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Formal sitting of the Court of Justice

New Judges at the Court of Justice and the Civil Service Tribunal

Formal sitting of 7 October 2013

Following the resignation of Mr Jean-Jacques Kasel, the representatives of the Governments of the Member States of the EU, by decision of 26 June 2013, appointed Mr François Biltgen to the Court of Justice for the remainder of the term of office of Mr Jean-Jacques Kasel, namely until 6 October 2015.

Following the resignation of Ms Irena Boruta, the Council of the European Union, by decision of 16 September 2013, appointed Mr Jesper Svenningsen to the Civil Service Tribunal for the period from 1 October 2013 to 30 September 2019.

On the occasion of the giving of the solemn undertaking and the entry into office of the two new Members, a formal sitting has been held today at the seat of the Court of Justice of the European Union.

Mr François Biltgen

Born 1958; master's degree in law (1981) and diploma of advanced studies (DEA) in Community law at the University of Law, Economics and Social Sciences, Paris II (1982); graduated from the Institut d'études politiques, Paris (1982); lawyer at the Luxembourg bar (1987-99); Deputy in the Chamber of Deputies (1994-99); Municipal Councillor of the town of Esch-sur-Alzette (1987-99); Deputy Mayor of Esch-sur-Alzette (1997-99); Alternate Member of the Luxembourg delegation to the Committee of the Regions of the European Union (1994-99); Minister for Labour and Employment, Minister for Religious Affairs, Minister for Relations with Parliament, Minister with responsibility for Communications (1999-2004); Minister for Labour and Employment, Minister for Religious Affairs, Minister for Culture, Higher Education and Research (2004-09); Minister for Justice, Minister for the Civil Service and Administrative Reform, Minister for Higher Education and Research, Minister for Communications and the Media, Minister for Religious Affairs (2009-13); Joint President of the Ministerial Conference of the Bologna Process in 2005 and 2009; Joint President of the Ministerial Conference of the European Space Agency (2012-13); Judge at the Court of Justice since 7 October 2013.

Mr Jesper Svenningsen

Born in 1966; study of law (Candidatus juris) at the University of Aarhus (1989); trainee lawyer with the Legal Adviser to the Danish Government (1989-91); Legal Secretary at the Court of Justice (1991-93); admitted to the Bar in Denmark (1993); lawyer with the Legal Adviser to the Danish Government (1993-95); Lecturer in European law at the University of Copenhagen; Senior Lecturer at the European Institute of Public Administration, Luxembourg branch, then Acting Director (1995-99); administrator with the Legal Service of the EFTA Surveillance Authority (1999-2000); official at the Court of Justice (2000-13); Legal Secretary (2003-13); Judge at the Civil Service Tribunal since 7 October 2013.

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