



Association des Juristes Franco-Britanniques  
Franco-British Lawyers Society

VISIT TO LUXEMBOURG, 3 AND 4 JULY 2023



**The Court of Justice and General Court of the European Union**

**European Public Prosecutor's Office**

After a long gap caused by COVID, we are delighted to announce that we are resuming our series of visits to the Court of Justice in Luxembourg. The visit will take place on Tuesday 4 July 2023. We are offering a slightly different programme this time from that of former visits. For 2023, we shall be benefiting from our President's term of office as a Member of the General Court of the European Union to concentrate on the role and functioning of that Court. We shall also be visiting for the first time the offices of the European Public Prosecutor's Office, which are adjacent to the buildings of the Court of Justice itself.

Our visit will start with a hearing at the General Court, to be preceded by a short introduction to the case from one of the *référéndaires* assisting the Reporting Judge with the case. This will be followed by two talks by Members of that Court, M. Stéphane Gervasoni, one of the French judges at the General Court (to be given in French) and one by M. Geert de Baere, one of the Belgian judges (who will speak in English). After that, we shall have lunch in one of the dining rooms of the Court, in the presence of Members and other staff working there. This will provide a first-hand opportunity to mix in person with those responsible for delivering the judgments of the Court and to discover more about how it operates.

After lunch, we shall continue our visit by visiting the premises of the European Public Prosecutor's Office. The EPPO is an independent public prosecution office of the European Union and is responsible for investigating, prosecuting and bringing to judgment crimes against the financial interests of the EU. We shall be welcomed there by M. Frédéric Baab, the French European Prosecutor, who will give a presentation on the Office's activities. He will be accompanied by Madame Diane Le Gall, a national expert working within the service, and by Madame Amélie Rodrigues, counsellor in charge of the relations of the head of the European prosecutor's service as regards third countries and, in particular, the United Kingdom.

In order to visit the Court, it will be necessary to arrive no later than 8.15 am in order to pass through security there. Please be sure to bring your passport or ID card with you as this will be needed as part of the check. Since this timing will mean that nearly all our delegates will have to arrive in Luxembourg the evening before, we shall be arranging a drinks reception on the evening of 3 July, to be hosted by Ian Forrester, the President of the Society. That will be followed by an informal dinner in a local restaurant which will be attended by vice President Papasavvas and others. There is no charge for the visit, but we would ask that delegates pay for the dinner on 3 July. We shall provide further details in due course to those who have registered.

Please note that urgent work commitments may prevent our speakers from participating. Should that happen, we shall organise a suitable substitute.

We shall be delighted if you can join us on this visit. For those wishing to participate, please complete the registration form attached and return it no later than 20 June to

[davidglux@yahoo.fr](mailto:davidglux@yahoo.fr) . Whilst we shall do our very best to accommodate registrations sent after that date, we cannot guarantee it.

If you need further details concerning travel to Luxembourg or accommodation there, please do not hesitate to contact us using the above email address.

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REGISTRATION FORM

Surname .....

Forenames (in full) .....

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Date of birth.....

Nationality.....

Passport/ID card number.....

Dietary requirements.....

I shall attend the drinks reception on 3 July (Y/N).....

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