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Search for the Conclusions of the Advocates General

1. Introduction

As an introduction, I should like to tell you that this information note will enable you to acquire the necessary digital skills to be able to search the Opinions of the Advocates General of the Court of Justice.

You should be aware that, when citing Advocates General's Opinions, the case reference is always indicated.

I will use as an example the Opinion of Advocate General Maciej Szpunar of 9 December 2021 in case C-278/20, European Commission v Spain.

You should know that the format of the case reference follows the model "C-xx/yy", where "C" is the Court of Justice; the lower case letters "xx" are the registration number of entry in this court, and the lower case letters "yy" are the last two numbers of the year in which the case was registered.



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

The first step is to 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 the option "Homepage - Court of Justice of the European Union".

3. Search with the case number

In the new window that opens, the second step is that, in the middle column of the home page of the Court's website, type 'C-278/20' in the case number box.

Then click on the "Search" button.

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

In the new window that opens, you should note that there are two ways of working. First, and as a third step, we work with the CURIA website.

In the search form, in the "Conclusions" row, we place the cursor over the icon of the Curia website.

A drop-down menu opens with all the official languages of the European Union. Choose the "English" language.

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

We remind you that there are two ways of working. Secondly, and as a fourth step, we work with the EUR-Lex website.

In the search form, in the "Conclusions" row, click on the first icon of the EUR-Lex website.

We are offered the possibility of consulting the text in the 24 official languages of the Union. In English, it is found 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 the Google browser, type "curia eu". Choose the option: "Homepage - Court of Justice of the European Union";

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

3°) The first possibility is that, in the search form, in the "Conclusions" row, place the cursor over the icon of the Web Curia. A drop-down menu will open 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 "Conclusions" row, place the cursor on the first icon of the EUR-Lex website. Choose the

pdf format in English, which you will find under the column headed "EN".

