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Search the Eur-Lex website for Bibliography on a specific Judgment of the Court of Justice of the European Union

1. Introduction

As an introduction, I should like to tell you that with this information note you will acquire the necessary digital skills to be able to search the EUR-Lex website for the bibliography on a specific judgment of the Court of Justice of the European Union, knowing the reference of the case.

You would know that, when citing a judgment, the case reference is always indicated.

You would also know that case references follow three possible formats: “C-xx/yy”; “T-xx/yy” and “F-xx/yy”. Where the capital letter “C” is the Court of Justice; capital “T” is both the General Court and the former Court of First Instance; capital “F” is the now defunct Special Civil Service Tribunal; lower case letters “xx” are the registration number of entry in this court; and the lower case letters “yy”



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are the last two numbers of the year in which it was entered in the register.

I will use as an example the Judgment of the Court (Grand Chamber) of 8 March 2011. Gerardo Ruiz Zambrano v National Employment Office (ONEm), Case C-34/09.

2. Access the European Union website “Eur-Lex”.

The first step is to type “eurlex advanced search” into the Google search engine on your computer and then click on the “Google search” button. In the new window that opens on your computer, choose the option “Advanced search - EUROPE”.

3. Search with the case reference

The second step is to search for the European judgment you want. To do this, in the left-hand column, look for the row entitled “Reference”. In this row, under “Type” choose the option “EU Court Case”; in the “Year” box type “2009”; and in the “Number” box type “34”.

Then click on the “Search” button.

4. Search for information on the desired Judgment

In the new window that opens, the third step is to search for “Information” on the desired Judgment. To do this, use the cursor to click on the

title of the Judgment you are looking for, based on its case reference.

In the new window that opens, use the cursor to select the “Document information” link in the left-hand column.

5. Search for doctrinal notes related to the Judgment

The fourth step is to search for Bibliography on the intended Judgment. To do this, in the new window that opens, scroll down in the main column until you find the section entitled “Doctrine”.

Continue scrolling down until you find the subsection entitled “Doctrinal notes related to the Judgment”, where you will find a bibliographic list on this Judgment.

6. Final summary

Summarising the steps we have followed, remember that:

1st) In the Google browser, type “Eurlex advanced search”. Choose the option: “Advanced search - EUROPA”;

2nd) In the “Reference” section, tick “EU Court Case” and fill in the year and the case number;

3rd) Click on the title of the Judgment you are looking for; and, in the new window that opens, use the cursor to select the link “Document information”;

4th) In the new window that opens, go down the main column until you find the section entitled

“Doctrine”, in which you will immediately find the subsection entitled “Doctrinal notes related to the Judgment”. We have at our disposal a bibliographic list of the Judgment.

