



Court of Justice of the European Union

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Formal sitting of the Court of Justice of the European Union

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## **Entry into office of two new Members of the General Court of the European Union**

By decision of 13 October 2021, the representatives of the governments of the Member States appointed Mr Krisztián Kecsmár, who replaces Mr Zoltán Csehi and Mr Ion Gâlea, who replaces Ms Octavia Spineanu-Matei, as Judges of the General Court of the European Union, for the period from 18 October 2021 to 31 August 2022.

A formal sitting of the Court of Justice will take place today on the occasion of the entry into office of the new Members.

The formal sitting will be broadcast live from 12:00 on the following site: <https://c.connectedviews.com/cdj>

### **Curriculum vitae of the new Members**

#### **Krisztián Kecsmár**

Born in 1975, law degree (University of Paris-Saclay, France, 1998); master's degree in international law and EU law (University of Paris-Saclay, 1999); Master in business and EU law (University of Paris-Saclay, 2000); associate in a law firm in Budapest (Hungary) (2001-2005); case handler at the Directorate-General for Information Society and Media (2005-2009), then at the Directorate-General for Competition of the European Commission (2009-2015, 2016, 2018-2021); seconded in the interest of the service by the Commission to the Hungarian Ministry of Justice as Member of the Office of the Ministry for European Affairs (2015); Secretary of State for International and European Union Judicial Cooperation of the Hungarian Ministry of Justice (2016-2018); leader of candidate Trócsányi's team for the position of European Commissioner (2019); editor-in-chief of a Hungarian multidisciplinary journal on the European Union (since 2017), author of numerous legal publications on EU law; Judge at the General Court since 27 October 2021.

#### **Ion Gâlea**

Born in 1978, master's degree in EU law (University of Paris I, Panthéon-Sorbonne (Franco-Romanian Legal College for European Studies programme, Bucharest, Romania, 2000)); graduated in law (University of Bucharest, 2000); Master in International Relations (National School of Political and Administrative Sciences, Bucharest, 2002); Master in European Studies (University of Graz, Austria, 2006); Doctor of Laws (University of Bucharest, 2008); expert (diplomatic attaché) at the International Law and Treaties Directorate of the Romanian Ministry of Foreign Affairs (2000-2002); Head of the EU Law Department of the Romanian Ministry of Foreign Affairs (2002-2007); public notary (2007-2009); expert (2009), then Director of the EU Law Directorate of the Romanian Ministry of Foreign Affairs (2009-2010); General Director of Legal Affairs at the Romanian Ministry of Foreign Affairs (2010-2016); Ambassador of Romania to Bulgaria (2016-2020); General Director of the European Bilateral Relations and Regional Cooperation Department at the Romanian Ministry of Foreign Affairs (2021); university assistant (2002-2012), then lecturer (2012-2016), senior lecturer (2016-2021) and Professor (since 2021) at the University of Bucharest; Visiting Professor at the Yerevan Diplomatic School of Armenia

(2010), at the Romanian Diplomatic Institute (2009-2015) and at the University of A Coruña, Spain (2016); author of numerous publications; Judge at the General Court since 27 October 2021.

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