



1952-2012: Sixtieth Anniversary of the Court of Justice of the European Union

A formal sitting was held today at the seat of the Court of Justice of the European Union in Luxembourg to celebrate the Sixtieth Anniversary of the institution.

The ceremony took place in the presence of Their Royal Highnesses the Grand Duke and the Grand Duchess of Luxembourg, representatives of the Luxembourg authorities, the diplomatic corps, presidents of international courts, presidents of the Constitutional and Supreme Courts of the Member States and Croatia, former Members of the Court of Justice of the European Union and many other dignitaries.

Vassilios Skouris, President of the Court, opened the formal sitting with a speech of welcome, followed by that of the President of the General Court, Marc Jaeger, and that of the President of the Civil Service Tribunal, Sean Van Raepenbusch. Invited by the Court, Mr António Vitorino, former Vice-President of the Commission and President of Notre Europe – Institut Jacques Delors, gave a speech on the topic 'The future of Europe and its judicial system'.

To mark its Sixtieth Anniversary, the Court has also decided to publish a [book](#). This publication, entitled 'The Court of Justice and the Construction of Europe: Analyses and Perspectives on Sixty Years of Case-law', was presented during a working session held following (after the end of) the formal sitting.

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