

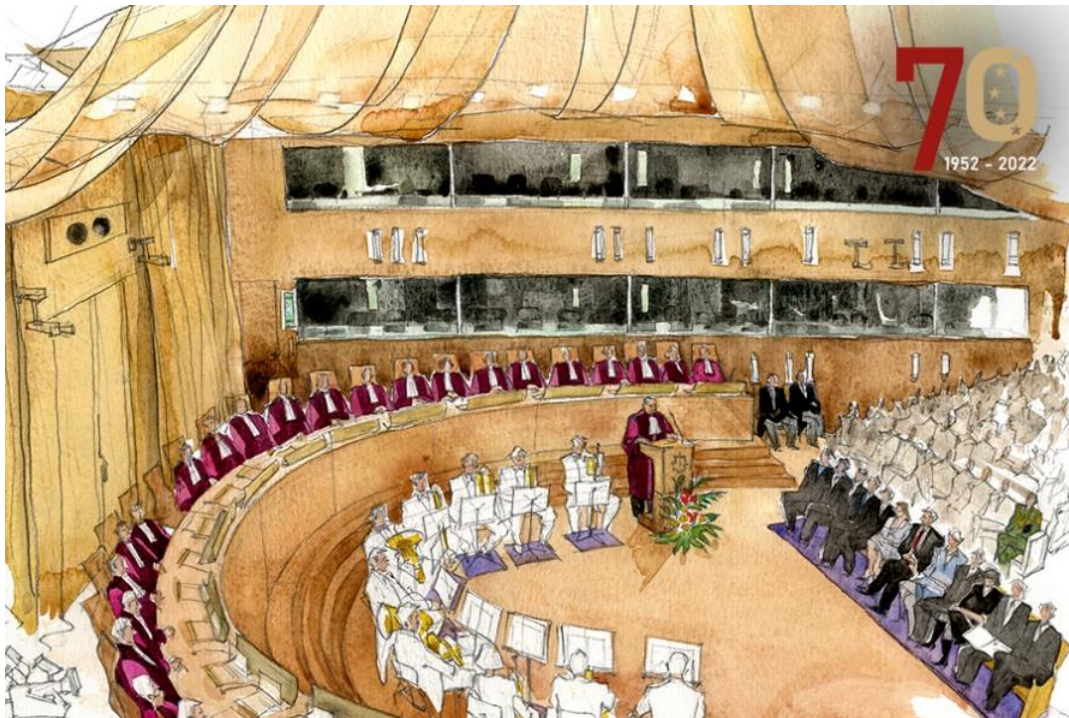


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1952-2022: Special Meeting of Judges on the occasion of the 70th anniversary of the Court of Justice of the European Union

The Court of Justice celebrates the 70th anniversary of its first Members taking up their duties on 4 December 1952 in Luxembourg as it devotes three days to the theme of 'Bringing justice closer to the citizen'



The Main Courtroom of the Court of Justice of the European Union (aquarelle by Noëlle Herrenschmidt, 2008).

This official event will take place from 4 to 6 December 2022 at the Court of Justice of the European Union in the framework of a special Meeting of Judges. The Meeting of Judges is a conference organised each year as a way to support the fundamental bonds between the Court of Justice and the national courts of the Member States, which apply European Union law on a daily basis in close cooperation with the Court of Justice.

This special 2022 version of the conference will bring together the Members of the Court of Justice and of the General Court of the European Union, the Presidents of the Constitutional and Supreme Courts of all the Member States and the Presidents of the European Court of Human Rights and of the Court of the European Free Trade Association (EFTA).

The event will commence on the evening of 4 December 2022 with an address by Mr Koen Lenaerts, the President of the Court of Justice, which will be followed by the screening of a commemorative film that has been produced for the 70th anniversary of the Court of Justice's creation.

On 5 December the Meeting will proceed with its work in the course of three plenary sessions and workshops devoted to bringing justice closer to citizens.

The Meeting will be brought to a close on 6 December by a formal sitting attended by His Royal Highness the Hereditary Grand-Duke, former Members of the Court of Justice, including the President of Latvia, His Excellency Mr Egils Levits, and the General Court, High Representatives of the European institutions, of the host State authorities and of the diplomatic corps and representatives from legal circles. Following a welcome by Mr Lenaerts, the floor will be given in turn to the First Vice-President of the European Parliament, Mr Othmar Karas, the Minister for Legislation and Chairman of the Government Legislative Council of the Czech Republic, Mr Michal Šalomoun, the Vice President of the European Commission, Ms Vera Jourová, and the Minister for Culture and for Justice of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, Ms Sam Tanson.

The formal sitting will be streamed live from 11 a.m. on the Curia website and can be accessed from the following link: https://curia.europa.eu/jcms/jcms/p1_3865569/

On the afternoon of 6 December, secondary school students will take part in a meeting in the Main Courtroom with Mr Lenaerts, Mr Karas and Ms Jourová in the form of a question-and-answer session. The meeting, entitled 'Builders of Europe', will involve several hundred secondary school students from all over the European Union, participating either in person or by video-conference, accompanied by simultaneous interpreting.

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