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[EUR-Lex - 62024CJ0258](#)

Case C-43/24. Judgment of the Court (Second Chamber) of 12 March 2026. K. M. H. v Obshtina Stara Zagora.

Reference for a preliminary ruling – **Citizenship of the Union** – Article 21(1) TFEU – Right to move and reside freely within the territory of the Member States – Impediments – **Request to amend gender data in the civil status registers** – Directive 2004/38/EC – Article 4(3) – Article 7 of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union – **Right to respect for private and family life** – Obligation, for a court of a Member State, to comply with the case-law of the constitutional court of that State – Interpretation in conformity with EU law.

[EUR-Lex - 62024CJ0043](#)

1. EU-Swiss Relations

Community Legislation

Agreement between the European Union and the Swiss Confederation **establishing a framework for the participation of the Swiss Confederation in European Union crisis management operations**

[EUR-Lex - 22026A00581](#)

Agreement between the European Union and the Swiss Confederation on the **terms and conditions for the participation of the Swiss Confederation in the European Union Agency for the Space Programme**

[EUR-Lex - 22026A00791](#)

2. External Relations / Foreign Policy

Community Legislation

Council Decision (CFSP) 2026/779 of 30 March 2026 amending Decision 2011/235/CFSP concerning **restrictive measures directed against certain persons and entities in view of the situation in Iran**

[Decision - CFSP - 2026/779](#)

Council Decision (CFSP) 2026/778 of 30 March 2026 amending Decision (CFSP) 2024/583 on a **European Union maritime security operation to safeguard freedom of navigation in relation to the Red Sea crisis**

[Decision - CFSP - 2026/778](#)

Regulation (EU) 2026/687 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2026 **implementing the bilateral safeguard clauses of the EU-Mercosur Partnership Agreement and the EU-Mercosur Interim Trade Agreement for agricultural products**

[Regulation - EU - 2026/687](#)

Case Law

Judgment of the Court (Grand Chamber) of 26 March 2026. Dmitry Alexandrovich Pumpyanskiy and Others v Council of the European Union. Joined Cases C-696/23 P, C-704/23 P, C-711/23 P, C-35/24 P and C-111/24 P.

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[EUR-Lex - 62023CJ0696](#)

Case C-465/24. Judgment of the Court (Fifth Chamber) of 12 March 2026. SBK Art Limited Liability Company v Fortenova Group STAK Stichting and Open Pass Limited. Request for a preliminary ruling from the Hoge Raad der Nederlanden.

Reference for a preliminary ruling – Common foreign and security policy – Restrictive measures in respect of actions undermining or threatening the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine – Regulation (EU) No 269/2014 – **Concept of ‘freezing of funds’** – Article 1(f) – **Exercise by a person subject to restrictive measures of the rights, attached to depositary receipts, to attend, and vote in, a meeting of holders of such instruments.**

[EUR-Lex - 62024CJ0465](#)

Case C-84/24. Judgment of the Court (First Chamber) of 12 March 2026. UAB „EM SYSTEM“ v AB SEB bankas and AS „Citadele banka“ Lietuvos filialas. Request for a preliminary ruling from the Lietuvos Aukščiausiasis Teismas.

Reference for a preliminary ruling – Common foreign and security policy – Regulation (EC) No 765/2006 – Restrictive measures in view of the situation in Belarus – Article 2(1) – Annex I – **List of persons, entities and bodies subject to restrictive measures – Inclusion of the name of the shareholder of a company on that list – 50% stake in the capital of that company held by that shareholder – Freezing of the funds of the company, which is not included on the list – Control by a person or entity included on the list of a legal person not included on the list** – Criteria for assessment – Right to effective judicial protection – Rights of the defence.

[EUR-Lex - 62024CJ0084](#)

3. Agriculture and Fisheries / Maritime Affairs

Community Legislation

Regulation (EU) 2026/687 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2026 implementing the bilateral safeguard clauses of the EU-Mercosur Partnership Agreement and the EU-Mercosur Interim Trade Agreement for agricultural products

[Regulation - EU - 2026/687](#)

Case Law

Case C-434/24. Judgment of the Court (First Chamber) of 26 March 2026. JD v Ministerul Agriculturii și Dezvoltării Rurale – Agenția de Plăți și Intervenție pentru Agricultură Centrul Județean Bistrița-Năsăud. Request for a preliminary ruling from the Curtea de Apel Cluj.

Reference for a preliminary ruling – Agriculture – Common agricultural policy – **European Agricultural Guarantee Fund (EAGF)** – Single area payment scheme – Regulation (EU) No 1307/2013 – Article 32(2) and (4) – Eligible hectare – Article 36(5) – Hectares at the farmer’s disposal – **National legislation requiring the production of a lease agreement relating to the agricultural area** – Annulment with retroactive effect of that agreement on account of an irregularity in the award procedure which cannot be attributed to that farmer – Regulation (EU) No 1306/2013 – Article 63(1) – Eligibility of the application.

[EUR-Lex - 62024CJ0434](#)

4. Audiovisual and Media and Information Society

Case Law

Case C-371/24. Judgment of the Court (Fifth Chamber) of 19 March 2026. Criminal proceedings against Ministère public. Request for a preliminary ruling from the Cour d'appel de Paris.

Reference for a preliminary ruling – **Protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data for the purpose of combating criminal offences** – Directive (EU) 2016/680 – Article 10 – Processing of special categories of personal data – Collection of biometric data – Taking of fingerprints and of photographs – Person reasonably suspected on one or more grounds of having committed or attempted to commit a criminal offence – Whether strictly necessary – Discretion – Obligation to state reasons – **Refusal of the data subject to consent to the collection of his or her biometric data – National legislation allowing a person to be prosecuted for and convicted of a specific criminal offence penalising such a refusal, even in the absence of any prosecution or conviction in respect of the criminal offence that formed the basis of the envisaged collection of those data.**

[EUR-Lex - 62024CJ0371](#)

Case C-514/24. Judgment of the Court (Second Chamber) of 12 March 2026. Magyar Telekom Nyrt. v Nemzeti Média- és Hírközlési Hatóság Elnöke. Request for a preliminary ruling from the Kúria.

Reference for a preliminary ruling – Approximation of laws – Telecommunications sector – Directive (EU) 2018/1972 – European Electronic Communications Code – First subparagraph of Article 105(4) – **Right of end-users to terminate their contact without further costs due to modifications unilaterally proposed by a provider of electronic communication services** – Exceptions – Modifications directly imposed by EU law or national law.

[EUR-Lex - 62024CJ0514](#)

Case C-10/25. Judgment of the Court (Eighth Chamber) of 5 March 2026. Elettronica Industriale SpA v Ministero delle Imprese e del Made in Italy. Request for a preliminary ruling from the Tribunale Amministrativo Regionale per il Lazio.

Reference for a preliminary ruling – Electronic communications networks and services – Directive 2002/20/EC – Article 13 – **Fees for rights of use for digital television frequencies** – Directive 2002/21/EC – Article 8 – General objectives – Proportionality – **Criterion for assessing fees linked to the collection of a predetermined amount of annual revenue with a financial objective.**

[EUR-Lex - 62025CJ0010](#)

5. Competition and State Aid

Case Law

Case C-58/25. Judgment of the Court (Eighth Chamber) of 26 March 2026. Fremoluc NV and Association de Promotion des Droits Humains et des Minorités ASBL v Vlaamse Regering. Request for a preliminary ruling from the Grondwettelijk Hof.

Reference for a preliminary ruling – State aid – **Concept of ‘aid scheme’** – Further implementing measures – **National legislation providing for the adoption of aid schemes aimed at enabling the purchase of immovable property** – Implementation of that legislation by municipal regulations.

[EUR-Lex - 62025CJ0058](#)

Case C-870/24. Judgment of the Court (Ninth Chamber) of 19 March 2026. Valsts ieņēmumu dienests v SIA „OUTLETICO”. Request for a preliminary ruling from the Administratīvā apgabaltiesa.

Reference for a preliminary ruling – State aid – Regulation (EU) No 651/2014 – **Categories of aid which may be considered to be compatible with the internal market – Exemption provided for aid to small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs)** – Article 1 of Annex I – Concept of an ‘enterprise’ – Article 3(3) of Annex I – Concept of ‘linked enterprises’ – Natural person holding the majority of voting rights associated with the shares of an enterprise – Engaging in an economic activity – Actual control exercised through direct or indirect involvement in the management of the enterprise.

[EUR-Lex - 62024CJ0870](#)

6. Customs

Case Law

Case C-307/23. Judgment of the Court (First Chamber) of 26 March 2026. G GmbH v Hauptzollamt H. Request for a preliminary ruling from the Bundesfinanzhof.

Reference for a preliminary ruling – Customs union – Regulation (EEC) No 2913/92 – Community Customs Code – Import and export procedures – **Determining the customs value** – Article 32(1)(a)(ii) and (b)(iv) – Adjustment depending on costs incurred by the buyer – **Costs arising from intangible services for the design of templates for labels affixed on food cans** – Concept of ‘container’ – Intangible services within the European Union.

[EUR-Lex - 62023CJ0307](#)

7. Economic and Monetary Affairs, Taxation, Enterprise

Community Legislation

Directive (EU) 2026/799 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 30 March 2026 harmonising certain aspects of insolvency law

[Directive - EU - 2026/799](#)

Regulation (EU) 2026/697 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2026 on cooperation among enforcement authorities responsible for the enforcement of Directive (EU) 2019/633 on unfair trading practices in business-to-business relationships in the agricultural and food supply chain

[Regulation - EU - 2026/697](#)

Case Law

Case C-513/24. Judgment of the Court (Second Chamber) of 19 March 2026. Oblastní nemocnice Kolín, a. s., nemocnice Středočeského kraje v Odvolací finanční ředitelství. Request for a preliminary ruling from the Nejvyšší správní soud.

Reference for a preliminary ruling – Taxation – Common system of value added tax (VAT) – Directive 2006/112/EC – Right to deduct VAT – Article 173(1) – Proportional deduction – Expenditure forming part of the general costs of a taxable person – **Minimum technical and material equipment of healthcare facilities required in order to obtain a licence to supply healthcare services in respect of which VAT is not deductible** – Services necessary for the supply of services in respect of which VAT is deductible.

[EUR-Lex - 62024CJ0513](#)

Case C-363/24. Judgment of the Court (Fourth Chamber) of 19 March 2026. Finansinspektionen v Carnegie Investment Bank AB. Request for a preliminary ruling from the Högsta domstolen.

Reference for a preliminary ruling – Regulation (EU) No 596/2014 – **Market abuse** – Article 7(1) – **Concept of ‘inside information’** – Article 7(2) – Information of a ‘precise nature’ – Email containing information relating to the inclusion of a person in an insider list – No statement of the reasons that led to that inclusion – Correct assessment of the circumstances – Correct information – Necessity.

[EUR-Lex - 62024CJ0363](#)

Case C-43/25. Judgment of the Court (Seventh Chamber) of 19 March 2026. SML Maschinengesellschaft mbH v AK en tant qu’administrateur dans la procédure de liquidation portant sur le patrimoine de MAPLAN Maschinenfabrik und Anlagen für Kunststofftechnik Schwerin GmbH. Request for a preliminary ruling from the Bundesgerichtshof.

Reference for a preliminary ruling – Judicial cooperation in civil matters – Regulation (EC) No 1346/2000 – **Insolvency proceedings** – Article 13 – Conflicts of laws – **Loan granted by a shareholder of a capital company to that company** – **Action for restitution of payments received by the creditor before the opening of the insolvency proceedings** – Action aimed at ensuring compliance with the ranking of claims in those proceedings.

[EUR-Lex - 62025CJ0043](#)

Case C-515/24. Judgment of the Court (Seventh Chamber) of 12 March 2026. Randstad España SLU v Administración General del Estado. Request for a preliminary ruling from the Tribunal Supremo.

Reference for a preliminary ruling – Taxation – Common system of value added tax (VAT) – Deduction of input VAT – Directive 2006/112/EC – Second paragraph of Article 176 – **Exclusion from the right to deduct VAT** – **Acquisition of tickets for leisure events and services** – Entry into force of the right to deduct VAT on the date of accession of the Kingdom of Spain to the European Economic Community – Standstill clause.

[EUR-Lex - 62024CJ0515](#)

Case C-521/24. Judgment of the Court (Ninth Chamber) of 12 March 2026. Aptiv Services Hungary Kft. v Nemzeti Adó- és Vámhivatal Fellebbviteli Igazgatósága. Request for a preliminary ruling from the Győri Törvényszék.

Reference for a preliminary ruling – Taxation – Common system of value added tax (VAT) – Directive 2006/112/EC – **Intra-Community acquisition of goods** – Article 168 – **Deduction of input VAT due in respect of such an acquisition** – Articles 178 and 179 – Rules governing the exercise of the right to deduct VAT – Late submission of invoices necessary for the exercise of the right to deduct VAT – Refusal of the right to deduct VAT – **National legislation providing for a self-correction procedure enabling the taxable person to exercise his or her right of deduction beyond the tax period during which that right arose** – Principles of neutrality, proportionality and effectiveness.

[EUR-Lex - 62024CJ0521](#)

Case C-828/24. Judgment of the Court (Sixth Chamber) of 5 March 2026. Erdrich Umformtechnik GmbH v Odvolací finanční ředitelství. Request for a preliminary ruling from the Nejvyšší správní soud.

Reference for a preliminary ruling – Taxation – **Common system of taxation applicable to interest and royalty payments made between associated companies of different Member States** – Directive 2003/49/EC – **Decision to grant an exemption for a period prior to the provision of the attestation and supporting information** – Article 1(12) – Time limit for provision of the attestation – Limitation on the period that may be subject to an exemption.

[EUR-Lex - 62024CJ0828](#)

Case C-472/24. Judgment of the Court (Second Chamber) of 5 March 2026. MB "Žaidimų valiuta" v Valstybinė mokesčių inspekcija prie Lietuvos Respublikos finansų ministerijos. Request for a preliminary ruling from the Mokestinių ginčų komisija prie Lietuvos Respublikos Vyriausybės.

Reference for a preliminary ruling – **Common system of value added tax (VAT)** – Directive 2006/112/EC – Exemptions – Article 135(1)(e) – **Transactions involving the exchange of units of virtual money of an online video game for traditional currencies** – Calculation of the taxable amount – Article 30a – Multi-purpose vouchers – Virtual money of an online video game.

[EUR-Lex - 62024CJ0472](#)

Case C-436/24. Judgment of the Court (Ninth Chamber) of 5 March 2026. Skatteverket v Lyko Operations AB. Request for a preliminary ruling from the Högsta förvaltningsdomstolen.

Reference for a preliminary ruling – **Common system of value added tax (VAT)** – Directive 2006/112/EC – Article 30a – Supply of goods – Concept of ‘voucher’ – Classification – **Customer loyalty programme in the form of points awarded on the basis of previous purchases** – Points which may be redeemed for products of low value.

[EUR-Lex - 62024CJ0436](#)

Joined Cases C-409/24 to C-411/24. Judgment of the Court (Fourth Chamber) of 5 March 2026. J-GmbH and Others v Finanzamt K and Others. Requests for a preliminary ruling from the Bundesfinanzhof.

References for a preliminary ruling – Common system of value added tax (VAT) – Directive 2006/112/EC – Article 98 – **Option for the Member States to apply a reduced rate of VAT to certain supplies of goods and services** – Short-term accommodation in hotels and similar establishments – Annex III, point (12) – **Reduced rate of VAT applicable to accommodation provided in hotels and similar establishments** – Supplies that are ancillary to accommodation – National regulations establishing a mechanism for separating taxable transactions – No application of the reduced VAT rate to supplies that are not directly used for the accommodation – Principle of fiscal neutrality.

[EUR-Lex - 62024CJ0409](#)

8. Education, Training, Youth, Culture, Research and Innovation

Nothing to report for the period under review.

9. Employment and Social Affairs

Case Law

Case C-357/24. Judgment of the Court (Ninth Chamber) of 26 March 2026. Freistaat Bayern v Euroherc osiguranje d.d. Request for a preliminary ruling from the Visoki trgovački sud Republike Hrvatske.

Reference for a preliminary ruling – Social security – **Coordination of social security systems** – Regulation (EC) No 883/2004 – Article 1(q)(iv) – Concept of ‘competent institution’ – Employer – Article 3(1)(a) – **Concept of ‘sickness benefits’** – Continued remuneration in respect of temporary incapacity for work – Article 85(1) – **Benefits payable under the legislation of a Member State for injury sustained in the territory of another Member State** – Employer’s right of action against a liable third party – Rights of the injured party – Subrogation – Limits.

[EUR-Lex - 62024CJ0357](#)

Case C-258/24. Judgment of the Court (Grand Chamber) of 17 March 2026. Katholische Schwangerschaftsberatung v JB. Request for a preliminary ruling from the Bundesarbeitsgericht.

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[EUR-Lex - 62024CJ0258](#)

Case C-597/24. Judgment of the Court (Tenth Chamber) of 12 March 2026. C.M. v Ministero dell’Istruzione e del Merito. Request for a preliminary ruling from the Corte suprema di cassazione.

Reference for a preliminary ruling – Social policy – Equal treatment in employment and occupation – Directive 2000/78/EC – Prohibition of discrimination on the ground of disability – Article 2(2) – **Right of a teacher with a disability to be transferred to a particular territorial area** – Article 5 – **Reasonable accommodation for persons with disabilities** – Priority for mobility within a territorial area as compared to mobility between different territorial areas.

[EUR-Lex - 62024CJ0597](#)

Case C-757/24. Judgment of the Court (Ninth Chamber) of 5 March 2026. SG v Gemeinde Wien. Request for a preliminary ruling from the Arbeits- und Sozialgericht Wien.

Reference for a preliminary ruling – Social policy – Equal treatment in employment and occupation – Directive 2000/78/EC – **Prohibition of discrimination on grounds of age** – Regional legislation on the remuneration of contract staff members – **Periods of employment completed before the age of 18 taken into account** – New remuneration system replacing previous legislation found to be discriminatory.

[EUR-Lex - 62024CJ0757](#)

Case C-151/24. Judgment of the Court (First Chamber) of 5 March 2026. Istituto nazionale della previdenza sociale (INPS) v V. M. Request for a preliminary ruling from the Corte costituzionale.

Reference for a preliminary ruling – Directive 2011/98/EU – **Rights for third-country workers who hold a single permit** – Article 12 – Right to equal treatment – Third-country national – Residence permit for family reasons – Social security – Regulation (EC) No 883/2004 – Coordination of social security systems – Article 3 – Concept of ‘branches of social security’ – Article 70 – Special non-contributory cash benefits – **Social allowance for the elderly living in indigence** – Conditions for granting – **Exclusion of third-country nationals who do not hold an EU residence permit for long-term residents.**

[EUR-Lex - 62024CJ0151](#)

10. Energy and Environment

Community Legislation

Regulation (EU) 2026/667 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2026 amending Regulation (EU) 2021/1119 as regards the setting of a Union intermediate climate target for 2040

[Regulation - EU - 2026/667](#)

11. Food Safety, Public Health and Consumers

Case Law

Case C-62/25. Judgment of the Court (Eighth Chamber) of 26 March 2026. Bundesverband der Verbraucherzentralen und Verbraucherverbände - Verbraucherzentrale Bundesverband e.V. v JZ. Request for a preliminary ruling from the Bundesgerichtshof.

Reference for a preliminary ruling – Consumer protection – Directive 98/6/EC – Indication of the prices of products – Article 2(a) – **Concept of ‘selling price’ – Online sales – Flat-rate processing costs for a total order with a value below a minimum amount** – Exclusion of those costs from the selling price of the product concerned.

[EUR-Lex - 62025CJ0062](#)

Case C-679/24. Judgment of the Court (Ninth Chamber) of 19 March 2026. HL v UniCredit Bank Zrt. and Momentum Credit Zrt. Request for a preliminary ruling from the Fővárosi Törvényszék.

Reference for a preliminary ruling – Consumer protection – Directive 93/13/EEC – Unfair terms in consumer contracts – **Loan agreement denominated in foreign currency** – Term placing the exchange rate risk on the consumer – Effects of a finding that the term is unfair – **Action for restitution of the sums paid pursuant to the unfair term – Starting point of the limitation period for an action for restitution** – Resumption of the limitation period after a period of suspension.

[EUR-Lex - 62024CJ0679](#)

Case C-589/24. Judgment of the Court (Fourth Chamber) of 19 March 2026. Almirall BV and Almirall SA v Infinity Pharma BV and Pharmaline BV. Request for a preliminary ruling from the Hoge Raad der Nederlanden.

Reference for a preliminary ruling – Medicinal products for human use – Directive 2001/83/EC – Scope – Article 2(1) – Medicinal products prepared industrially or manufactured by a method involving an industrial process – Article 3(2) – **Medicinal products prepared in a pharmacy in accordance with the prescriptions of a pharmacopoeia and intended to be supplied directly to the patients served by the pharmacy in question** – Exclusion from the directive’s scope – **National regulation subjecting the latter medicinal products to an authorisation requirement on the basis of a numerical criterion.**

[EUR-Lex - 62024CJ0589](#)

Case C-564/24. Judgment of the Court (Fifth Chamber) of 5 March 2026. Eisenberger Gerüstbau GmbH v JK. Request for a preliminary ruling from the Kammergericht.

Reference for a preliminary ruling – Consumer protection – Directive 2011/83/EU – Distance contract concluded between a consumer and a trader – **Concept of ‘consumer’ – Contact established between the consumer and the trader by another trader commissioned by the consumer** – Article 2(7) – Right of withdrawal of the consumer – Article 9(1) – Abuse of rights.

[EUR-Lex - 62024CJ0564](#)

12. Human Rights

Case Law

Judgment of the Court (Grand Chamber) of 26 March 2026. Dmitry Alexandrovich Pumpyanskiy and Others v Council of the European Union. Joined Cases C-696/23 P, C-704/23 P, C-711/23 P, C-35/24 P and C-111/24 P.

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[EUR-Lex - 62023CJ0696](#)

Case C-338/24. Judgment of the Court (Second Chamber) of 26 March 2026. LF v Sanofi Pasteur SA. Request for a preliminary ruling from the Cour d'appel de Rouen.

Reference for a preliminary ruling – Approximation of laws – **Liability for defective products** – Directive 85/374/EEC – Article 13 – Relationship with the fault-based liability system – Fault by the producer linked to the defective nature of the product – Article 10 – **Starting point of the three-year limitation period in the case of damage consisting in a progressive illness** – Concept of ‘becoming aware of the damage’ – Article 11 – Extinguishment of the rights of the injured person – Validity – Article 47 of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union – **Right of access to a court.**

[EUR-Lex - 62024CJ0338](#)

Case C-521/21. Judgment of the Court (Grand Chamber) of 24 March 2026. MJ v AA. Request for a preliminary ruling from the Sąd Rejonowy Poznań - Stare Miasto w Poznaniu.

Reference for a preliminary ruling – Rule of law – Effective legal protection in the fields covered by EU law – **Judicial independence** – Second subparagraph of Article 19(1) TEU – Second paragraph of Article 47 of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union – **National legislation and case-law prohibiting national courts from calling into question the legitimacy of constitutional courts and bodies or from establishing or assessing the lawfulness of the appointment of judges or of their judicial powers** – Obligation for a judge hearing an application for the recusal of another judge to ascertain whether the requirement of a ‘tribunal previously established by law’ has been met – Appointment of judges of the ordinary courts in Poland – **Lack of independence of the Krajowa Rada Sądownictwa (National Council of the Judiciary, Poland)** – No effective remedy for candidates for the judicial post concerned – Judge not constituting an ‘independent and impartial tribunal previously established by law’ – Possibility of removing a judge from a panel of judges of the court.

[EUR-Lex - 62021CJ0521](#)

Case C-371/24. Judgment of the Court (Fifth Chamber) of 19 March 2026. Criminal proceedings against Ministère public. Request for a preliminary ruling from the Cour d'appel de Paris.

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[EUR-Lex - 62024CJ0371](#)

Case C-8/24. Judgment of the Court (Grand Chamber) of 17 March 2026. Criminal proceedings against. Request for a preliminary ruling from the Visoki kazneni sud Republike Hrvatske.

Reference for a preliminary ruling – Area of freedom, security and justice – Judicial cooperation in criminal matters – Regulation (EU) 2018/1805 – Article 1(1) and (4) – Confiscation order issued in criminal proceedings – Point 2 of Article 2 and point 3(a) and (d) of Article 2 – Confiscation in relation to a criminal offence, but without a final conviction – **Confiscation order imposed in a judgment of acquittal finding that the goods to be confiscated are the product of a criminal offence other than the offence giving rise to that judgment and in which offence persons other than the defendants acquitted were involved** – No indictment against those persons – Article 19(1)(h) – Grounds for non-recognition and non-execution of confiscation orders – Exceptional situations in which there are substantial grounds to believe, on the basis of specific and objective evidence, that the execution of the confiscation order would, in the particular circumstances of the case, entail a manifest breach of a fundamental right as set out in the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union – Article 47 of the Charter of Fundamental Rights – **Right to an effective remedy and rights of the defence** – No use of effective remedies in the issuing Member State.

[EUR-Lex - 62024CJ0008](#)

Case C-43/24. Judgment of the Court (Second Chamber) of 12 March 2026. K. M. H. v Obshtina Stara Zagora.

Reference for a preliminary ruling – Citizenship of the Union – Article 21(1) TFEU – Right to move and reside freely within the territory of the Member States – Impediments – **Request to amend gender data in the civil status registers** – Directive 2004/38/EC – Article 4(3) – Article 7 of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union – **Right to respect for private and family life** – Obligation, for a court of a Member State, to comply with the case-law of the constitutional court of that State – Interpretation in conformity with EU law.

[EUR-Lex - 62024CJ0043](#)

Case C-210/24. Judgment of the Court (Second Chamber) of 5 March 2026. Asociación de Empresas de Servicios para la Dependencia (AESTE) v Ayuntamiento de Ortuella. Request for a preliminary ruling from the Órgano Administrativo de Recursos Contractuales de la Comunidad Autónoma de Euskadi.

Reference for a preliminary ruling – **Public procurement** – Directive 2014/24/EU – Contract for social services without accommodation – Contract with a value below the threshold for that directive to apply – Article 67 – **Award criteria of a social nature** – Most economically advantageous tender – **Salary increase of staff performing the contract above the salary level provided for in the sectoral collective agreement** – Connection with the subject matter of the contract – Proportionality and non-discrimination – Article 28 of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union – **Right to negotiate by collective agreement.**

[EUR-Lex - 62024CJ0210](#)

13. Internal Market and Free Movement

Case Law

Case C-338/24. Judgment of the Court (Second Chamber) of 26 March 2026. LF v Sanofi Pasteur SA. Request for a preliminary ruling from the Cour d'appel de Rouen.

Reference for a preliminary ruling – Approximation of laws – **Liability for defective products** – Directive 85/374/EEC – Article 13 – Relationship with the fault-based liability system – Fault by the producer linked to the defective nature of the product – Article 10 – **Starting point of the three-year limitation period in the case of damage consisting in a progressive illness** – Concept of ‘becoming aware of the damage’ – Article 11 – Extinguishment of the rights of the injured person – Validity – Article 47 of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union – Right of access to a court.

[EUR-Lex - 62024CJ0338](#)

Case C-43/24. Judgment of the Court (Second Chamber) of 12 March 2026. K. M. H. v Obshtina Stara Zagora.

Reference for a preliminary ruling – **Citizenship of the Union** – Article 21(1) TFEU – Right to move and reside freely within the territory of the Member States – Impediments – **Request to amend gender data in the civil status registers** – Directive 2004/38/EC – Article 4(3) – Article 7 of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union – **Right to respect for private and family life** – Obligation, for a court of a Member State, to comply with the case-law of the constitutional court of that State – Interpretation in conformity with EU law.

[EUR-Lex - 62024CJ0043](#)

Case C-119/24. Judgment of the Court (Sixth Chamber) of 12 March 2026. DK and JO v État belge. Request for a preliminary ruling from the Cour d'appel de Liège.

Reference for a preliminary ruling – **Freedom of movement for workers** – Income tax – **Tax supplement on the income tax of natural persons which may be established by the municipalities or agglomerations in which those persons reside** – Surcharge on income tax borne by non-residents for tax purposes paid to the State – **Fiscal burden on non-residents for tax purposes that is heavier than that borne by tax residents of a Member State** – Comparable situations – No justification.

[EUR-Lex - 62024CJ0119](#)

Judgment of the Court (First Chamber) of 12 March 2026. Minister for Justice v I.T. Case C-477/24. Request for a preliminary ruling from the Court of Appeal.

Reference for a preliminary ruling – **Citizenship of the Union** – Right to move and reside freely within the territory of the Member States – Directive 2004/38/EC – Article 7(3)(b) – Derived right of residence – **Third-country national divorced from a Union citizen who was no longer a worker or self-employed person at the time of initiation of the divorce proceedings** – Meaning of ‘duly recorded involuntary unemployment after having been employed for more than one year’ – Single continuous period of one year – Person having received social welfare – Proof – Applicant’s right of access to the social welfare file of his former spouse – Article 47 of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union – Principle of good administration and right to an effective judicial remedy.

[EUR-Lex - 62024CJ0477](#)

Case C-150/25. Judgment of the Court (Fifth Chamber) of 12 March 2026. BX v État belge. Request for a preliminary ruling from the Tribunal de première instance du Luxembourg.

Reference for a preliminary ruling – Article 45 TFEU – **Freedom of movement for workers** – Income tax – **Employment income received in another Member State** – Exemption with progression in the Member State of residence – Failure to apply a bilateral convention for the avoidance of double taxation by a contracting State – **Loss of part of the tax advantages relating to the personal and family circumstances of the taxpayer.**

[EUR-Lex - 62025CJ0150](#)

Case C-514/24. Judgment of the Court (Second Chamber) of 12 March 2026. Magyar Telekom Nyrt. v Nemzeti Média- és Hírközlési Hatóság Elnöke. Request for a preliminary ruling from the Kúria.

Reference for a preliminary ruling – Approximation of laws – Telecommunications sector – Directive (EU) 2018/1972 – European Electronic Communications Code – First subparagraph of Article 105(4) – **Right of end-users to terminate their contact without further costs due to modifications unilaterally proposed by a provider of electronic communication services** – Exceptions – Modifications directly imposed by EU law or national law.

[EUR-Lex - 62024CJ0514](#)

Case C-210/24. Judgment of the Court (Second Chamber) of 5 March 2026. Asociación de Empresas de Servicios para la Dependencia (AESTE) v Ayuntamiento de Ortuella. Request for a preliminary ruling from the Órgano Administrativo de Recursos Contractuales de la Comunidad Autónoma de Euskadi.

Reference for a preliminary ruling – **Public procurement** – Directive 2014/24/EU – Contract for social services without accommodation – Contract with a value below the threshold for that directive to apply – Article 67 – **Award criteria of a social nature** – Most economically advantageous tender – **Salary increase of staff performing the contract above the salary level provided for in the sectoral collective agreement** – Connection with the subject matter of the contract – Proportionality and non-discrimination – Article 28 of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union – Right to negotiate by collective agreement.

[EUR-Lex - 62024CJ0210](#)

14. Intellectual Property

Case Law

Case C-412/24. Judgment of the Court (Third Chamber) of 26 March 2026. Fauré Le Page Maroquinier SAS and Fauré Le Page Paris SAS v Goyard ST-Honoré SAS. Request for a preliminary ruling from the Cour de cassation.

Reference for a preliminary ruling – Trade marks – Directive 2008/95/EC – Article 3(1)(g) – Grounds for refusal of registration or invalidity of a trade mark – Trade mark of such a nature as to deceive the public – Luxury leather goods – **Trade mark which includes a number perceived by the relevant public as indicating the year of establishment of a business** – Evocation, because that year is the distant past, of long-standing know-how bestowing on the product concerned a perceived guarantee of quality and a prestigious image – **Misleading indication as to the characteristics of the product.**

[EUR-Lex - 62024CJ0412](#)

Case C-649/23. Judgment of the Court (First Chamber) of 19 March 2026. Institutul de Istorie și Teorie Literară „G. Călinescu” and Fundația Națională pentru Știință și Artă v HK, en qualité d'héritier de TB and Others. Request for a preliminary ruling from the Înalta Curte de Casație și Justiție.

Reference for a preliminary ruling – Approximation of laws – Directive 2001/29/EC – Harmonisation of certain aspects of copyright and related rights in the information society – Reproduction right – Article 2(a) – **Concept of a ‘work’ – Protection of works by copyright** – Conditions – Directive 2006/116/EC – Article 5 – Berne Convention for the Protection of Literary and Artistic Works – Article 2 – **Critical edition of a pre-existing work the purpose of which is to restore a Latin manuscript** – Intellectual creation reflecting the personality of its author, by expressing the latter’s free and creative choices – Subject matter identifiable with sufficient precision and objectivity.

[EUR-Lex - 62023CJ0649](#)

15. Justice, Freedom and Security (incl. Judicial Cooperation)

Case Law

Case C-239/24. Judgment of the Court (Third Chamber) of 26 March 2026. Proceedings brought by FP and LD. Request for a preliminary ruling from the Cour d’appel de Bruxelles.

Reference for a preliminary ruling – Area of freedom, security and justice – Judicial cooperation in criminal matters – Article 82(2) TFEU – EU legislative competence – Directive 2012/29/EU – **Minimum standards on the rights, support and protection of victims of crime** – Article 2(1)(a) – Concept of ‘victim’ – **Extraterritorial jurisdiction of the criminal courts of a Member State** – Inapplicability of that directive.

[EUR-Lex - 62024CJ0239](#)

Case C-202/25. Judgment of the Court (Eighth Chamber) of 26 March 2026. HG v Minister van Asiel en Migratie. Request for a preliminary ruling from the Rechtbank Den Haag, zittingsplaats Roermond.

Reference for a preliminary ruling – Area of freedom, security and justice – Common standards and procedures in Member States for returning illegally staying third-country nationals – Directive 2008/115/EC – **Revocation of subsidiary protection status** – **Public order** – **Principle of non-refoulement** – Possibility of adopting a return decision.

[EUR-Lex - 62025CJ0202](#)

Case C-618/24. Judgment of the Court (Fourth Chamber) of 26 March 2026. XK and Others v SM. Request for a preliminary ruling from the Oberster Gerichtshof.

Reference for a preliminary ruling – Judicial cooperation in civil matters – **Regulation (EU) No 650/2012** – Articles 1, 3 and 4 – Scope – **Concept of ‘succession’** – **Statutory legacy conferred for services provided by a carer for the deceased during the latter’s lifetime** – General jurisdiction of a court of a Member State to rule on the succession as a whole.

[EUR-Lex - 62024CJ0618](#)

Case C-43/25. Judgment of the Court (Seventh Chamber) of 19 March 2026. SML Maschinengesellschaft mbH v AK en tant qu’administrateur dans la procédure de liquidation portant sur le patrimoine de MAPLAN Maschinenfabrik und Anlagen für Kunststofftechnik Schwerin GmbH. Request for a preliminary ruling from the Bundesgerichtshof.

Reference for a preliminary ruling – Judicial cooperation in civil matters – Regulation (EC) No 1346/2000 – **Insolvency proceedings** – Article 13 – Conflicts of laws – **Loan granted by a shareholder of a capital company to that company** – **Action for restitution of payments received by the creditor before the opening of the insolvency proceedings** – Action aimed at ensuring compliance with the ranking of claims in those proceedings.

[EUR-Lex - 62025CJ0043](#)

Case C-8/24. Judgment of the Court (Grand Chamber) of 17 March 2026. Criminal proceedings against. Request for a preliminary ruling from the Visoki kazneni sud Republike Hrvatske.

Reference for a preliminary ruling – Area of freedom, security and justice – Judicial cooperation in criminal matters – Regulation (EU) 2018/1805 – Article 1(1) and (4) – Confiscation order issued in criminal proceedings – Point 2 of Article 2 and point 3(a) and (d) of Article 2 – Confiscation in relation to a criminal offence, but without a final conviction – **Confiscation order imposed in a judgment of acquittal finding that the goods to be confiscated are the product of a criminal offence other than the offence giving rise to that judgment and in which offence persons other than the defendants acquitted were involved** – No indictment against those persons – Article 19(1)(h) – Grounds for non-recognition and non-execution of confiscation orders – Exceptional situations in which there are substantial grounds to believe, on the basis of specific and objective evidence, that the execution of the confiscation order would, in the particular circumstances of the case, entail a manifest breach of a fundamental right as set out in the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union – Article 47 of the Charter of Fundamental Rights – **Right to an effective remedy and rights of the defence** – No use of effective remedies in the issuing Member State.

[EUR-Lex - 62024CJ0008](#)

Case C-516/24. Judgment of the Court (Third Chamber) of 12 March 2026. BC, légalement représenté par sa représentante légale v LG. Request for a preliminary ruling from the Amtsgericht Schleswig.

Reference for a preliminary ruling – Area of Freedom, Security and Justice – Judicial cooperation in civil matters – Regulation (EC) No 4/2009 – **Jurisdiction in matters relating to maintenance obligations** – Article 12 – Lis pendens – Determination of the court first seised – Article 9(a) – **Concept of an ‘equivalent document’ with regard to a document instituting the proceedings** – Submission of an application for legal aid before a court of a Member State by a maintenance creditor with a view to bringing an action for the variation of maintenance obligations owed to him or her – Subsequent application submitted by the maintenance debtor to vary his or her maintenance obligations before a court of another Member State – Subsequent action by the maintenance creditor before the first court after that court has granted legal aid – Classification of that application for legal aid as an ‘equivalent document’ – Conditions.

[EUR-Lex - 62024CJ0516](#)

Case C-489/24. Judgment of the Court (Tenth Chamber) of 5 March 2026. Request for a preliminary ruling from the Raad van State.

Reference for a preliminary ruling – Asylum policy – Directive 2013/32/EU – Point (b) of the third subparagraph of Article 31(3) – **Procedures for granting and withdrawing international protection – Possibility to extend the six-month time limit for taking a decision in the event of a large number of applications for international protection lodged simultaneously** – Successive extension decisions – Conditions and limits – Article 4(1) – Obligation for Member States to ensure that the determining authority is provided with appropriate means to carry out its tasks.

[EUR-Lex - 62024CJ0489](#)

Case C-458/24. Judgment of the Court (Second Chamber) of 5 March 2026. DO v Bundesrepublik Deutschland. Request for a preliminary ruling from the Verwaltungsgericht Sigmaringen.

Reference for a preliminary ruling – Asylum policy – Regulation (EU) No 604/2013 – Article 3(2) – Article 29 – **Transfer of the asylum seeker to the Member State responsible for examining the application for international protection** – Suspension, by the Member State responsible, of the taking charge and taking back of asylum seekers – Directive (EU) 2013/32 – Article 33 – Inadmissible applications.

[EUR-Lex - 62024CJ0458](#)

Case C-150/24. Judgment of the Court (Fourth Chamber) of 5 March 2026. A v Rikoskomisario B. Request for a preliminary ruling from the Korkein oikeus.

Reference for a preliminary ruling – Immigration policy – **Common standards and procedures for returning illegally staying third-country nationals** – Directive 2008/115/EC – Detention for the purpose of removal – Article 15(5) and (6) – Calculation of the length of the detention already completed – Aggregation of all of the previous periods of detention – Conditions – Enforcement of one and the same return decision – Second sentence of Article 15(3) – **Prolonged detention beyond the initial maximum period laid down under Article 15(5)** – Review by a judicial authority – National legislation making the implementation of that review contingent on an application by the detained person – Point in time when such a review must be carried out – Consequence where a review is not carried out in good time.

[EUR-Lex - 62024CJ0150](#)

16. Transport

Community Legislation

Directive (EU) 2026/706 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2026 amending Directive 2014/32/EU as regards **measuring systems for electric vehicle supply equipment and compressed gas dispensers, and electricity, gas and thermal energy meters**

[Directive - EU - 2026/706](#)

Case Law

Case C-770/24. Judgment of the Court (Fourth Chamber) of 19 March 2026. DB InfraGO AG and DB RegioNetz Infrastruktur GmbH v Bundesrepublik Deutschland. Request for a preliminary ruling from the Verwaltungsgericht Köln.

Reference for a preliminary ruling – Rail transport – Directive 2012/34/EC – Railway infrastructure – Management independence – Article 4(2) – Independence of the infrastructure manager – Infrastructure and services charges – Article 29(1) – Establishing, determining and collecting charges – **Charging scheme for charges for the use of the German railway infrastructure** – Short-distance rail passenger transport – Calculation of the amount of the charges – Multiplication of the amount of the average charges levied during a reference period by a fixed annual rate of increase laid down by law.

[EUR-Lex - 62024CJ0770](#)

17. Community Institutions, Principles and the Communities' own Resources

Case Law

Case C-521/21. Judgment of the Court (Grand Chamber) of 24 March 2026. MJ v AA. Request for a preliminary ruling from the Sąd Rejonowy Poznań - Stare Miasto w Poznaniu.

Reference for a preliminary ruling – Rule of law – Effective legal protection in the fields covered by EU law – **Judicial independence** – Second subparagraph of Article 19(1) TEU – Second paragraph of Article 47 of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union – **National legislation and case-law prohibiting national courts from calling into question the legitimacy of constitutional courts and bodies or from establishing or assessing the lawfulness of the appointment of judges or of their judicial powers** – Obligation for a judge hearing an application for the recusal of another judge to ascertain whether the requirement of a 'tribunal previously established by law' has been met – Appointment of judges of the ordinary courts in Poland – **Lack of independence of the Krajowa Rada Sądownictwa (National Council of the Judiciary, Poland)** – No effective remedy for candidates for the judicial post concerned – Judge not constituting an 'independent and impartial tribunal previously established by law' – Possibility of removing a judge from a panel of judges of the court.

[EUR-Lex - 62021CJ0521](#)

Case C-767/23. Judgment of the Court (Grand Chamber) of 24 March 2026. A. M. v Staatssecretaris van Justitie en Veiligheid. Request for a preliminary ruling from the Raad van State.

Reference for a preliminary ruling – Article 267 TFEU – **Scope of the obligation on national courts or tribunals of last instance to make a reference for a preliminary ruling** – Exceptions to that obligation – Obligation to state reasons for the concrete application of those exceptions – National legislation conferring on the national court or tribunal of last instance the power to dismiss actions by means of a summary statement of reasons – **Conditions required to reason a refusal to make a reference for a preliminary ruling.**

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