



Report on the functioning of the General Court of the European Union

On 16 December 2015, the EU legislature adopted a reform of the European Union's judicial structure. This involved doubling, in three successive stages, the number of judges at the General Court of the European Union and transferring to the General Court, on 1 September 2016, first instance jurisdiction in disputes between the European Union and its staff, hitherto devolved to the Civil Service Tribunal.

In the context of monitoring the implementation of that reform, the Court of Justice was requested, pursuant to Article 3(1) of Regulation 2015/2422,¹ to submit two reports, using external consultants, to the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission on the functioning of the General Court. According to that provision, the report was, in particular, to focus on the efficiency of the General Court, the necessity and effectiveness of the increase to 54 Judges, the use and effectiveness of resources and the further establishment of specialised chambers and/or other structural changes.

The Court of Justice sent that report to the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission on 21 December 2020. The full report is available at: https://curia.europa.eu/jcms/jcms/Jo2_7031/.

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¹ Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2015/2422 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 December 2015 amending Protocol No 3 on the Statute of the Court of Justice of the European Union (OJ 2015 L 341, p.14).