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## **Estimated cost of increasing the number of Judges at the General Court**

1. Increasing the number of Judges of the General Court by 12 would require additional appropriations in an amount estimated at EUR 11.6 million in a ‘normal year of operation’.

This amount comprises the remuneration and expenses associated with 12 Judges, their Chambers staff (51 posts, taking into account the 9 legal secretaries already taken on in 2014) and Registry staff (17 posts), as well as the corresponding operating expenditure (in relation to buildings, furnishings and information technology). In the year of establishment, the various installation expenses would be in the order of EUR 3.4 million.

As compared with the financial statement attached to the March 2011 proposal by the Court of Justice, there is a reduction in the appropriations required in a normal year of just over EUR 2 million. This is essentially accounted for by the appropriations already obtained in 2014 for the nine legal secretaries.

2. Adding 7 Judges to the General Court by the reintegration of the Civil Service Tribunal (CST) would require additional appropriations of EUR 2.4 million.

This additional cost is essentially attributable to a more substantial Chambers structure at the General Court than that at the CST. As regards CST Registry staff, their reintegration into the General Court Registry would have no financial impact.

At the time of the CST’s reintegration, a provision would be required for installation expenses of (no more than) EUR 1.3 million (that is if none of the serving Judges at the CST were to be appointed Judge at the General Court).

3. Lastly, the appropriations required when increasing by 9 the number of Judges at the General Court may be estimated at EUR 8.9 million in a normal year of operation.

This amount comprises the remuneration and expenses associated with 9 Judges and their Chambers staff (45 posts), as well as the corresponding operating expenditure. The additional cost in the first year would be approximately EUR 2.2 million.

4. Finally, as compared with the budget of the Court of Justice and with the administrative budget of all the institutions, the cost burden of increasing the numbers of Judges at the General Court would be as follows, in a normal year of operation:

	Budget of the Court		Total administrative budget of the institutions	
	€	%	€	%
2014 amount	€48.7 mill	100%	€6,783.2 mill	100%
Creation of 12 Judges	€1.6 mill	3.3%	€1.6 mill	0.17%
Creation of 7 Judges (CST reintegration)	€2.4 mill	0.7%	€2.4 mill	0.03%
Creation of 9 Judges	€8.9 mill	2.6%	€8.9 mill	0.13%
Total (28 Judges)	€22.9 mill	6.6%	€22.9 mill	0.34%