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Week III 2025 – 13th to 17th January

Wednesday 15th January

General Court

[Judgment in Case T-193/23 MegaFon v Council](#)

(Restrictive Measures - Ukraine)

MegaFon, a joint stock company based in Moscow, is one of Russia's leading mobile phone and telecommunications operators.

In February 2023, considering that MegaFon was providing direct support to Russia's military and industrial complex in its war of aggression against Ukraine, the Council included the company on the list of entities covered by restrictive measures adopted by the European Union. These measures notably prohibit European operators from selling, supplying, transferring or exporting dual-use goods and technologies to MegaFon, as well as providing it with technical assistance or financial aid related to these goods and technologies.

In July 2023 and January 2024, the Council decided to extend the restrictive measures against this company ([Council Regulation \(EU\) No 2023/427](#) amending Regulation (EU) No 833/2014 and [Council Decision 2023/434/CFSP](#) amending Council Decision 2014/512/CFSP).

MegaFon brought an action before the General Court of the European Union seeking the annulment of these Council acts insofar as they included and maintained its name on the lists of Russian entities covered by the restrictive measures. They are alleged to lack a statement of reasons and to be vitiated by an error of assessment, to infringe the rights of defence of the company in question and to breach the principle of proportionality.

[Background Documents T-193/23](#)

There will be a press release for this case.

All times are 9:30 unless otherwise stated.

Don't forget to check the diary on our website for details of other cases.

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Thursday 16th January

[Judgment in Case C-277/23 *Ministarstvo financija* \(Bourse Erasmus+\)](#)

(Citizenship of the Union)

Extract from [Advocate General Szpunar's Opinion of 4 July 2024](#):

The Erasmus programme (*EuRopean Action Scheme for the Mobility of University Students*) was designed with reference to a period during the Renaissance when students and intellectuals could move freely around Europe. It is thus named after the philosopher, philologist, theologian and humanist Erasmus of Rotterdam (1469-1536) who, seeing himself as a citizen of the world, lived and worked in several regions of Europe. He believed that it was only his links with other countries that provided him with the knowledge, experience and ideas that formed the subject of his studies.

Since being established in 1987, the Erasmus programme has enabled several generations of young students to move freely within the EU for educational purposes, thereby contributing to bringing the peoples of the Union closer together. It has also paved the way for the 'Europe of education', an inseparable part of the Europe of citizens, and subsequently, of citizenship of the Union. Today, the Erasmus + programme contributes to achieving EU cooperation in the key areas of education and training, which are closely linked to the EU's economic and social development, and to promote the EU's values, in accordance with [Article 2 TEU](#). And what of the future? In the future, the programme must continue to encourage student mobility as an objective in the public interest, and to consolidate EU values. Let us not forget that 'democracy in the EU needs an educational substratum'.

In the present case, the Court of Justice is essentially being asked to interpret Articles [18](#), [20](#), [21](#) and [165](#) TFEU. In essence, an answer is required to the decisive questions raised before the referring court, the Ustavni sud Republike Hrvatske (Constitutional Court, Croatia), which may be summarised as follows: can the receipt of an Erasmus grant by a student who is a national of a Member State benefit, in part, the tax authorities of that Member State? Does the unfavourable tax treatment of a tax-paying parent accord with the objective of the Erasmus + programme, which is to encourage student mobility?

The present reference for a preliminary ruling therefore gives the Court the opportunity to consider student mobility once again, against the backdrop of a Member State's legislation on certain tax advantages, building on the Court's case-law on the free movement of students.

[Background Documents C-277/23](#)

There will be a press release for this case.

Week IV: 20th to 24th January

Thursday 23rd January

[Judgment in Case C-677/23 Slovenská sporiteľňa \(Informations dans les contrats de crédit aux consommateurs\)](#)

(Consumer protection)

This case involves a dispute between consumers and a Slovak bank over alleged violations of consumer rights in a credit agreement. The consumers argue that the contract's duration is unclear and lacks the assumptions for calculating the Annual Percentage Rate of Charge.

They claim these ambiguities violate EU Consumer Credit [Directive 2008/48/EC](#), potentially entitling them to sanctions against the bank.

A district Court in Slovakia ruled that the contract's duration could be inferred from the contract terms, however the appellate court referred the matter to the Court of Justice of the European Union (CJEU).

It expressed doubts about the interpretation of Directive 2008/48 as well as the relationship between Directive 2008/48 and the Directive on Unfair Commercial Practices. It decided to stay the proceedings and refer the matter to the CJEU for a preliminary ruling.

[Background Documents C-677/23](#)

There will be a press release for this case.

HEARINGS OF NOTE*

Court of Justice

Tuesday 14th January 2025: 09:30 – Case [C-590/23 Pelham \(Notion of “pastiche”\)](#) (Approximation of laws – Intellectual, industrial and commercial property) ([streamed on Curia](#))

Wednesday 15th January 2025: 09:30 – [C-87/24 Gaso and Conexus Baltic Grid](#) (Energy)

Thursday 16th January 2025: 09:30 – Case [C-726/23 Arcomet Towercranes](#) (Taxation –

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Thursday 16th January 2025: 09:30 – Case [C-21/24 Nissan Iberia](#) (Competition)

Monday 20th January 2025: 14:30 – Case [C-602/22 P ABLV Bank v SRB](#) (Economic and Monetary Policy)

Friday 24th January 2025: Case [C-785/23 Bulgarian posts](#) (Taxation – VAT)

General Court

Wednesday 15th January 2025: 09:30 – [Case T-342/23 Aquind v ACER](#) (Provisions Governing the Institutions - Energy)

Thursday 16th January 2025: 09:30 – Case [T-366/23 YH v ECB](#) (Economic and Monetary Policy)

Thursday 23rd January 2025: 09:30 – Case [T-573/23 Positive Group v Council](#) (Restrictive Measures - Ukraine)

* This is a non-exhaustive list and does not include all the hearings over the next two weeks.