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Formal sitting of the Court of Justice

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

By decision of 29 June 2022, the representatives of the governments of the Member States appointed, as Judges at the General Court of the European Union, for the period from 30 June 2022 to 31 August 2022, Mr Tihamér Tóth, replacing Mr Barna Berke, and Ms Beatrix Riczióvá.

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 live-streamed from 11.30 a.m. on the website accessible from the following link: <https://c.connectedviews.com/05/LiveMeetings/cdj>

#### Curriculum vitae of the new Members

##### Mr Tihamér Tóth

Born 1971 in Zalaegerszeg (Hungary), Mr Tihamér Tóth studied law at the Szegedi Tudományegyetem (University of Szeged, Hungary), where he obtained a degree in law in 1994. It was at that same university that he pursued doctoral studies and defended his thesis in law in 2001.

In 1994, he began his professional career in Hungary as a legal officer at the European Affairs Office, hosted in turn by the Ministry for International Economic Relations, the Ministry for Industry and Trade and the Ministry for Foreign Affairs.

Between 1997 and 2001, he held the position of case handler at the International Office of the Hungarian Competition Authority. From 2001 to 2003, he was a member and then, from 2003 to 2009, President of the Competition Council (Hungary). During that latter period, he also served as Vice-President of the Hungarian Competition Authority.

From 2009 to 2022, he practised as a lawyer in Hungary, particularly in the area of competition law.

From 1999, Mr Tóth also dedicated himself to an academic career at the Pázmány Péter Katolikus Egyetem (Pázmány-Péter Catholic University, Hungary). He was a lecturer there between 1999 and 2010 and then became Vice-Dean, responsible, from 2010 to 2013, for research and international relations, from 2013 to 2014, for student affairs and, since 2015, for international relations. Mr Tóth was appointed as a professor at that university in 2018, where he held the Jean Monnet Chair in Competition Law between 2019 and 2022.

He is the author of numerous works and publications on competition law.

Mr Tóth was appointed as a Judge at the General Court on 6 July 2022.

### **Ms Beatrix Ricziová**

Born 1981 in Bratislava (Slovakia), Ms Beatrix Ricziová obtained from the Univerzita Komenského v Bratislave (Comenius University in Bratislava, Slovakia) a master's degree in law in 2005 before being awarded the title of Doctor of Laws there in 2012.

She began her professional career in 2002 as a judicial assistant at a law firm in Slovakia where she worked until 2004. From 2003, she also undertook translation and interpretation duties at events organised by the municipality of Stupava (Slovakia) for a number of years.

Between 2005 and 2006, Ms Ricziová joined the Institute for the Approximation of Laws of the Government Office of Slovakia as a lawyer, and then, from 2007 to 2008, the office of the main agent for the representation of Slovakia before the Court of Justice of the European Union integrated within the Ministry of Justice of the Slovak Republic. Between 2009 and 2022, she served as the main agent for Slovakia before the Courts of the European Union.

Ms Ricziová was also a member, from 2007 to 2010, of the Permanent Committee for Civil and Commercial Law of the Legislative Council of the Government of Slovakia and, from 2012 to 2015, of the Commission for the Recodification of the Civil Procedural Law in Slovakia.

Ms Ricziová was appointed as a Judge at the General Court on 6 July 2022.

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