



Court of Justice of the European Union

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## **A delegation from the European Court of Human Rights visits the Court of Justice of the European Union**

Today, a delegation from the European Court of Human Rights visited the Court of Justice of the European Union.

The delegation included President G. Raimondi, Vice-President I. Karakaş and Section Presidents L. López Guerra, M. Lazarova Trajkovska and A. Nussberger. Also in attendance were Judges L. Bianku, J. Laffranque, P. Pinto de Albuquerque, H. Keller, A. Potocki, P. Lemmens, J. Silvis, K. Turković, I.-A- Motoc and S. O’Leary. The delegation was accompanied by Registrar R. Liddell, Deputy Registrar F. Elens-Passos, Deputy Grand Chamber Registrar J. Callewaert and Counsel to the President and Registrar, J. Darcy.

The delegation took part in working sessions with K. Lenaerts, President of the Court, Vice-President A. Tizzano, as well as several other members of the Court. The President of the Tribunal, M. Jaeger and Vice-President H. Kanninen also met with the delegation. The discussions focused on the following topics: “The Preliminary Ruling Procedure and the European Convention on Human Rights”, “The Dublin System and the European Convention on Human Rights” and “Recent Case Law in both Courts”.

This visit takes place in the wider context of long-standing cooperation between these two European Courts. Members of both Courts frequently meet in either Luxembourg or in Strasbourg in order to exchange their views on the evolution of case law concerning the Fundamental Rights of the European Union.

The European Court of Human Rights is an international Court which was created in 1959 by the Council of Europe, an organisation which is distinct from the European Union and which currently includes 47 Member States, covering 800 million European citizens. Its aim is to ensure that the Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms (often referred to as the European Convention on Human Rights) signed by Member States of the Council of Europe on the 4<sup>th</sup> November 1950 and in force since 3<sup>rd</sup> September 1953, is respected and correctly applied. A case can be referred to the European Court of Human Rights in respect of a violation of the rights and freedoms which are guaranteed by the Convention. The Court is based in Strasbourg, France.

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