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We hope you will find this issue both useful and a pleasure to read.

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[EUR-Lex - 62024CJ0768](#)

## 1. EU-Swiss Relations

### Community Legislation

**Decision No 1/2026 of the Joint Veterinary Committee set up by the Agreement between the European Community and the Swiss Confederation on trade in agricultural products** of 24 July 2026 concerning amendments to Appendices 1, 2, 3, 5, 6 and 10 to Annex 11 to the Agreement [2026/1887]

[EUR-Lex - 22026D1887](#)

**Decision (EU) 2026/1769 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 July 2026 empowering Austria to amend its bilateral road transport agreement with Switzerland with a view to authorising cabotage operations in the course of the provision of international passenger transport services by coach and bus in the border regions between the two countries**

[Decision - EU - 2026/1769](#)

## 2. External Relations / Foreign Policy

### Community Legislation

**Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Djibouti on the status of the European Union-led forces in the Republic of Djibouti** in the framework of the European Union maritime security operation to safeguard freedom of navigation in relation to the Red Sea crisis (EUNAVFOR ASPIDES)

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**Agreement in respect of Gibraltar** between the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community, of the one part, and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, of the other part

[EUR-Lex - 22026A01562](#)

### Case Law

**Case C-67/25. Judgment of the Court (Fourth Chamber) of 2 July 2026. Staatsanwaltschaft Saarbrücken v R and Others.**

Reference for a preliminary ruling – Common foreign and security policy – **Restrictive measures in view of the Russian Federation's actions destabilising the situation in Ukraine** – Regulation (EU) No 833/2014 – Article 2f(1) – Concept of 'operator' – **Prohibition on broadcasting content by the legal persons, entities or bodies listed in Annex XV to Regulation No 833/2014** – Broadcasting of that content by natural persons on a website generating revenue solely in the form of voluntary contributions.

[EUR-Lex - 62025CJ0067](#)

### 3. Agriculture and Fisheries / Maritime Affairs

#### Community Legislation

Regulation (EU) 2026/1768 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 July 2026 amending Regulation (EU) 2021/2115 as regards a **specific type of intervention to provide exceptional temporary support under the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) and the possibility to adapt direct payments allocations for calendar year 2027 and Regulation (EU) 2021/2116 as regards more flexible rules on payments of advances in response to the increased fertiliser prices due to the Middle East crisis**

[Regulation - EU - 2026/1768](#)

Regulation (EU) 2026/1739 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 8 July 2026 **amending Regulations (EU) No 1308/2013, (EU) 2021/2115 and (EU) 2021/2116 as regards the strengthening of the position of farmers in the food supply chain**

[Regulation - EU - 2026/1739](#)

### 4. Audiovisual and Media and Information Society

#### Community Legislation

Regulation (EU) 2026/1881 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 July 2026 on a **temporary derogation from certain provisions of Directive 2002/58/EC as regards the use of technologies by providers of number-independent interpersonal communications services for the processing of personal and other data for the purpose of combating online child sexual abuse**

[Regulation - EU - 2026/1881](#)

Regulation (EU) 2026/1744 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 8 July 2026 **amending Regulations (EU) 2024/1689, (EU) 2018/1139 and (EU) 2023/1230 as regards the simplification of the implementation of harmonised rules on artificial intelligence (Digital Omnibus on AI)**

[Regulation - EU - 2026/1744](#)

#### Case Law

**Case C-401/25. Judgment of the Court (Third Chamber) of 16 July 2026. Elettronica Industriale SpA v Ministero delle Imprese e del Made in Italy.**

Reference for a preliminary ruling – Electronic communications networks and services – Directive 2002/21/EC – Article 9 – **Radio spectrum management for electronic communications services – Principle of service neutrality** – Article 9a – Review of restrictions on existing rights to use radio spectrum – A national measure requiring a holder of rights to use radio frequencies to use those frequencies in accordance with the provisions of the national frequency allocation plan and not permitting the pursuit of different activities – A national measure requiring the use of those radio frequencies exclusively for digital terrestrial television broadcasting services.

[EUR-Lex - 62025CJ0401](#)

**Case C-474/24. Judgment of the Court (Grand Chamber) of 14 July 2026. AR and Others v Österreichische Datenschutzbehörde and Others.**

Reference for a preliminary ruling – Protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data – Regulation (EU) 2016/679 – Article 2 – Material scope – Articles 5 and 6 – Principles relating to processing and the lawfulness of processing – Article 9 – Concept of ‘data concerning health’ – Article 10 – **Concept of ‘personal data relating to criminal convictions and offences’** – Combating doping in sport – **Online publication of the name of a person who has infringed anti-doping rules, the length of time for which that person is banned from participating in sporting events and the reasons for that ban** – Balancing of interests – Proportionality – Article 77 – Right to lodge a complaint with a supervisory authority where such publication is imminent.

[EUR-Lex - 62024CJ0474](#)

**Case C-199/24. Judgment of the Court (Fifth Chamber) of 9 July 2026. ND v Legal Newsdesk Sweden AB, anciennement Garrapatica AB.**

Reference for a preliminary ruling – Protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data – Regulation (EU) 2016/679 – Scope – **Making information relating to criminal convictions available to the public online in return for remuneration** – **Reconciling the right to protection of personal data with the right to freedom of expression and information** – Article 79 – Right to an effective judicial remedy – Scope – Article 85 – Concept of processing of personal data carried out for ‘journalistic purposes’.

[EUR-Lex - 62024CJ0199](#)

**Affaires T-1079/23 et T-1080/23. Arrêt du Tribunal (huitième chambre élargie) du 8 juillet 2026. Apple Inc. contre Commission européenne.**

Recours en annulation – Services numériques – Règlement (UE) 2022/1925 – **Désignation d’un contrôleur d’accès** – Ouverture d’une enquête de marché – Clôture d’une enquête de marché – Interopérabilité – **Services de plateforme essentiels** – Service d’intermédiation en ligne – Boutique d’applications logicielles – Service de communications interpersonnelles non fondé sur la numérotation – Exception d’illégalité – Acte non susceptible de recours.

[EUR-Lex - 62023TJ1079](#)

## 5. Competition and State Aid

### Case Law

**Joined Cases C-258/23 to C-260/23. Judgment of the Court (Grand Chamber) of 16 July 2026. IMI – Imagens Médicas Integradas S.A. and Others v Autoridade da Concorrência.**

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[EUR-Lex - 62023CJ0258](#)

**Case C-209/23. Judgment of the Court (Fifth Chamber) of 16 July 2026. FT and RRC Sports GmbH v Fédération internationale de football association (FIFA).**

Reference for a preliminary ruling – Internal market – Competition – Professional football – Fédération Internationale de Football Association (FIFA) Football Agent Regulations – **Rules on agents' remuneration, agent licences, multiple representation, making an approach and the communication of certain information to FIFA, other agents, clubs and players** – Article 101(1) TFEU – Prohibition of agreements, decisions and concerted practices – Agreements between undertakings, decisions by associations of undertakings and concerted practices – Restrictions on competition – **Concepts of anticompetitive 'object' and 'effect'** – Exception to the prohibition laid down in Article 101(1) TFEU – Conditions – Exemption under Article 101(3) TFEU – Conditions – Concept of 'efficiency gains' – Article 102 TFEU – Abuse of dominant position – Justification – Conditions – Article 56 TFEU – Obstacle to the freedom to provide services – Objectives – Proportionality – Protection of personal data – Regulation (EU) 2016/679 – Point (f) of the first subparagraph of Article 6(1) – Lawfulness of processing – Conditions.

[EUR-Lex - 62023CJ0209](#)

**Case C-428/23. Judgment of the Court (Fifth Chamber) of 9 July 2026. ROGON GmbH & Co. KG and Others v Deutscher Fußballbund eV (DFB).**

Reference for a preliminary ruling – Internal market – Competition – Professional football – Article 101(1) TFEU – **Prohibition of agreements, decisions and concerted practices – Regulations of a national football federation – Purchase of services from third parties outside that federation – Activity of the players' agents** – Restriction of competition by object or by effect – Exception to the prohibition in Article 101(1) TFEU – Scope – Objectives pursued by those regulations – Whether justified – Conditions – Pursuit of legitimate objectives in the public interest – Necessity – Proportionality.

[EUR-Lex - 62023CJ0428](#)

**Case C-242/24 P. Judgment of the Court (Fourth Chamber) of 9 July 2026. European Commission v Federal Republic of Germany.**

Appeal – State aid – **Combined heat and power generation sector** – Reform of the arrangements for support for cogeneration – **Decision of the European Commission declaring the aid compatible with the internal market** – Concept of 'State aid' – Measures granted through State resources – Condition relating to the existence of a compulsory surcharge.

[EUR-Lex - 62024CJ0242](#)

**Case C-360/25. Judgment of the Court (First Chamber) of 9 July 2026. \*\*\*X\*\*\* v Finanzamt für Großbetriebe.**

Reference for a preliminary ruling – **State aid** – Article 107(1) TFEU – **Value added tax – Exemption in respect of services provided between undertakings primarily carrying out transactions in the banking, insurance or pension fund sector** – Admissibility of the request for a preliminary ruling – Concept of 'aid' – Advantage – Selectivity – Request to limit the temporal effects of the judgment.

[EUR-Lex - 62025CJ0360](#)

**Case C-738/22 P. Judgment of the Court (Second Chamber) of 2 July 2026. Google LLC and Alphabet Inc. v European Commission.**

Appeal – Competition – **Abuse of dominant position – Market for online general search services** – Market for the licensing of smart mobile operating systems – Market for online app stores for the Android mobile operating system – Decision finding an infringement of Article 102 TFEU and Article 54 of the EEA Agreement – Contractual restrictions – Tying – Exclusionary effects – Relevance of context – Counterfactual scenario – As-efficient competitor – Payments subject to exclusive pre-installation – Obstruction of the development and distribution of Android forks – Single and continuous infringement – Fine – Unlimited jurisdiction.

[EUR-Lex - 62022CJ0738](#)

## 6. Customs

Nothing to report for the period under review.

## 7. Economic and Monetary Affairs, Taxation, Enterprise

### Case Law

**Case C-158/25. Judgment of the Court (First Chamber) of 16 July 2026. QJ v Administration de l'enregistrement, des domaines et de la TVA and État du Grand-duché de Luxembourg.**

Reference for a preliminary ruling – Article 47 of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union – Right to an effective remedy – Whether applicable – **National legislation providing for a system of joint and several liability of company directors for payment of value added tax (VAT) owed by the company** – Binding effect of the findings of fact and legal classifications contained in a final tax assessment – **Option for the director to challenge the assessment issued against the company as an incidental question** – Respect for the rights of the defence.

[EUR-Lex - 62025CJ0158](#)

**Case C-51/25. Judgment of the Court (First Chamber) of 16 July 2026. Betaal Garant Nederland CV v De Nederlandsche Bank NV.**

Reference for a preliminary ruling – Payment services in the internal market – Directive (EU) 2015/2366 – Article 4(3) – **Concept of a 'payment service'** – Article 4(24) – Concept of 'credit transfer' – **Transaction by an intermediary entity carried out under a tripartite agreement and consisting in the holding of client funds in a bank account of that intermediary entity and the transfer of those funds to a business owner, following the client's authorisation** – Classification of the transaction – Absence of a 'payment service'.

[EUR-Lex - 62025CJ0051](#)

**Case C-790/24 P. Judgment of the Court (Fifth Chamber) of 16 July 2026. International Management Group (IMG) v European Commission.**

Appeal – EU Financial Regulations – Implementation of the EU budget under joint or indirect management with an international organisation – **Decision refusing to recognise an entity as an international organisation with retroactive effect** – Concept of 'international organisation' – Constituent elements – Interpretation of the international agreement establishing the organisation – Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties – Articles 31 and 32 – Non-contractual liability.

[EUR-Lex - 62024CJ0790](#)

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## 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-768/24. Judgment of the Court (Seventh Chamber) of 9 July 2026. Hortis GRC SA v JA and France Travail Île-de-France, anciennement Pôle emploi Île-de-France.**

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[EUR-Lex - 62024CJ0768](#)

## 10. Energy and Environment

### Community Legislation

**Regulation (EU) 2026/1738 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 8 July 2026 on **circularity requirements for vehicle design and on management of end-of-life vehicles**, amending Regulations (EU) No 168/2013, (EU) 2018/858, (EU) 2019/1020 and (EU) 2023/1542 and repealing Directives 2000/53/EC and 2005/64/EC**

[Regulation - EU - 2026/1738](#)

**Regulation (EU) 2026/1703 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 8 July 2026 **amending Regulation (EU) 2024/1157 as regards the prohibition on the export of mixed municipal waste destined for recovery****

[Regulation - EU - 2026/1703](#)

### Case Law

**Case C-27/25. Judgment of the Court (Fourth Chamber) of 16 July 2026. SU and Wild Ireland Defence CLG v An Coimisiún Pleanála, anciennement An Bord Pleanála and Others.**

References for a preliminary ruling – Environment – Directive 92/43/EEC – Directive 2009/147/EC – **Conservation of natural habitats and of wild fauna and flora** – Special protection areas – **Appropriate assessment of the implications of a plan or project likely to have an effect on a protected site in view of that site's conservation objectives** – Screening – Conservation objectives specific to a special protection area not set.

[EUR-Lex - 62025CJ0027](#)

**Case C-224/24. Judgment of the Court (Fourth Chamber) of 9 July 2026. Società Eredi Raimondo Bufarini Srl – Servizi Ambientali v Ministero dell'Interno and Others.**

Reference for a preliminary ruling – Environment – **Control of major-accident hazards involving dangerous substances** – Directive 2012/18/EU – Article 2 – Scope – Article 3(12) – Concept of 'presence of dangerous substances' – Continuous monitoring of substances actually present within an establishment – **Anticipated or reasonably foreseeable presence** – Determination by reference to the maximum quantities of substances indicated in the operating permit.

[EUR-Lex - 62024CJ0224](#)

**Case C-771/24. Judgment of the Court (Second Chamber) of 9 July 2026. Fédération belge du stationnement ASBL and Interparking SA v Région de Bruxelles-Capitale, représentée par son Gouvernement.**

Reference for a preliminary ruling – Environment – Directive 2001/42/EC – **Assessment of the effects of certain plans and programmes on the environment** – Article 2(a) – Concept of ‘plans and programmes’ – Article 3(2)(a) – Measures prepared for certain sectors and setting a framework for future development consent of projects listed in Annexes I and II to Directive 2011/92/EU – **Plan or programme in the transport, town and country planning or land use sector** – Order laying down the conditions for operating car parks – Maintenance of the effects of a national act where there is no environmental impact assessment – Conditions.

[EUR-Lex - 62024CJ0771](#)

**Case C-447/25. Judgment of the Court (Sixth Chamber) of 2 July 2026. Surovina RECE d.o.o. v Pest Vármegyei Kormányhivatal.**

Reference for a preliminary ruling – Environment – Waste – Regulation (EC) No 1013/2006 – Article 12(1)(a) – Directive 2008/98/EC – Shipment – **Objections to shipments of waste destined for recovery** – **Power of the competent authority of the Member State of destination to raise objections to the shipment** – Grounds – Non-compliance with national waste management plans.

[EUR-Lex - 62025CJ0447](#)

## 11. Food Safety, Public Health and Consumers

### Case Law

**Case C-234/25. Judgment of the Court (First Chamber) of 9 July 2026. Sky Österreich Fernsehen GmbH v Verein für Konsumenteninformation.**

Reference for a preliminary ruling – **Consumer protection** – Consumer rights – Directive 2011/83/EC – **Exceptions from the right of withdrawal** – Contracts for the supply of digital content which is not supplied on a tangible medium – Article 16(m) – **Subscription to a streaming service** – Supply of digital services – Offer of a dynamic nature going beyond the mere stable and, as the case may be, continuous provision of specific content.

[EUR-Lex - 62025CJ0234](#)

**Case C-307/25. Judgment of the Court (Seventh Chamber) of 9 July 2026. KFZ Kolak e.U. v GF.**

Reference for a preliminary ruling – Consumer protection – Directive (EU) 2019/771 – **Contracts for the sale of goods** – Article 13(4)(c) – Remedies for lack of conformity of the goods – **Concept of a ‘lack of conformity which is of such a serious nature as to justify an immediate price reduction or termination of the sales contract’** – Lack of conformity relating to the safety of the goods – Bringing the goods into conformity inexpensively.

[EUR-Lex - 62025CJ0307](#)

**Case C-188/25. Judgment of the Court (First Chamber) of 9 July 2026. Štátny fond rozvoja bývania v GL and Others.**

Reference for a preliminary ruling – Consumer protection – **Unfair terms in consumer contracts** – Directive 93/13/EEC – Article 2(c) – Concept of ‘seller or supplier’ – **Loan and guarantee agreements** – State Housing Development Fund – Task carried out in the public interest – Loans granted on preferential terms – Referral back for reconsideration following an appeal – Obligation to comply with the legal rulings of a higher court – **Principle of the primacy of EU law** – Limitation of the temporal effects of the judgment.

[EUR-Lex - 62025CJ0188](#)

**Case C-427/24. Judgment of the Court (Sixth Chamber) of 2 July 2026. Zentrale zur Bekämpfung unlauteren Wettbewerbs Frankfurt am Main eV v Diagramm Halbach GmbH & Co. KG.**

Reference for a preliminary ruling – Medical devices – Regulation (EU) 2017/745 – Obligations of distributors before making a device available on the market – **Identification wristbands intended to be worn by patients in the healthcare sector – No CE marking and no EU declaration of conformity** – Concept of ‘medical device’ – Concept of ‘intended purpose’.

[EUR-Lex - 62024CJ0427](#)

**Joined Cases C-261/25 and C-262/25. Judgment of the Court (Ninth Chamber) of 2 July 2026. Bank BPH S.A. and Raiffeisen Bank International AG v AS and Others.**

References for a preliminary ruling – Consumer protection – Directive 93/13/EEC – Article 6(1) and Article 7(1) – **Unfair terms in consumer contracts** – Effects of a term being found to be unfair – Contract found to be null and void – **Action for restitution brought by the seller or supplier** – Limitation period for the seller or supplier’s action – Point from which time runs – Principle of equivalence – Principle of effectiveness – Principle of legal certainty – Principle of proportionality – **Right to effective legal protection** – Unjust enrichment.

[EUR-Lex - 62025CJ0261](#)

## 12. Human Rights

### Case Law

**Case C-196/24. Judgment of the Court (Grand Chamber) of 16 July 2026. xx v ww and Others.**

Reference for a preliminary ruling – Area of freedom, security and justice – Judicial cooperation between the courts of Member States in civil or commercial matters – Regulation (EU) 2020/1783 – Article 12(2) – Request made to the requested court for the execution of a measure of inquiry adopted by the requesting court – Grounds for refusal to execute such a request – Rule of substantive law of the requested Member State – **Taking of the evidence considered to be contrary to the fundamental principles of the law of the requested Member State – Exhumation of a body for the purpose of establishing parentage** – Post-mortem genetic testing – Articles 1 and 7 of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union – Right to respect for human dignity – **Right to know one’s genetic origins.**

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References for a preliminary ruling – Disciplinary sanctions in the area of sport – **Temporary prohibition on the pursuit of certain professional activities, imposed by a national sports association on two directors of a professional football club** – Infringement consisting in making or approving false financial and accounting statements – Internal market – Articles 45 and 56 TFEU – **Obstacle to the freedom of movement for workers and the freedom to provide services** – Whether justified – Legitimate objective in the public interest – Proper conduct of sporting competitions – Observance of the principle of proportionality – Determination of sanctions – Existence of transparent, objective, non-discriminatory, proportionate and verifiable criteria – Second subparagraph of Article 19(1) TEU – Effective judicial protection – Article 47 of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union – **Right to an effective remedy** – Whether there is effective judicial review – National legislation allowing the court having jurisdiction over the indirect review of the lawfulness of those sanctions to award compensation to the persons subject to sanctions but not to annul or suspend those sanctions.

[EUR-Lex - 62024CJ0424](#)

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References for a preliminary ruling – Competition – Agreements, decisions and concerted practices – Abuse of a dominant position – Articles 101 and 102 TFEU – Implementation by the national competition authorities – **Decision of a national competition authority ordering an inspection** – Search of the premises of the undertakings concerned – **Seizure of business records resulting from email communications** – Warrant issued by the Public Prosecutor's Office – Articles 7 and 8 of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union – **Right to respect for private life and communications** – Right to the protection of personal data – Procedural requirements – No prior authorisation by a court.

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## 13. Internal Market and Free Movement

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**Case C-26/25. Judgment of the Court (Third Chamber) of 16 July 2026. PQ v Országos Idegenrendészeti Főigazgatóság Dél-alföldi Regionális Igazgatóság and Alkotmányvédelmi Hivatal.**

Reference for a preliminary ruling – Citizenship of the European Union – Article 20 TFEU – **Family member of a Union citizen who has never exercised his or her right of freedom of movement** – Area of freedom, security and justice – Border controls, asylum and immigration – Directive 2008/115/EC – **Return of illegally staying third-country nationals** – Threat to national security – Statement by a specialist national authority – Statement of reasons – Access to the file – Classified information – Primacy of EU law.

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**Affaire C-421/24. Arrêt de la Cour (deuxième chambre) du 16 juillet 2026. Autorità per le Garanzie nelle Comunicazioni (AGCOM) contre Google Ireland Limited.**

Renvoi préjudiciel – Directive 2000/31/CE – Article 1er, paragraphe 5 – Champ d'application – Exclusion des activités de jeux d'argent – **Publicité relative aux jeux d'argent** – Hébergement d'une telle publicité – Article 14 – **Régime de responsabilité des fournisseurs de services d'hébergement** – Rôle actif – Contrat commercial conclu entre un fournisseur de service d'hébergement et un destinataire du service.

[EUR-Lex - 62024CJ0421](#)

**Case C-856/24. Judgment of the Court (Eighth Chamber) of 9 July 2026. Sad Trasporto Locale SpA v Provincia autonoma di Bolzano.**

Reference for a preliminary ruling – Transport – Public passenger transport services by rail and by road – Regulation (EC) No 1370/2007 – Article 5(1) and (2) – **Direct award of a public passenger transport services contract to an internal operator** – Conditions – Applicable rules – Directive 2014/23/EU – Award of concession contracts – Point 1 of Article 5 – Concept of 'services concession' – Transfer of an operating risk – Directive 2014/24/EU – Public procurement – Article 12 – Concept of 'control similar to that which a contracting authority exercises over its own departments' – **National legislation limiting the direct award of public service contracts to an internal operator** – Compatibility with EU law.

[EUR-Lex - 62024CJ0856](#)

**Case C-888/24. Judgment of the Court (Third Chamber) of 9 July 2026. Adão da Fonseca-Engenheiros Consultores, Lda v Metro do Porto, S.A. and Betar Consultores, Lda.**

Reference for a preliminary ruling – **Public procurement** – Directive 2014/24/EU – Article 82 – **Procedure relating to a design contest** – **No prior hearing of candidates** – Protection of anonymity – Right to be heard.

[EUR-Lex - 62024CJ0888](#)

**Case C-427/24. Judgment of the Court (Sixth Chamber) of 2 July 2026. Zentrale zur Bekämpfung unlauteren Wettbewerbs Frankfurt am Main eV v Diagramm Halbach GmbH & Co. KG.**

Reference for a preliminary ruling – Medical devices – Regulation (EU) 2017/745 – Obligations of distributors before making a device available on the market – **Identification wristbands intended to be worn by patients in the healthcare sector** – **No CE marking and no EU declaration of conformity** – Concept of 'medical device' – Concept of 'intended purpose'.

[EUR-Lex - 62024CJ0427](#)

## 14. Intellectual Property

### Case Law

**Case C-788/24. Judgment of the Court (Second Chamber) of 9 July 2026. Anne Frank Fonds v Anne Frank Stichting and Others.**

Reference for a preliminary ruling – Intellectual property – Copyright and related rights – Directive 2001/29/EC – Article 3(1) – Concept of ‘communication to the public’ – Article 6(3) – Effective technological measures – **Work that is in the public domain in certain Member States and still protected by copyright in another Member State – Publication of that work on a website – Geo-blocking measure designed to prevent access to that website from the Member State in which the work is still protected** – Possibility of circumventing that measure by means of a virtual private network (VPN) or similar service.

[EUR-Lex - 62024CJ0788](#)

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

### Community Legislation

**Regulation (EU) 2026/1881 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 July 2026 on a temporary derogation from certain provisions of Directive 2002/58/EC as regards the use of technologies by providers of number-independent interpersonal communications services for the processing of personal and other data for the purpose of combating online child sexual abuse**

[Regulation - EU - 2026/1881](#)

### Case Law

**Case C-26/25. Judgment of the Court (Third Chamber) of 16 July 2026. PQ v Országos Idegenrendészeti Főigazgatóság Dél-alföldi Regionális Igazgatóság and Alkotmányvédelmi Hivatal.**

Reference for a preliminary ruling – Citizenship of the European Union – Article 20 TFEU – **Family member of a Union citizen who has never exercised his or her right of freedom of movement** – Area of freedom, security and justice – Border controls, asylum and immigration – Directive 2008/115/EC – **Return of illegally staying third-country nationals** – Threat to national security – Statement by a specialist national authority – Statement of reasons – Access to the file – Classified information – Primacy of EU law.

[EUR-Lex - 62025CJ0026](#)

**Case C-196/24. Judgment of the Court (Grand Chamber) of 16 July 2026. xx v ww and Others.**

Reference for a preliminary ruling – Area of freedom, security and justice – Judicial cooperation between the courts of Member States in civil or commercial matters – Regulation (EU) 2020/1783 – Article 12(2) – Request made to the requested court for the execution of a measure of inquiry adopted by the requesting court – Grounds for refusal to execute such a request – Rule of substantive law of the requested Member State – **Taking of the evidence considered to be contrary to the fundamental principles of the law of the requested Member State – Exhumation of a body for the purpose of establishing parentage** – Post-mortem genetic testing – Articles 1 and 7 of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union – Right to respect for human dignity – **Right to know one's genetic origins.**

[EUR-Lex - 62024CJ0196](#)

**Case C-666/24. Judgment of the Court (Grand Chamber) of 16 July 2026. Ministerio Fiscal and Others v EGB and Others.**

Reference for a preliminary ruling – Combating terrorism – Article 83(1) TFEU – Directive (EU) 2017/541 – Article 3 – Terrorist offences – Article 4 – **Offences relating to a terrorist group** – Article 15(1) – **Obligation to provide for effective, proportionate and dissuasive criminal penalties** – Effectiveness – Principle of legal certainty – Principle of equal treatment and non-discrimination – Primacy of EU law – Principle of sincere cooperation – **National amnesty law which provides for the extinction of criminal liability** – Acts which have not intentionally caused serious breaches of human rights.

[EUR-Lex - 62024CJ0666](#)

**Case C-768/24. Judgment of the Court (Seventh Chamber) of 9 July 2026. Hortis GRC SA v JA and France Travail Île-de-France, anciennement Pôle emploi Île-de-France.**

Reference for a preliminary ruling – Convention on the law applicable to contractual obligations – Article 3 – Choice made by the parties – Article 6 – **Contract of employment** – **Mandatory rules of the law which would be applicable in the absence of choice** – Determination of the applicable law – Contract of employment more closely connected with another country – Criteria for assessment – **Closer connections resulting, in the performance of a contract of employment, from the parties' choice of the law applicable to that contract.**

[EUR-Lex - 62024CJ0768](#)

## 16. Transport

### Community Legislation

**Decision (EU) 2026/1769 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 July 2026 empowering Austria to amend its bilateral road transport agreement with Switzerland with a view to authorising cabotage operations in the course of the provision of international passenger transport services by coach and bus in the border regions between the two countries**

[Decision - EU - 2026/1769](#)

### Case Law

**Case C-856/24. Judgment of the Court (Eighth Chamber) of 9 July 2026. Sad Trasporto Locale SpA v Provincia autonoma di Bolzano.**

Reference for a preliminary ruling – Transport – Public passenger transport services by rail and by road – Regulation (EC) No 1370/2007 – Article 5(1) and (2) – **Direct award of a public passenger transport services contract to an internal operator** – Conditions – Applicable rules – Directive 2014/23/EU – Award of concession contracts – Point 1 of Article 5 – Concept of ‘services concession’ – Transfer of an operating risk – Directive 2014/24/EU – Public procurement – Article 12 – Concept of ‘control similar to that which a contracting authority exercises over its own departments’ – **National legislation limiting the direct award of public service contracts to an internal operator** – Compatibility with EU law.

[EUR-Lex - 62024CJ0856](#)

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

### Case Law

#### **Case C-280/25. Judgment of the Court (Grand Chamber) of 16 July 2026. Parchetul de pe lângă Curtea de Apel Oradea v M.G.D.**

Reference for a preliminary ruling – Protection of the financial interests of the European Union – Article 325(1) TFEU – Convention drawn up on the basis of Article K.3 of the Treaty on European Union, on the protection of the European Communities' financial interests – Article 2(1) – **Obligation to counter fraud affecting the financial interests of the Union by taking effective deterrent measures** – Obligation to provide for criminal penalties – Serious fraud affecting the financial interests of the Union – Concept – Limitation period for criminal liability – National standard of protection relating to the principle of the retroactive application of the more lenient criminal law (lex mitior principle) – **Obligation for the courts of a Member State to disapply case-law of the supreme court of that Member State which is not in line with EU law** – Application of the judgment of 24 July 2023, Lin (C-107/23 PPU, EU:C:2023:606) – Constitutional prohibition on applying lex tertia – Limitation period already expired – Foreseeability of the conditions laid down by that judgment – Compatibility of that judgment with Article 7 of the Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms, signed in Rome on 4 November 1950.

[EUR-Lex - 62025CJ0280](#)

#### **Case C-523/24. Judgment of the Court (Grand Chamber) of 16 July 2026. Sociedad Civil Catalana, Asociación Cívica y Cultural (SCC) and Ministerio Fiscal v RAS and Others.**

Reference for a preliminary ruling – Protection of the financial interests of the Union – Article 325(1) TFEU – Effective judicial protection in matters covered by EU law – Second subparagraph of Article 19(1) TEU – Accounting liability proceedings – **Pursuit of the independence of part of the national territory of a Member State – National amnesty law concerning acts giving rise to liability in respect of public funds** – Extinction of liability within a maximum period of two months, without examination of the defence submissions and exculpatory evidence and without hearing all the parties to the proceedings – First paragraph of Article 23 of the Statute of the Court of Justice of the European Union – **Stay of the main proceedings by a national court which has submitted a request for a preliminary ruling to the Court of Justice under Article 267 TFEU.**

[EUR-Lex - 62024CJ0523](#)

#### **Case C-186/25. Judgment of the Court (Seventh Chamber) of 9 July 2026. Institut po ribni resursi Varna v Rakovoditel na Natsionalnia organ po Savmestna operativna programa za transgranichno satrudnistvo „Chernomorski baseyn 2014-2020“ i direktor na direktzia „Upravlenie na teritorialnoto satrudnistvo“.**

Reference for a preliminary ruling – Own resources of the European Union – **Protection of the European Union's financial interests** – Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 2988/95 – European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) – Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 – European Neighbourhood Instrument (ENI) – Regulation (EU) No 232/2014 – Implementing Regulation (EU) No 897/2014 – Cross-border Cooperation Programme for the Black Sea Region – Public procurement – Directive 2014/24/EU – Direct award – Concept of 'irregularity' – Late performance of the service – **Failure to implement a penalty clause** – Financial corrections – Proportionality – Reasons for the decision imposing the financial correction.

[EUR-Lex - 62025CJ0186](#)

#### **Case C-188/25. Judgment of the Court (First Chamber) of 9 July 2026. Štátny fond rozvoja bývania v GL and Others.**

Reference for a preliminary ruling – Consumer protection – **Unfair terms in consumer contracts** – Directive 93/13/EEC – Article 2(c) – Concept of 'seller or supplier' – **Loan and guarantee agreements** – State Housing Development Fund – Task carried out in the public interest – Loans granted on preferential terms – Referral back for reconsideration following an appeal – Obligation to comply with the legal rulings of a higher court – **Principle of the primacy of EU law** – Limitation of the temporal effects of the judgment.

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