



Partial replacement of the Court of Justice and entry into office of a new Member of the General Court

Formal sitting of 8 October 2012

By decisions of 25 April 2012, 20 June 2012 and 20 September 2012, the representatives of the Governments of the Member States have renewed, for the period from 7 October 2012 to 6 October 2018, the mandates as Judges at the Court of Justice of Messrs Alexander Arabadjiev and George Arestis, Ms Maria Berger, Messrs Jean-Claude Bonichot, Anthony Borg Barthet, Carl Gustav Fernlund, Egidijus Jarašiūnas, Egils Levits and Jiří Malenovský, Ms Alexandra Prechal, Messrs Antonio Tizzano and Thomas von Danwitz.

For the period from 7 October 2012 to 6 October 2018, Mr José Luís da Cruz Vilaça, replacing Mr José Narciso da Cunha Rodrigues, and Mr Christopher Vajda, replacing Sir Konrad Schiemann, have been nominated Judges at the Court of Justice, by decisions of 25 April 2012 and 20 June 2012.

By decisions of 25 April 2012 and 20 June 2012, the representatives of the Governments of the Member States have renewed, for the period from 7 October 2012 to 6 October 2018, the mandates as Advocates General at the Court of Justice of Messrs Yves Bot and Paolo Mengozzi. By decision of 25 April 2012, Mr Melchior Wathelet, replacing Mr Ján Masák, has been nominated Advocate General at the Court of Justice for the period from 7 October 2012 to 6 October 2018.

Mr Eugène Buttigieg, replacing Ms Ena Cremona, has been nominated Judge at the General Court, by decision of 20 September 2012, for the period from 22nd September 2012 to 31 August 2013.

A formal sitting of the Court of Justice was held today on the occasion of the leaving office and departure of Messrs José Narciso da Cunha Rodrigues, Ján Mazák and Sir Konrad Schiemann and Ms Ena Cremona, and the taking of the oath and entry into office of the new Members of the institution.

CVs of the new Judges and Advocate General

José Luís da Cruz Vilaça

Born 1944; Professor at the Catholic University and the New University of Lisbon; formerly Professor at the University of Coimbra and at Lusíada University, Lisbon (Director of the Institute for European Studies); Member of the Portuguese Government (1980-83): State Secretary for Home Affairs, State Secretary in the Prime Minister's Office and State Secretary for European Affairs; Deputy in the Portuguese Parliament, Vice-President of the Christian-Democrat Group; Advocate General at the Court of Justice (1986-88); President of the Court of First Instance of the European Communities (1989-95); lawyer at the Lisbon bar, specialising in European and competition law (1996-2012); member of the working group for the reform of the Community judicial system – 'Due Group' (2000); Chairman of the Disciplinary Board of the European Commission (2003-07); President of the Portuguese Association of European Law (since 1999); Judge at the Court of Justice since 8 October 2012.

Christopher Vajda

Born 1955; law degree from Cambridge University; *licence spéciale en droit européen* at the Université libre de Bruxelles (*grande distinction*); called to the Bar of England and Wales by Gray's Inn (1979); Barrister (1979-2012); called to the Bar of Northern Ireland (1996); Queen's Counsel (1997); Bencher of Gray's Inn (2003); Recorder of the Crown Court (2003-12); Treasurer of the United Kingdom Association for European Law (2001-12); contributor to 3rd to 6th eds of *European Community Law of Competition* (Bellamy and Child); Judge at the Court of Justice since 8 October 2012.

Melchior Wathelet

Born 1949; degrees in law and in economics (University of Liège); Master of Laws (Harvard University, United States); Doctor honoris causa (Université Paris-Dauphine); Professor of European Law at the Catholic University of Louvain and the University of Liège; Deputy (1977-95); State Secretary, Minister and Minister-President of the Walloon Region (1980-88); Deputy Prime Minister, Minister for Justice and for Small and Medium-Sized Businesses, the Liberal Professions and the Self-Employed (1988-92); Deputy Prime Minister, Minister for Justice and Economic Affairs (1992-95); Deputy Prime Minister, Minister for National Defence (1995); Mayor of Verviers (1995); Judge at the Court of Justice of the European Communities (1995-2003); legal adviser, then counsel (2004-12); Minister of State (2009-12); Advocate General at the Court of Justice since 8 October 2012.

Eugène Buttigieg

Born 1961; Doctor of Laws, University of Malta; Master of Laws in European Legal Studies, University of Exeter; Ph.D. in Competition Law, University of London; Legal Officer at the Ministry of Justice (1987-1990); Senior Legal Officer at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (1990-1994); Member of the Copyright Board (1994-2005); Legal Reviser at the Ministry of Justice and Local Government (2001-2002); Board Member of the Malta Resources Authority (2001-2009); Legal Consultant in the field of EU law from 1994, Legal Advisor to the Ministry of Finance, the Economy and Investment on consumer and competition law (2000-2010), Legal Advisor to the Office of the Prime Minister on consumer affairs and competition (2010-2011), Legal Consultant with the Malta Competition and Consumer Affairs Authority (2012); Lecturer (1994-2001), Senior Lecturer (2001-2006), subsequently Associate Professor (since 2007) and holder of the Jean Monnet Chair in EU Law (since 2009) at the University of Malta; author of numerous publications in the fields of competition law, consumer law, intellectual property and EU law; co-founder and vice-president of the Maltese Association for European Law; judge at the General Court since 8 October 2012.

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