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Search on Web Curia for Judgments of the Court of Justice of the European Union, knowing the case reference

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 Web Curia for judgments of the Court of Justice of the European Union, knowing the case reference.

You should be aware that, when citing judgments of the Court of Justice of the European Union, the case reference is always indicated.

You should also be aware that the case references follow three possible formats: "C-xx/yy"; "T-xx/yy" and "F-xx/yy". Where the capital letter "C" refers to the Court of Justice; the capital letter 'T' refers to both the General Court and the former Court of First Instance; the capital letter "F" refers to the former Special Court for Civil Service Matters; the lower case letters "xx" are the registration



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number of entry in this court; and the lower case letters "yy" 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 of Justice (Grand Chamber) of 28/06/2022. European Commission v. Kingdom of Spain, Case C-278/20. In this example, the case reference is: C-278/20.

2. Access the "Curia" website of the Court of Justice of the European Union

The first step is to access the "Curia" website, the website of the Court of Justice of the European Union. To do this, type "Curia eu" 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 "Court of Justice of the European Union (CJEU) - CURIA".

3. Search with the case number

The second step is to search for the desired court case. To do this, in the middle column of the main page of the Court's website, type "C-278/20" in the case number box.

Click on the "Search" button.

4. First possibility: working with the Web "Curia"

In the new window that opens, we have two alternatives to find the Court of Justice of the European Union Judgment we are looking for.

The first alternative is to work with Web Curia. As a third step, in the search form, in the "Judgment" row, place the cursor over the Web Curia icon. A drop-down menu with all the official languages of the European Union will open. Choose the "English" language.

5. Second possibility: working with the "Eur-Lex" web site

The second alternative for finding the Court of Justice of the European Union judgment we are looking for is to work with the EUR-Lex website.

To do this, in the search form, in the "Judgment" row, as the fourth step, click on the first icon of the EUR-Lex website.

In the new window that opens, we are offered the possibility of consulting the full text in the 24 official languages of the European Union. In English, you will find it under the column headed "EN", in two different formats. I prefer to use the "PDF" format.

6. Final summary

Summarising the steps we have followed, remember that:

1st) In your Google browser, type in "Curia eu". Choose the option: "Court of Justice of the European Union (CJEU) - CURIA";

2nd) In the middle column of the main page of the Tribunal's website, type in "the case number and click on the "Search" button.

3º) The first possibility is that, in the search form, in the "Judgment" row, place the cursor over the icon of the Web Curia. This will open a drop-down menu with all the official languages of the European Union. Choose the "English" language;

4) The second possibility is that, in the search form, in the "Judgment" row, click on the first icon of the EUR-Lex website. Choose the PDF format in English, which you will find under the column headed "EN".

