

Provisional results



You can see now the first projections of the composition of the new European Parliament, in which the European People's Party would rise as the winner, and the results of the European elections in Spain, where the PSOE wins with 32% of the votes.

The results of the 2019 European elections held this Sunday 26 May in Spain and much of Europe are already beginning to be revealed. The turnout in Europe has been close to 51%, which is a significant increase and the highest rate for the last twenty years. This counteracts the drop in participation in Portugal (around 30%), being the lowest in its democratic history.

As for the results, the first projections of the European Parliament indicate that the European People's Party has won the European elections with 178 seats; the Socialists have obtained 153, somewhat below the polls. Thirdly, Alde-Reinassance, the product of the merger of the Liberals with the movement of Emmanuel Macron, which burst with 105 seats according to this exercise. And finally, in fourth place, Greens-EFA with 69 seats.

Currently, the political groups in the European Parliament are: European People's Party (EPP Goup), Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats (S&D), European Conservatives and Reformists (ECR), Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe (ALDE), European United Left/Nordic Green Left (GUE/NGL), The Greens/European Free Alliance (Greens-EFA) and Europe of Freedom and Direct Democracy (EFDD).

It highlights the rise of conservative and far-right parties in countries such as France, Italy, Poland or Belgium, while the Greens are experiencing a sustained rise throughout the EU (Germany, France ...) reflected in the new projection of the European Parliament.

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## FACTS AND FIGURES: EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT'S 2014-2019 TERM



How was the work of the European Parliament during its eighth parliamentary term? Discover interesting facts that will influence the new Parliament.

-News: Less than half of the MEPs who arrived in July 2014 were new to the Parliament. 51.5% of MEPs were new to Parliament in July 2014. Greece had the highest proportion of new MEPs (90.5%).

-MEPs: Changes in the composition of Parliament since July 2014 led to a slight decrease in the percentage of women from 36.9% to 36.5% at the end of March 2019. The percentage of Spanish female MEPs in the European Parliament in April 2018 was 46.3%.

-Age: The average age of MEPs at the end of March 2019 was 55, while in the July 2014 constituent session the average was 53. Between July 2014 and March 2019, 108 deputies were replaced for various reasons: 43 deputies resigned, 6 died and 59 took up other posts.

-Longer fills: During the five years of the seventh legislature (2009-2014) there were 260 days of plenary session, which meant 2160 hours. From July 2014 to December 2018, MEPs worked 255 days of plenary session, which amounted to 2187 hours.

By the end of 2018, they had cast 27,000 votes, compared to 23552 in the previous legislature.

Parliament in figures (July 2014-December 2018):

- A total of 2134 texts adopted in plenary, of which 708 were legislative acts.
- 552 public hearings organised by parliamentary committees
- A total of 6880 citizens' petitions
- Almost 1.6 million citizen visits to Parliament

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## EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT ACHIEVEMENTS 2014-2018



Find out how the European Parliament has contributed to improving your life in the last five years:

- Cheaper calls: Elimination of roaming charges and limitation of the cost of calls to other European countries to a maximum of 19 cents per minute.
- More options when buying online: Establishment of the "unjustified geographic block" (2018) to facilitate online commerce.
- Better protection on the internet: Adoption of a new data protection regulation that came into force in May 2018, giving Europeans greater control over how their personal information is used and new EU copyright rules to adapt them to the digital age.
- Improved rights for workers: In April 2019 MEPs adopted new measures to reconcile work and family life. New rules on minimum employee rights were also supported.
- A healthy planet for future generations: Since the Paris Agreement (2016), MEPs have worked to reduce carbon emissions and promote the use of renewable energy sources.
- More opportunities to study abroad: MEPs called for Erasmus + funding to triple during the period 2021-2027.
- Boosting economic growth: The signing of trade agreements such as the EU-Japan in 2018 as an economic driver, among others.
- A more secure Europe: new rules to prevent the financing of terrorism and promote data interoperability in order to be able to deal with it.
- Lower energy bills: Simplified energy labelling for household appliances approved by MEPs in 2017.

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## HOW THE EU IMPROVES WORKERS' RIGHTS AND WORKING CONDITIONS



From working hours and parental leave to health and safety at work, discover the European Union's new measures to ensure social protection.

The new conditions include minimum standards in working conditions, such as working hours, part-time work, the rights of workers to access information on important aspects of their job and the posting of workers. These rules are key points in Europe's social dimension.

The minimum requirements of EU law establish individual rights for all workers. They include weekly working time not exceeding 48 hours, a minimum of 4 weeks of paid holidays per year, rest periods and rules on night work, shifts and the pace of work.

Over the years, Europe has experienced significant changes in the labour market due to digitisation, the development of new technologies, flexibility and fragmentation of work. New forms of employment include an increase in temporary jobs and atypical jobs.

To improve the rights of the most vulnerable workers with atypical work contracts, the Parliament approved in 2019 new rules to introduce minimum rights into working conditions. The new legislation limits the probationary period to six months, introduces free compulsory training and prohibits restrictive contracts. It also requires staff, within a maximum of one week from the start of their work, to know essential information about their responsibilities.

INFOGRAPHICS: TRANSPARENT AND PREDICTABLE WORKING CONDITIONS IN THE EU



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# EUROPEAN CITIZENS' INITIATIVE: COMMISSION REGISTERS 4 NEW INITIATIVES AND CONCLUDES THAT 1 IS LEGALLY INADMISSIBLE



The European Commission has decided to register 4 new European citizens' initiatives: 'The fast, fair and effective solution to climate change', 'Ending the aviation fuel tax exemption in Europe', 'Cohesion policy for regional equality and sustainability of regional cultures' and 'PRO-NUTRISCORE'.

At the same time, the Commission has decided that it cannot register a European Citizens' Initiative entitled "Stop trade with Israeli settlements operating in the Occupied Palestinian Territory". The initiative is legally inadmissible as it is manifestly outside the Commission's powers to act in accordance with the EU Treaties.

At this stage of the process, the Commission has not analysed the substance of the initiatives, but only their legal admissibility. If any of the 4 registered initiatives receives 1 million statements of support within 1 year from at least 7 different Member States, the Commission will analyse it and react within 3 months. The Commission can decide whether to follow the request or not, and in both cases it will be required to explain its reasoning.

## FACTSHEET: WHERE CAN I MAKE A DIFFERENCE? WITH THE EUROPEAN CITIZENS' INITIATIVE



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## HUMAN RIGHTS BREACHES IN BRUNEI, CHINA AND CAMEROON



The European Parliament has adopted three resolutions taking stock of the human rights situation in Brunei, China and Cameroon.

Brunei must stop criminalising consensual acts of the same sex.

MEPs strongly condemn the entry into force of the Sharia Penal Code in Brunei, which introduces the death penalty by stoning for consensual acts between persons of the same sex, extramarital sex and abortion, as well as amputation by theft for both adults and children. They express concern that while many countries are decriminalizing consensual same-sex acts, Brunei has become the seventh country to punish them.

China must end arbitrary arrests of religious and ethnic minorities

Parliament is concerned about the increasingly repressive regime faced by many religious and ethnic minorities in China, including Uighurs, Kazakhs, Tibetans and Christians. The situation is deteriorating rapidly, placing additional restrictions on their fundamental rights. It calls on the Chinese Government to put an end to the arbitrary arrests, without charge, trial or conviction for criminal offences, of members of the Uighur minority and the Kazakh and Tibetan minority.

Cameroonian authorities must end use of force against political opposition

As this year, Cameroon's security forces violently suppressed opposition protests and arrested some 200 opposition supporters, including political leader Maurice Kamto, MEPs condemn the use of such force, call for an independent and transparent investigation into the conduct of police and security forces against demonstrators and the immediate release of all those detained on politically motivated charges. They also want the country's government to confirm that it will not seek the death penalty for political activists and demonstrators, while recalling that this punishment has not been used in Cameroon since 1997.

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## TRADE: EUROPEAN COURT OF JUSTICE CONFIRMS COMPATIBILITY OF INVESTMENT COURT SYSTEM WITH EU TREATIES



The European Commission welcomes the recent opinion of the European Court of Justice that the provisions of the Investment Court System (ICS) of the Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) between the EU and Canada are compatible with the EU Treaties.

The Court's decision means that no changes should be made to the text of the EU-Canada agreement and that ratifications by Member States can continue. Similarly, no changes will be required to the CSI provisions included in the agreements with Singapore, Mexico and Vietnam. The Commission will continue to negotiate the system of investment tribunals in bilateral agreements with other partners.

The agreement with Canada has been in provisional application since September 2017 and can only enter into force once it has been ratified by all Member States and concluded by the Council. Only after the conclusion of this process can the Investment Court System become operational. Until then, CETA will continue to apply provisionally to the extent provided for in the Council Decision on its provisional application. CETA was approved by the European Parliament on 15 February 2017.

Main features of the new system of investment tribunals : - a permanent tribunal inspired by international public tribunals;

- not based on ad hoc temporary tribunals; - professional and independent contractors: appointed for a long term by both parties taking into account all the interests at stake.

READ MORE ABOUT THE INVESTMENT TRIBUNAL SYSTEM



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## CASE-LAW

### AGRICULTURE AND FISHERY

#### CASE C-614/17 FUNDACIÓN CONSEJO REGULADOR DE LA DENOMINACIÓN DE ORIGEN PROTEGIDA QUESO MANCHEGO V INDUSTRIAL QUESERA CUQUERELLA AND CUQUERELLA MONTAGUD. JUDGMENT OF THE COURT OF 2 MAY 2019

**Summary:** Main proceedings. Reference for a preliminary ruling — Agriculture — Regulation (EC) No 510/2006 — Article 13(1) (b) — Protection of geographical indications and designations of origin for agricultural products and foodstuffs — Manchego cheese ('queso manchego') — Use of signs capable of evoking the region with which a protected designation of origin (PDO) is associated — Concept of the 'average consumer who is reasonably well informed and reasonably observant and circumspect' — European consumers or consumers of the Member State in which the product covered by the PDO is made and mainly consumed

**Publication date:** 02-05-2019

**Author:** Court of Justice

**Link:** [CLICK HERE](#) 

**Key words:** agriculture, protection of geographical indications, designations of origin, agricultural products and foodstuffs, Manchego cheese, use of signs, Protected Designation of Origin, PDO, average consumer, Spain

**Celex Code:** 62017CJ0614

#### CASE C-611/17 ITALY V COUNCIL (QUOTA DE PÊCHE DE L'ESPADON) MÉDITERRANÉEN). JUDGMENT OF THE COURT OF JUSTICE OF 30 APRIL 2019.

**Summary:** Main Proceedings. Action for annulment - Common fisheries policy - Conservation of resources - International Convention for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas - Total allowable catches (TACs) of Mediterranean swordfish - Setting of fishing opportunities for 2017 - Exclusive competence of the Union - Determination of the reference period - Reliability of the basic data - Scope of judicial review - Article 17 TEU - Management of the Union's interests within international bodies - Principle of relative stability - Principles of non-retroactivity, legal certainty, legitimate expectations and non-discrimination.

**Publication date:** 30-04-2018

**Author:** Court of Justice

**Link:** [CLICK HERE](#) 

**Key words:** main proceedings, action for annulment, common fisheries policy, conservation of resources, total allowable catches, Mediterranean swordfish, Union competence, principle of relative stability, International Convention for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas

**Celex Code:** 62017CJ0611

#### CASE C-341/17 P GREECE V COMMISSION. JUDGMENT OF THE COURT OF JUSTICE (EIGHTH CHAMBER) OF 15 MAY 2019.

**Summary:** Main Proceedings. (Appeal - European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund (EAGGF), Guarantee Section, European Agricultural Guarantee Fund (EAGF) and European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) - Expenditure excluded from European Union financing - Expenditure incurred by the Hellenic Republic - Regulation (EC) No 1782/2003 - Regulation (EC) No 796/2004 - Area aid scheme - Concept of 'permanent pasture' - Flat-rate financial corrections - Deduction of previous correction)

**Publication date:** 15-05-2019

**Author:** Court of Justice

**Link:** [CLICK HERE](#) 

**Key words:** Main proceedings, appeal, European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund, EAGGF, EAGF, EAFRD, public aid, financing, excluded expenditure, area aid scheme, permanent pasture.

**Celex Code:** 62017CJ0341

## EU SINGLE MARKET

### CASE C-486/18 RE / PRAXAIR MRC. JUDGMENT OF THE COURT OF JUSTICE (FIRST CHAMBER) OF 8 MAY 2019.

**Summary:** Main Procedure. Reference for a preliminary ruling - Social policy - Directive 96/34/EC - Framework Agreement on parental leave - Clause 2(6) - Worker on indefinite and full-time contracts on part-time parental leave - Dismissal - Compensation for dismissal and relocation allowance - Methods of calculation - Article 157 TFEU - Equal pay for male and female workers - Part-time parental leave used substantially by female workers - Indirect discrimination - Factors objectively justified and unrelated to any discrimination on grounds of sex - None.

**Publication date:** 28-03-2019

**Author:** Court of Justice

**Link:** [CLICK HERE](#) 

**Key words:** Main proceedings, preliminary ruling procedure, social policy, parental leave, workers, open-ended contract, dismissal, outplacement, discrimination on grounds of sex.

**Celex Code:** 62018CJ0275

### CASE C-598/17 A-FONDS V INSPECTOR VAN DE BELASTINGDIENST. JUDGMENT OF THE COURT OF JUSTICE (FIRST CHAMBER) OF 2 MAY 2019.

**Summary:** Main Proceedings. Reference for a preliminary ruling - Existing aid and new aid - Concept of new aid - Refund of a tax on dividends - Scheme extended to companies established outside the territory of the Member State concerned - Free movement of capital - Obligations of the national courts

**Publication date:** 02-05-2019

**Author:** Court of Justice

**Link:** [CLICK HERE](#) 

**Keywords:** Main proceedings, preliminary ruling procedure, existing aid, new aid, refund of taxes, company law, third country, free movement of capital, obligation, national courts, Netherlands

**Celex Code:** 62017CJ0598

### ASUNTO AVIS 1/17 ACCORD ECG UE-CANADA. OPINION OF THE COURT OF JUSTICE (FULL COURT) OF 30 APRIL 2019.

**Summary:** Opinion - Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement between Canada, of the one part, and the European Union and its Member States, (CETA) - Settlement of investor-State disputes (SDIE) - Compatibility with primary Union law - Obligation to respect the autonomy of the Union legal order - Established level of protection of public interests - Equal treatment between Canadian investors and Union investors - Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union - Access to and independence of the abovementioned courts - Financial accessibility - External and internal aspects of the requirement of independence - Appointment, remuneration and ethics of members - Role of the CETA Joint Committee)

**Publication date:** 30-04-2019

**Author:** Court of Justice

**Link:** [CLICK HERE](#) 

**Keywords:** Main proceedings, Global Economic and Trade Agreement, Canada, European Union, CETA, investor-State disputes, compatibility, primary law of the Union, equal treatment, protection of public interests.

**Celex Code:** 62017CV0001(02)

## ENVIRONMENT

### CASE C-689/17 CONTI 11. CONTAINER SCHIFFAHRT / LAND NIEDERSACHSEN. JUDGMENT OF THE COURT OF JUSTICE (FIFTH CHAMBER) OF 16 MAY 2019.

**Summary:** Main Procedure. Reference for a preliminary ruling - Environment - Shipment of waste - Regulation (EC) No 1013/2006 - Waste subject to the procedure of prior written notification and consent - Shipments within the European Union - Article 1(3)(b) - Exclusion from the scope - Waste generated on board ships - Waste on board a ship due to a breakdown.

**Publication date:** 16-05-2019

**Author:** Court of Justice

**Link:** [CLICK HERE](#) 

**Key words:** Main proceedings, preliminary ruling procedure, environment, waste shipment, waste generation, ships

**Celex Code:** 62017CJ0689

### CASE C-305/18 VAS Y MOVIMENTO LEGGE RIFIUTI ZERO PER L'ECONOMIA CIRCOLARE / PRESIDENTE DEL CONSIGLIO DEI MINISTRI ET AL. JUDGMENT OF THE COURT OF JUSTICE (SIXTH CHAMBER) OF 8 MAY 2019.

**Summary:** Main Proceedings. Reference for a preliminary ruling - Environment - Directive 2008/98/EC - Recovery or disposal of waste - Establishment of an integrated waste management system ensuring national self-sufficiency - Establishment of incineration plants or increase in the capacity of existing plants - Classification of incineration plants as 'infrastructure and strategic establishments of overriding national interest' - Compliance with the principle of 'waste hierarchy' - Directive 2001/42/EC - Need for an 'environmental assessment'.

**Publication date:** 08-05-2019

**Author:** Court of Justice

**Link:** [CLICK HERE](#) 

**Keywords:** Main proceedings, preliminary ruling procedure, environment, waste disposal, integrated waste management system, national self-sufficiency, facilities, environmental assessment

**Celex Code:** 62018CJ0305

### JOINED CASES C-293/17 AND C-294/17 COÖPERATIE MOBILISATION FOR THE ENVIRONMENT Y VERENIGING LEEFMILIEU / COLLEGE VAN GEDEPUTEERDE STATEN VAN LIMBURG Y COLLEGE VAN GEDEPUTEERDE STATEN VAN GELDERLAND. JUDGMENT OF THE COURT OF 7 NOVEMBER 2018.

**Summary:** Main Procedure. Reference for a preliminary ruling - Directive 92/43/EEC - Conservation of natural habitats and of wild fauna and flora - Special areas of conservation - Article 6 - Proper assessment of the effects on a site of a plan or project - National programme to combat nitrogen deposition - Concepts of 'project' and 'proper assessment' - Prior overall assessment of the individual authorisations of agricultural holdings giving rise to those depositions.

**Date of Publication:** 07-11-2018

**Author:** Court of Justice

**Link:** [CLICK HERE](#) 

**Key words:** Main proceedings, preliminary ruling procedure, conservation of natural habitats, wild fauna and flora, special areas of conservation, nitrogen deposition, national programme.

**Celex Code:** 62017CJ0293

## SECURITY AND DEFENCE

### JOINED CASES C-391/16, C-77/17 AND C-78/17 M / MINISTERSTVO VNITRA ET X. AND X. / COMMISSAIRE GÉNÉRAL AUX RÉFUGIÉS ET AUX APATRIDES (REVOCAION OF REFUGEE STATUS). JUDGMENT OF THE COURT OF JUSTICE (GRAND CHAMBER) OF 14 MAY 2019.

**Summary:** Main Proceedings. Reference for a preliminary ruling - Area of freedom, security and justice - Asylum policy - International protection - Directive 2011/95/EU - Refugee status - Article 14(4) to (6) - Refusal to grant or withdraw refugee status in the event of a threat to the security or community of the host Member State - Validity - Article 18 of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union - Article 78(1) TFEU - Article 6(3) TEU - Geneva Convention.

**Publication date:** 14-05-2019

**Author:** Court of Justice

**Link:** [CLICK HERE](#) 

**Key words:** Main proceedings, preliminary ruling procedure, area of freedom, security and justice, asylum policy, refugee status, refusal of renewal, refusal to grant, EU Charter of Fundamental Rights

**Celex Code:** 62016CJ0391

### CASES C-508/18 AND C-82/19 PPU MINISTER FOR JUSTICE AND EQUALITY / OG Y PI (PARQUET DE LÜBECK Y PARQUET DE ZWICKAU). JUDGMENT OF THE COURT OF JUSTICE (GRAND CHAMBER) OF 27 MAY 2019.

**Summary:** Main Proceedings. Reference for a preliminary ruling - Urgent preliminary ruling procedure - Police and judicial cooperation in criminal matters - European arrest warrant - Framework Decision 2002/584/JHA - Article 6(1) - Concept of 'issuing judicial authority' - European arrest warrant issued by the public prosecutor's office of a Member State - Statute - Existence of a subordinate relationship vis-à-vis an executive authority - Power of the Minister for Justice to issue individual instructions - Lack of guarantee of independence.

**Publication date:** 27-05-2019

**Author:** Court of Justice

**Link:** [CLICK HERE](#) 

**Key words:** Main proceedings, preliminary ruling procedure, police and judicial cooperation, criminal matters, European arrest warrant, prosecutor's office of a Member State, organ of the executive branch, lack of guarantee of independence


**Celex Code:** 62018CJ0508

### CASE C-509/18 MINISTER FOR JUSTICE AND EQUALITY / PF (PROCUREUR GÉNÉRAL DE LITUANIE). JUDGMENT OF THE COURT OF JUSTICE (GRAND CHAMBER) OF 27 MAY 2019.

**Summary:** Main Proceedings. Preliminary ruling - Police and judicial cooperation in criminal matters - European arrest warrant - Framework Decision 2002/584/JHA - Article 6(1) - Concept of 'issuing judicial authority' - European arrest warrant issued by the public prosecutor of a Member State - Statute - Guarantee of independence

**Publication date:** 27-05-2019

**Author:** Court of Justice

**Link:** [CLICK HERE](#) 

**Key words:** Main proceedings, preliminary ruling procedure, police and judicial cooperation, criminal matters, European arrest warrant, prosecutor's office of a Member State, organ of the executive branch, lack of guarantee of independence

**Celex Code:** 62018CJ0508

## RESEARCH AND INNOVATION

### CASE C-294/18 PROCEEDINGS INITIATED BY OULUN SÄHKÖNMYyntI. JUDGMENT OF THE COURT OF JUSTICE (TENTH CHAMBER) OF 2 MAY 2019.

**Summary:** Main Proceedings. Reference for a preliminary ruling - Energy efficiency - Directive 2012/27/EU - Article 11(1) - Cost of access to metering and billing information - Right of final customers to receive, free of charge, their energy bills and information thereon - Tariff for access to the electricity grid - Discount on the tariff for access to the electricity grid granted by an electricity sales company to customers who have opted for electronic billing.

**Publication date:** 02-05-2019

**Author:** Court of Justice

**Link:** [CLICK HERE](#) 

**Key words:** Main proceedings, preliminary ruling procedure, energy efficiency, consumer rights, free receipt of invoices, tariff for access to the electricity grid, discount, electronic invoicing, Finland

**Celex Code:** 62018CJ0294

### CASE C-690/17 ÖKO-TEST VERLAG / DR. RUDOLF LIEBE NACHF. JUDGMENT OF THE COURT OF JUSTICE (FIFTH CHAMBER) OF 11 APRIL 2019.

**Summary:** Main Proceedings. (Reference for a preliminary ruling - Intellectual property - Trade marks - Regulation (EC) No 207/2009 - Article 9(1) - Directive 2008/95/EC - Article 5(1) and (2) - Rights conferred by the trade mark - Individual trade mark consisting of a quality test label)

**Publication date:** 11-04-2019

**Author:** Court of Justice

**Link:** [CLICK HERE](#) 

**Key words:** Main proceedings, preliminary ruling procedure, intellectual property, trade marks, rights conferred by the trade mark, label of a quality test


**Celex Code:** 62017CJ0690

### CASE C-98/18 T. BOER & ZONEN / STAATSSECRETARIS VAN ECONOMISCHE ZAKEN. JUDGMENT OF THE COURT OF JUSTICE (NINTH CHAMBER) OF 2 MAY 2019.

**Summary:** Main Proceedings. Reference for a preliminary ruling - Health protection - Hygiene rules - Regulation (EC) No 853/2004 - Hygiene of foodstuffs of animal origin - Obligations of food business operators - Specific requirements - Meat of domestic ungulates - Storage and transport - Temperature requirements for meat

**Publication date:** 02-05-2019

**Author:** Court of Justice

**Link:** [CLICK HERE](#) 

**Key words:** Main proceedings, preliminary ruling procedure, health protection, hygiene rules, food of animal origin, food business obligations, meat of domestic ungulates, storage and transport, requirements, Netherlands

**Celex Code:** 62018CJ0098

## EDUCATION AND CULTURE

### CASE C-161/18 VILLAR LAIZ / INSS AND TGSS. JUDGMENT OF THE COURT OF JUSTICE (THIRD CHAMBER) OF 8 MAY 2019.

**Summary:** Main Proceedings. Reference for a preliminary ruling - Equal treatment for men and women in matters of social security - Directive 79/7/EEC - Article 4 - Prohibition of any discrimination on grounds of sex - Indirect discrimination - Part-time work - Calculation of the retirement pension

**Publication date:** 08-05-2019

**Author:** Court of Justice

**Link:** [CLICK HERE](#) 

**Key words:** Main proceedings, preliminary ruling procedure, equal treatment, social security, equality of sexes, discrimination on grounds of sex, retirement pension

**Celex Code:** 62018CJ0161

### CASE C-24/17 ÖSTERREICHISCHER GEWERKSCHAFTSBUND / REPUBLIK ÖSTERREICH. JUDGMENT OF THE COURT OF JUSTICE (FIRST CHAMBER) OF 8 MAY 2019.

**Summary:** Main proceedings. Reference for a preliminary ruling - Social policy - Prohibition of any discrimination on grounds of age - Directive 2000/78/EC - Exclusion of professional experience acquired before the age of 18 - New system of remuneration and promotion - Maintenance of difference of treatment - Free movement of workers - Article 45 TFEU - Regulation (EU) No 492/2011 - Article 7(1) - National legislation providing for partial calculation of previous periods of employment.

**Publication date:** 08-05-2019

**Author:** Court of Justice

**Link:** [CLICK HERE](#) 

**Key words:** Main proceedings, preliminary ruling procedure, social policy, discrimination on grounds of age, exclusion of professional experience, under 18, remuneration scheme and new promotion, difference in treatment, free movement of workers, national legislation

**Celex Code:** 62017CJ0024

### CASE C-431/17 MONACHOS EIRINAIOS / DIKIGORIKOS SYLLOGOS ATHINON. JUDGMENT OF THE COURT OF JUSTICE (GRAND CHAMBER) OF 7 MAY 2019.

**Summary:** Main Proceedings. Reference for a preliminary ruling - Directive 98/5/EC - Access to the profession of lawyer - Monk who has obtained his professional title as a lawyer in a Member State other than the host Member State - Article 3(2) - Requirement for registration with the competent authority of the host Member State - Certificate of registration with the competent authority of the home Member State - Refusal of registration - Professional and ethical rules - Incompatibility of monk status with the practice of the profession of lawyer.

**Publication date:** 07-05-2019

**Author:** Court of Justice

**Link:** [CLICK HERE](#) 

**Key words:** Main proceedings, preliminary ruling procedure, access to the profession, lawyer, legal profession, professional rules, ethical rules, incompatibility of professions, monk, Greek

**Celex Code:** 62017CJ0431

## LEGISLATION

### AGRICULTURE AND FISHERY

#### COMMISSION REGULATION (EU) 2019/624 OF 8 FEBRUARY 2019 ON SPECIFIC RULES CONCERNING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF OFFICIAL CONTROLS ON MEAT PRODUCTION AND ON PRODUCTION AND RELAYING AREAS FOR LIVE BIVALVE MOLLUSCS UNDER REGULATION (EU) 2017/625 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL.

**Summary:** This Regulation lays down specific rules for the performance of the official controls referred to in Article 18(1) of Regulation (EU) 2017/625 to be carried out on products of animal origin.

**Publication date:** 17-05-2019

**Author:** European Commission

**Link:** [CLICK HERE](#) 

**Key words:** Regulations, legal acts, binding legal elements, consumption, meat, bivalve molluscs, Regulation (EU) 2017/625

**Celex Code:** 32019R0624

#### HONEYBEE HEALTH AND THE BEEKEEPING SECTOR: EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT RESOLUTION OF 15 NOVEMBER 2011 ON HONEYBEE HEALTH AND THE CHALLENGES OF THE BEEKEEPING SECTOR

**Summary:** Document highlighting the importance of taking urgent measures to protect the health of bees, taking into account the specificities of beekeeping, the diversity of actors involved and the principles of proportionality and subsidiarity.

**Publication date:** 31-05-2019

**Author:** European Parliament

**Link:** [CLICK HERE](#) 

**Key words:** Preparatory documents, non-binding legal elements, bees, beekeeping sector, beekeeping.

**Celex Code:** 1558338020658

#### DELEGATED COMMISSION REGULATION (EU) 2019/840 OF 12 MARCH 2019 AMENDING DELEGATED REGULATION (EU) 2018/273 AS REGARDS THE IMPORT OF WINES ORIGINATING IN CANADA AND EXEMPTING RETAILERS FROM KEEPING A REGISTER OF ENTRIES AND EXITS.

**Summary:** This Regulation amends Delegated Regulation (EU) 2018/273 as follows: (1) In Article 28(1), point (c) is added as follows: "(c) retailers. (2) Section B in Annex VII, Part IV is replaced by the following: 'B. List of third countries referred to in Article 26: Australia, Canada, Chile, United States of America'.

**Publication date:** 24-05-2019

**Author:** European Commission

**Link:** [CLICK HERE](#) 

**Key words:** Regulations, legal acts, binding legal elements, wines, retailers, Australia, Canada, Chile, United States of America.

**Celex Code:** 1558694256746



## EU SINGLE MARKET

### EUROPEAN CENTRAL BANK DECISION (EU) 2019/670 OF 9 APRIL 2019 AMENDING DECISION ECB/2014/8 ON THE PROHIBITION OF MONETARY FINANCING AND THE REMUNERATION OF NATIONAL CENTRAL BANKS' DEPOSITS BY PUBLIC ADMINISTRATIONS (ECB/2019/8)

**Summary:** This Decision amends Article 1 of Decision ECB/2014/8.

**Publication date:** 29-04-2019

**Author:** Governing Council of the European Central Bank

**Link:** [CLICK HERE](#) 

**Key words:** Regulations, legal acts, binding legal elements, wines, retailers, Australia, Canada, Chile, United States of America.


**Celex Code:** 1556780076705

### COMMISSION DECISION (EU) 2019/700 OF 19 DECEMBER 2018 ON THE STATE AID SA.34914 (2013/C) IMPLEMENTED BY THE UNITED KINGDOM IN RESPECT OF THE GIBRALTAR CORPORATE TAX REGIME.

**Summary:** This Decision adopts the State aid scheme in the form of exemption of income from passive interest applicable in Gibraltar under the Income Tax Act 2010 between 1 January 2011 and 30 June 2013, as well as the State aid scheme in the form of exemption of income from royalties applicable in Gibraltar under the Income Tax Act 2010 between 1 January 2011 and 31 December 2013.

**Publication date:** 07-05-2019

**Author:** European Commission

**Link:** [CLICK HERE](#) 

**Key words:** Decisions, legal acts, binding legal elements, corporation tax, Gibraltar, Brexit, United Kingdom


**Celex Code:** 32019D0700

### COUNCIL DECISION (EU) 2019/845 OF 17 MAY 2019 ON THE POSITION TO BE ADOPTED ON BEHALF OF THE EUROPEAN UNION IN THE WORKING PARTY ON GEOGRAPHICAL INDICATIONS SET UP BY THE FREE TRADE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE EUROPEAN UNION AND ITS MEMBER STATES, OF THE ONE PART, AND THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA, OF THE OTHER PART, CONCERNING THE ADOPTION OF ITS RULES OF PROCEDURE.

**Summary:** The position to be adopted, on behalf of the Union, in the Working Party on Geographical Indications with regard to the adoption of its rules of procedure shall be based on the draft Decision of that Working Party annexed to this Decision.

**Publication date:** 24-05-2019

**Author:** Council of the European Union

**Link:** [CLICK HERE](#) 

**Key words:** Decisions, legal acts, binding legal elements, Geographical Indications Working Group, trade, international relations, EU Trade Committee, trade, Korea

**Celex Code:** 1558694256746

## ENVIRONMENT

### COMMISSION DECISION (EU) 2019/847 OF 15 MAY 2019 ON THE PROPOSED CITIZENS' INITIATIVE ENTITLED "SAVE THE BEES! PROTECTION OF BIODIVERSITY AND IMPROVEMENT OF INSECT HABITATS IN EUROPE" [?]

**Summary:** The proposed citizens' initiative under the title "Save the Bees! Protection of biodiversity and improvement of insect habitats in Europe".

**Publication Date:** 24-05-2019

**Author:** European Commission

**Link:** [CLICK HERE](#) 

**Key words:** Decisions, legal acts, legally binding elements, biodiversity, insects, bees, citizens' initiative.

**Celex Code:** 32019D0847

### COMMISSION DECISION (EU) 2019/720 OF 30 APRIL 2019 ON THE PROPOSED CITIZENS' INITIATIVE ENTITLED "ENDING THE TAX EXEMPTION FOR AVIATION FUELS IN EUROPE".

**Summary:** This Decision registers the proposal for a citizens' initiative entitled "Ending the tax exemption for aviation fuels in Europe".

**Publication date:** 10-05-2017

**Author:** European Commission

**Link:** [CLICK HERE](#) 

**Keywords:** Decisions, legal acts, binding legal elements, taxation, aviation, aviation fuels, tax exemption

**Celex Code:** 32019D0720

### COUNCIL DECISION (EU) 2019/638 OF 15 APRIL 2019 ON THE POSITION TO BE ADOPTED ON BEHALF OF THE EUROPEAN UNION AT THE 14TH MEETING OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES CONCERNING CERTAIN AMENDMENTS TO ANNEXES II, VIII AND IX OF THE BASEL CONVENTION ON THE CONTROL OF TRANSBOUNDARY MOVEMENTS OF HAZARDOUS WASTES AND THEIR DISPOSAL.

**Summary:** The fourteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal shall adopt, on behalf of the Union, a position in favour of the adoption of amendments to Annexes II, VIII and IX of the Convention aimed at modifying or adding entries relating to plastic wastes under the conditions marked in the Decision.

**Publication date:** 24-04-2019

**Author:** Council of the European Union

**Link:** [CLICK HERE](#) 

**Keywords:** Decisions, legal acts, binding legal elements, hazardous waste, Convention, plastic.

**Celex Code:** 32019D0638

## SECURITY AND DEFENCE

### COUNCIL DECISION (FISHERIES) 2019/797 OF 17 MAY 2019 CONCERNING RESTRICTIVE MEASURES AGAINST CYBERATTACKS THREATENING THE UNION OR ITS MEMBER STATES.

**Summary:** This Decision applies to cyberattacks with a significant effect, including attempts at cyberattacks with a significant potential effect, which constitute an external threat to the Union or its Member States.

**Publication date:** 17-05-2019

**Author:** Council of the European Union

**Link:** [CLICK HERE](#) 

**Keywords:** Decisions, legal acts, binding legal elements, cybersecurity, cyberattacks, Member States, European Union, CFSP.

**Celex Code:** 1558335847163

### DIRECTIVE (EU) 2019/713 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL OF 17 APRIL 2019 ON COMBATING FRAUD AND COUNTERFEITING OF NON-CASH MEANS OF PAYMENT AND REPLACING COUNCIL FRAMEWORK DECISION 2001/413/JAI

**Summary:** This Directive lays down minimum standards for the definition of criminal offences and penalties applicable in the field of fraud and counterfeiting of non-cash means of payment. This facilitates the prevention of such offences and the provision of assistance and support to victims.

**Publication date:** 10-05-2019

**Author:** European Parliament; Council of the European Union

**Link:** [CLICK HERE](#) 

**Keywords:** Directives, legal acts, binding legal elements, fight against fraud, organised crime, counterfeiting of means of payment.


**Celex Code:** 32019L0713

### COUNCIL REGULATION (EU) 2019/796 OF 17 MAY 2019 CONCERNING RESTRICTIVE MEASURES AGAINST CYBERATTACKS THREATENING THE UNION OR ITS MEMBER STATES

**Summary:** This Regulation applies to cyberattacks with a significant effect, including attempts at cyberattacks with a significant potential effect, which constitute an external threat to the Union or its Member States.

**Publication date:** 17-05-2019

**Author:** Council of the European Union

**Link:** [CLICK HERE](#) 

**Keywords:** Regulations, legal acts, binding legal elements, cybersecurity, cyberattacks, security, Member States.

**Celex Code:** 1558335847163


## RESEARCH AND INNOVATION

### COMMISSION REGULATION (EU) 2019/649 OF 24 APRIL 2019 AMENDING ANNEX III TO REGULATION (EC) NO 1925/2006 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL AS REGARDS TRANS FATS OTHER THAN TRANS FATS NATURALLY PRESENT IN FATS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN.

**Summary:** The trans-fat content, other than trans-fats naturally present in fats of animal origin, in foods intended for the final consumer and in foods intended for supply to retailers, shall not exceed 2 grams per 100 grams of fat.

**Publication date:** 25-04-2019

**Author:** European Commission

**Link:** [CLICK HERE](#) 

**Key words:** Regulations, legal acts, binding legal elements, food and agriculture sector, consumption, trans fats, animal fats, health.

**Celex Code:** 32019R0649

### AGREEMENT ON THE WITHDRAWAL OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND FROM THE EUROPEAN UNION AND THE EUROPEAN ATOMIC ENERGY COMMUNITY

**Summary:** This Agreement lays down provisions for the withdrawal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (hereinafter referred to as "the United Kingdom") from the European Union (hereinafter referred to as "the Union") and from the European Atomic Energy Community (hereinafter referred to as "Euratom").

**Publication date:** 25-04-2019

**Author:** European Union; European Atomic Energy Community; United Kingdom and Northern Ireland

**Link:** [CLICK HERE](#) 

**Keywords:** Agreements, legal acts, Brexit, Euratom, atomic energy, United Kingdom, Northern Ireland.

### COMMISSION DELEGATED REGULATION (EU) 2019/828 OF 14 MARCH 2019 AMENDING DELEGATED REGULATION (EU) 2016/127 AS REGARDS VITAMIN D REQUIREMENTS FOR INFANT FORMULAE AND ERUCIC ACID REQUIREMENTS FOR INFANT FORMULAE AND FOLLOW-ON FORMULAE

**Summary:** Annexes I and II to the Delegated Regulation (EU) 2016/127 are amended in accordance with the Annex to this Regulation.

**Publication date:** 23-05-2019

**Author:** European Commission

**Link:** [CLICK HERE](#) 

**Keywords:** Regulations, legal acts, binding legal elements, vitamin D, breastfeeding, infant formulae, follow-on formulae

**Celex Code:** 32019R0828

## EDUCATION AND CULTURE

### COMMISSION DECISION (EU) 2019/721 OF 30 APRIL 2019 ON THE PROPOSAL FOR A CITIZENS' INITIATIVE ENTITLED 'COHESION POLICY FOR THE EQUALITY OF THE REGIONS AND SUSTAINABILITY OF THE REGIONAL CULTURES'.

**Summary:** This Decision registers the proposal for a citizens' initiative entitled "Cohesion policy for the equality of the regions and sustainability of the regional cultures".

**Publication date:** 10-05-2019

**Author:** European Commission

**Link:** [CLICK HERE](#) 

**Keywords:** Decisions, legal acts, binding legal elements, citizens' initiative, equality of regions, regional cultures, cohesion, cultural heritage.


**Celex Code:** 32019D0721

### COUNCIL CONCLUSIONS ON THE EU STRATEGIC APPROACH TO INTERNATIONAL CULTURAL RELATIONS AND THE FRAMEWORK FOR ACTION

**Summary** These Conclusions set out clear principles and concrete priorities with consistent implementation, in accordance with the principles of subsidiarity and proportionality, in establishing a Work Plan for culture for the period 2019-2022 in the field of international cultural relations.

**Publication date:** 07-06-2019

**Author:** Council of the European Union

**Link:** [CLICK HERE](#) 

**Keywords:** Conclusions, cultural relations, political solidarity, cultural field, social and cultural progress, cultural diversity, artistic freedom, independence of the cultural sector.

**Celex Code:** 52019XG0607(01)

### COUNCIL RECOMMENDATION OF 22 MAY 2019 ON A GLOBAL APPROACH TO LANGUAGE TEACHING AND LEARNING

**Summary:** Recommendation on the teaching and learning of languages in accordance with national and European law, available resources and national circumstances, and in close cooperation with all interested parties.

**Publication date:** 05-06-2019

**Author:** Council of the European Union

**Link:** [CLICK HERE](#) 

**Key words:** Recommendations, legal acts, European identity, culture, education, basic skills, language teaching, multilingualism, vocational training

**Celex Code:** 32019H0605

## EUROPEAN COURT OF HUMAN RIGHTS

### DECISION FORCADELL I LLUIS AND OTHERS V. SPAIN – DECISION TO SUSPEND THE PLENARY SITTING OF THE PARLIAMENT OF THE AUTONOMOUS COMMUNITY OF CATALONIA

**Summary:** Decision of the European Court of Human Rights to reject the appeal filed by 76 former Catalan deputies for alleged violation of human rights.

**Publication date:** 28-05-2019

**Author:** European Court of Human Rights

**Link:** [CLICK HERE](#) 

**Key words:** Decisions, press releases, suspension, democratic society, Catalonia, Spain.

### APPLICATION NO 3083/17 PEDRO JOSÉ PICABEA UGALDE C. ESPAÑA BY THE MINISTRY OF JUSTICE.

**Summary:** Invoking article 7 of the Convention, the plaintiff denounces the retroactive application, in his view, of new Supreme Court case law and new legislation that entered into force after his conviction.

**Publication date:** 26-03-2019

**Author:** European Court of Human Rights

**Link:** [CLICK HERE](#) 

**Key words:** Sentences, claims, right to liberty, art. 7

### CASE OF MIRZOYAN V. ARMENIA (APPLICATION NO. 57129/10)

**Summary:** The applicant claims that the State did not protect the life of his son during his compulsory military service in the Armenian army. In addition, he claimed that he had no possibility to claim compensation from the State for non-pecuniary damages suffered as a result of the loss of his son.

**Publication date:** 23-05-2019

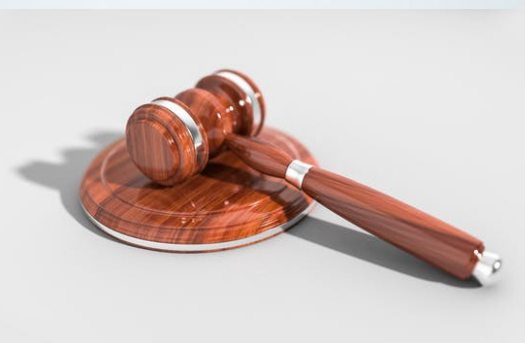
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**Key words:** Claims, sentences, right to life, positive obligations, right to an effective remedy, Art. 13

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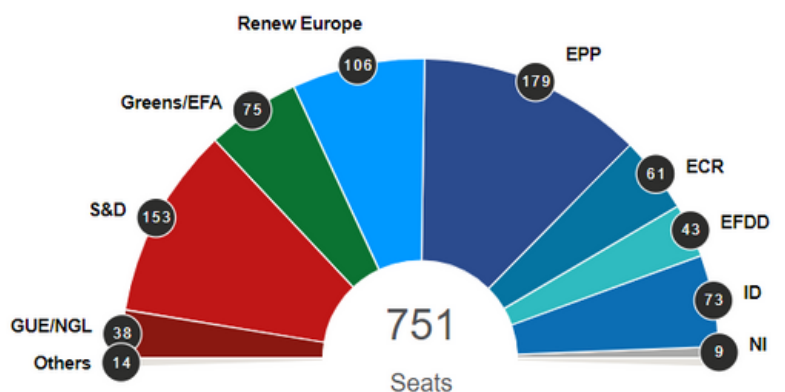


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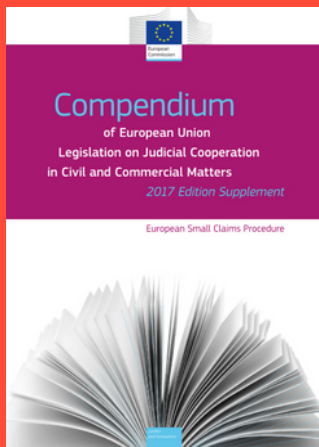
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**Publication date:** 06-06-2019

**Author:** Directorate-General for Justice and Consumers (European Commission)

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**Key words:** Community law, judicial cooperation, judicial cooperation in civil matters in the EU, legislation, commercial cooperation

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## CHALLENGES FACING CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANISATIONS WORKING ON HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE EU



**Summary:** Civil society organisations in the European Union (EU) play a crucial role in promoting fundamental rights, thus contributing to the functioning of democracies. They give people a voice on issues that matter to them, assist rights holders, oversee the activities of governments and parliaments, offer advice to policy-makers and hold authorities accountable for their actions.

**Publication date:** 29-05-2019

**Author:** European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights

**Link:** [CLICK HERE](#)

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**ISBN/ISNN:** 978-92-9474-013-7

## JUDICIAL ANALYSIS: ASYLUM PROCEDURES AND THE PRINCIPLE OF NON-REFOULEMENT



**Summary:** Member of the drafting team and lead expert for the preparation of judicial training material on "Asylum procedures and the principle of non-refoulement" in a project carried out by the International Association of Refugee Law Judges (IARLJ-Europe) for the European Asylum Support Office.

**Publication date:** 02-05-2019

**Author:** European Asylum Support Office (EU body or agency)

**Link:** [CLICK HERE](#)

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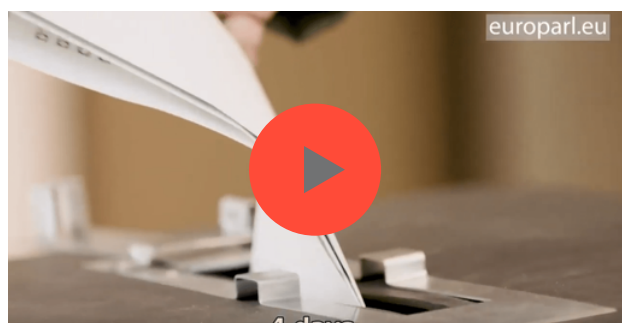
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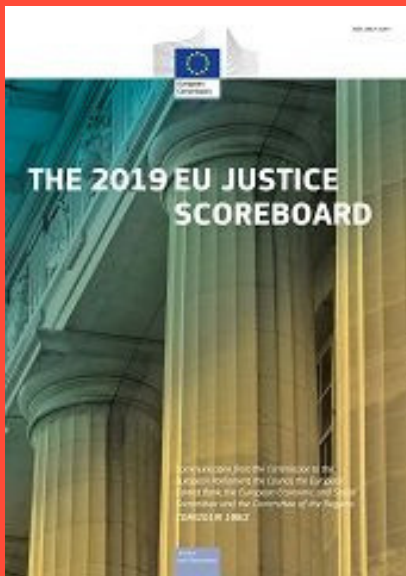


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