

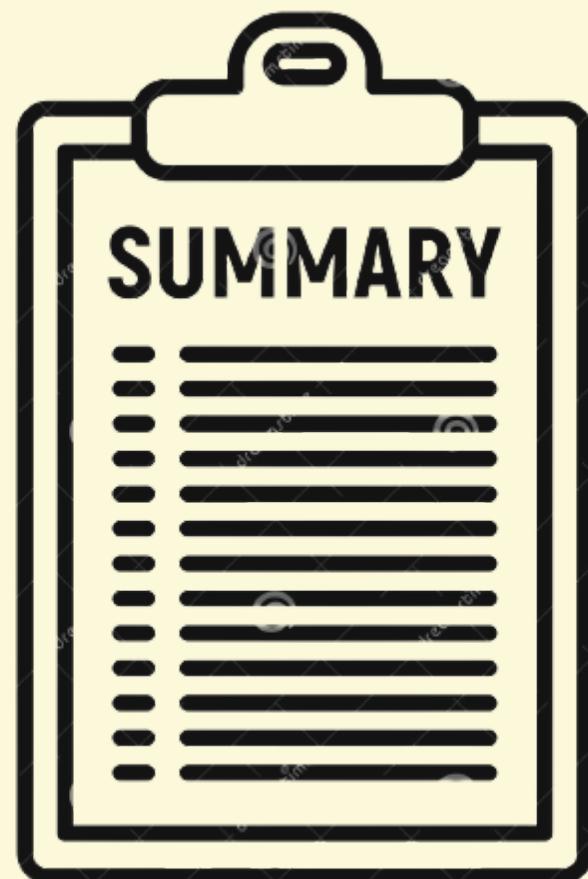


# IS THE EUROPEAN COURT OF JUSTICE USEFUL?

GEOPOLITICS OF EUROPE IN A CHANGING WORLD

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# EUROPEAN COURT OF JUSTICE

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- Creation : 1952 by the European Coal and steel Community

# ORGANISATION AND MISSIONS

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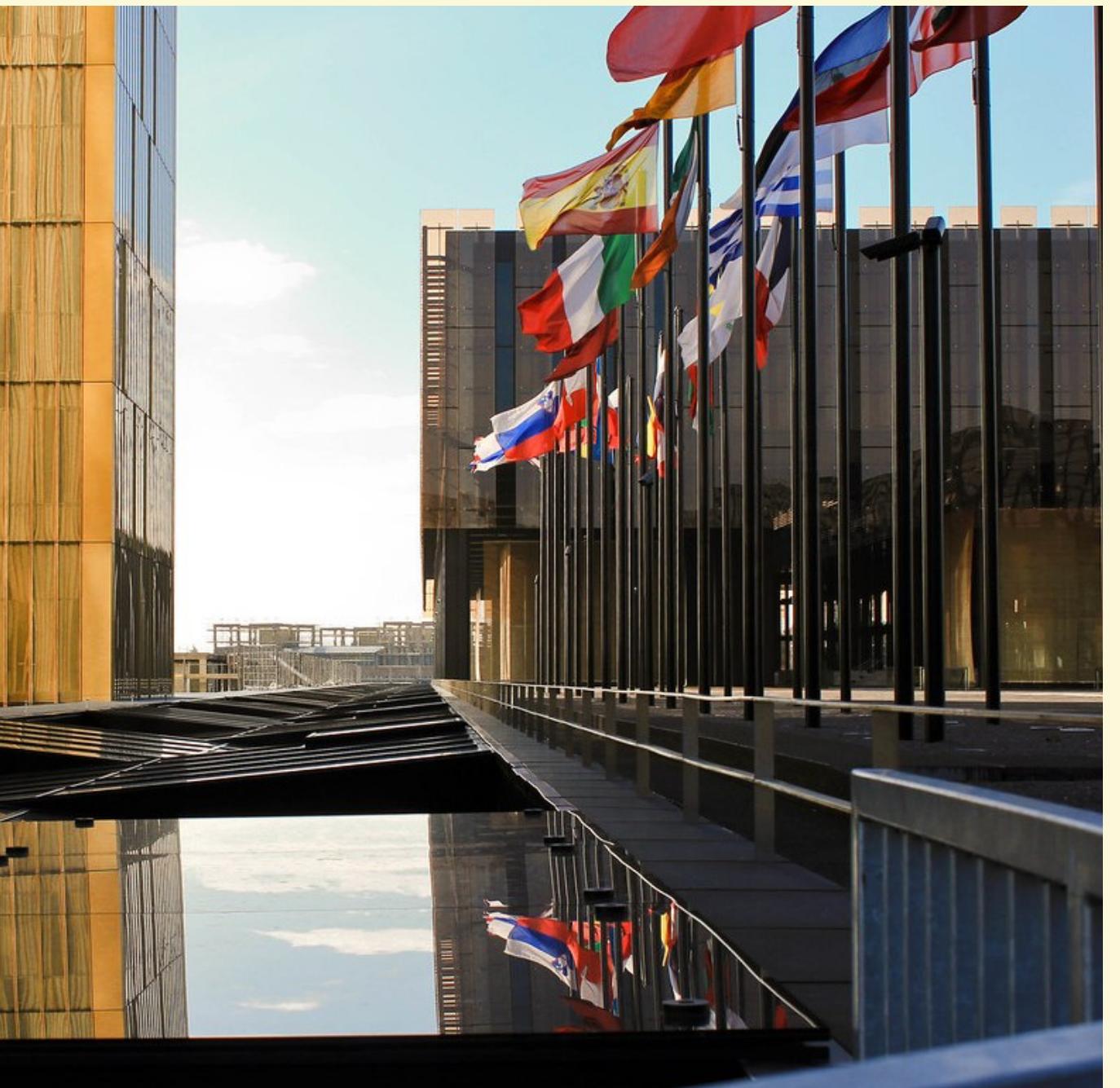
- Based in LUXEMBOURG
- MAIN TASK: Ensuring respect for the law in  
the interpretation and application of the EU  
Treaties
- 2 COURTS: Court of justice and General Court

# ORGANISATION

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## COURT OF JUSTICE

- Determines external limits of EU action
- Sanctions European member states



## GENERAL COURT

- Examines the justice of decisions taken by the European institutions
- For EU citizens or companies



# ACTIONS OF THE COURT IN THE LIFE OF EU CITIZENS

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# WHAT DOES THE COURT OF JUSTICE DO FOR US?

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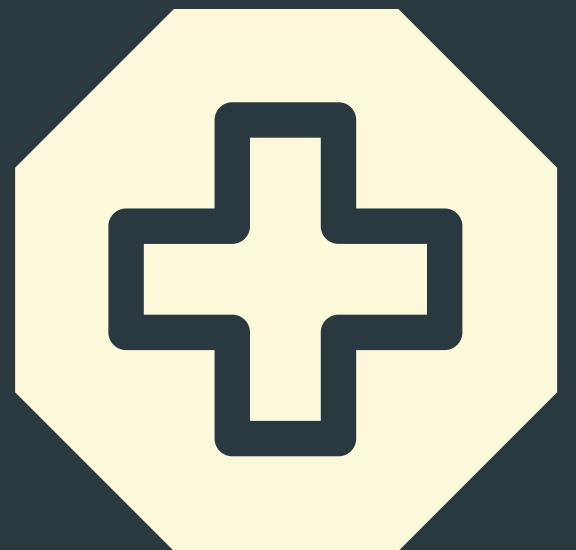
PROTECTION OF THE RIGHTS OF THE EU CITIZENS



the rights of air  
passengers



Google and the right  
to be forgotten



medical treatment  
within the European  
Union

# CRITICISMS OF THE COURT OF JUSTICE

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# CRITICISMS



## PRO-INTEGRATIONIST ACTIVISM

POWER OF THE STATES IS REDUCED

CONTROVERSIAL DECISION

EXAMPLE: GOLDEN SHARE

## CONCLUSION

- Essential in the respect of EU laws
- defends the rights of EU citizens
- Criticised by some Member States



COUR DE JUSTICE  
DE L'UNION  
EUROPÉENNE

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