



GOVERNMENT OF MALTA  
MINISTER FOR JUSTICE AND REFORM  
OF THE CONSTRUCTION SECTOR

The Registrar  
Court of Justice of the European Union  
Palais de la Cour de Justice  
Boulevard Konrad Adenauer  
2925 Luxembourg  
Luxembourg

25th June 2024

Dear Registrar,

I write as Minister responsible for Justice of the Republic of Malta in reference to a letter sent to you and copied to me and others on the 24 June 2024 by Ms. Vicki Ann Cremona as President of a Maltese Non-Governmental Organisation by the name of 'Repubblika'.

In the letter it is claimed that there has been no selection process in respect of the nomination of the candidate for the post of Judge of the General Court. In this regard, I would like to bring to your attention the publication in the Government Gazette no. 21,235 of 30 April 2024 (Document A), with regards to the post and thus which confirms that this claim is unfounded.

Furthermore, the process of selection of a candidate for the post of Judge of the General Court is still ongoing on the national level and that viva voce interviews of the candidates are planned for the coming weeks.

It is regrettable that whilst the letter purports to defend the rule of law, yet its thinly veiled purpose emerges clearly as being that of conducting a personal attack intended to undermine a possible Maltese candidacy for the post of Judge of the General Court.

I will not enter into the merits of the content of the letter at this stage, but I will merely restrict myself to registering my objection to this misguided and convoluted letter being considered as objective information from an independent source.

I trust that both the domestic panel and the Article 255 Panel will treat all candidates, whether the person mentioned in the letter or any other, fairly.

Whilst assuring you of its highest consideration the Government of Malta would appreciate being informed about any action which may be proposed to be taken upon the letter under reference and being allowed to make submissions before any decision is taken.

Yours sincerely

Hon. Jonathan Attard  
Minister for Justice  
and Reform of the Construction Sector

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## TRANSPORT MALTA

**Avviż Lokali lill-Baħħara Nru. 37 tal-2024***Tehid ta' kampjuni ta' microplastics fil-Port il-Kbir*

Id-Direttorat tal-Portijiet u l-Yachting, Transport Malta, jgħarraf lill-baħħara bit-tehid ta' kampjuni ta' Microplastics li se jsir fil-Port il-Kbir, il-Belt Valletta. It-tehid ta' kampjuni huwa skedat li jsir nhar it-Tnejn, 6 ta' Mejju, 2024, mid-9.00 a.m. sat-3.00 p.m.

It-tehid ta' kampjuni ta' microplastics se jsir tul iż-żewġ linji A sa B u C sa D, kif muri bl-aħmar fis-sit elettroniku ta' Transport Malta ([www.transport.gov.mt](http://www.transport.gov.mt)).

It-tehid tal-kampjuni se jsir minn bastimenti li jkun qed jirmonka xibka tat-tkarkir (manta net) maġenbu.

Il-kaptani u l-operaturi tal-bastimenti huma avżati biex joqogħdu attenti, ibahħru b'kawtela, u b'veloċità baxxa (mingħajr rima) u biex jagħtu lill-bastiment spazju wiesa'.

Huma għandhom josservaw kwalunkwe struzzjonijiet mogħtija fuq VHF Channel 12 u/jew 16 minn Valletta VTS u minn kwalunkwe persunal tal-infurzar fuq il-post

Chart affettwata: BA 177

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MINISTERU GHALL-ĠUSTIZZJA U R-RIFORMA  
TAS-SETTUR TAL-KOSTRUZZJONI**Post ta' Mhalef tal-Qorti Ġenerali**

Mingħajr preġudizzju għad-deċiżjoni li għandha tittiehed mill-Kumitat tar-Rappreżentanti tal-Gvernijiet tal-Istati Membri, li għandha ssir fil-margini tal-COREPER tat-22 ta' Mejju, 2024, il-Gvern jilqa' applikazzjonijiet minn kandidati li għandhom il-kwalifiki u l-għarfien espert meħtieġa għal din il-hatra ġudizzjarja.

**Il-Qorti tal-Ġustizzja tal-Unjoni Ewropea**

Il-Qorti tal-Ġustizzja tal-Unjoni Ewropea (QĠUE), peress li hija l-awtorità ġudizzjarja tal-Unjoni, flimkien mal-Qrati u t-tribunali nazzjonali – tiggarrantixxi interpretazzjoni uniformi tal-ligi tal-UE għall-applikazzjoni uniformi tagħha fl-Istati Membri kollha tal-UE. Dan isir permezz ta' numru ta' proċeduri, jgħifieri permezz ta': deċiżjonijiet preliminari; azzjonijiet li jivvalutaw jekk l-Istati Membri ssodisfawx l-obbligi tagħhom skont il-ligi tal-Unjoni; rikorsi għal annullament; kif ukoll permezz ta' rikorsi għal nuqqas li tittiehed azzjoni. Il-QĠUE għalhekk issolvi tilwim legali bejn il-gvernijiet tal-UE u l-istituzzjonijiet tal-UE.

## TRANSPORT MALTA

**Local Notice to Mariners No. 37 of 2024***Microplastics sampling in the Grand Harbour*

The Ports and Yachting Directorate, Transport Malta, notifies mariners that Microplastic sampling will be carried out in the Grand Harbour, Valletta. The sampling is scheduled to be carried out on Monday, 6th May, 2024, from 9.00 a.m. till 3.00 p.m.

The Microplastic sampling will be carried out along the two lines A to B and C to D, as indicated in red on the chart found on Transport Malta website ([www.transport.gov.mt](http://www.transport.gov.mt)).

The sampling will consist of a vessel which will be towing a trawl net (manta net) alongside.

Masters and operators of vessels are advised to keep a sharp lookout, navigate with caution, and at slow speed (no wake) and to give the vessel a wide berth.

They are to comply with any instructions given on VHF Channel 12 and/or 16 by Valletta VTS and by any enforcement personnel on site.

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MINISTRY FOR JUSTICE AND REFORM OF THE  
CONSTRUCTION SECTOR**Post of Judge of the General Court**

Without prejudice to the decision to be taken by the Committee of the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States, to be held in the margins of COREPER of 22 May, 2024, the Government invites applications from candidates possessing the necessary qualifications and expertise for this judicial appointment.

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

The Court of Justice of the European Union (CJEU), being the judicial authority of the Union, alongside national Courts and tribunals – guarantees uniform interpretation of EU law for its uniform application across all EU Member States. This is done through a number of proceedings, namely through: preliminary rulings; actions assessing whether Member States have fulfilled their obligations under Union law; actions for annulment; as well as through actions for failure to act. The CJEU therefore settles legal disputes between EU governments and EU institutions. Individuals, companies or organisations can also bring cases before the

Individwi, kumpaniji jew organizzazzjonijiet jistgħu wkoll iressqu każijiet quddiem il-Qorti jekk iħossu li d-drittijiet tagħhom ġew miksura minn istituzzjoni tal-UE.

Bis-sede tagħha fil-Lussemburgu, il-Qorti tal-Ġustizzja tal-Unjoni Ewropea tikkonsisti f'żewġ qrati: il-Qorti tal-Ġustizzja u l-Qorti Ġenerali. Skont l-Artikolu 14 tal-Protokoll Nru 3 anness mat-Trattati *dwar l-Istatut tal-Qorti tal-Ġustizzja tal-Unjoni Ewropea*, l-Imħallfin għandhom jirrisjedu fil-post fejn il-Qorti tal-Ġustizzja għandha s-sede tagħha.

Skont il-prinċipju tal-“lingwa tal-kawża” u l-ispiritu sottostanti tal-multilingwiżmu mibni fit-Trattati, kwalunkwe waħda mill-24 lingwa uffiċjali tista' tkun il-lingwa ta' kawża quddiem il-QGUE. Minkejja dan, il-lingwa ta' ħidma interna tal-QGUE hija esklussivament il-Franċiż.

#### **Kwalifiki meħtieġa għall-post ta' Mhalled fil-Qorti Ġenerali tal-Ġustizzja u l-proċess nazzjonali tal-għażla**

Skont l-Artikolu 254 tat-Trattat dwar il-Funzjonament tal-Unjoni Ewropea, l-Imħallfin tal-Qorti Ġenerali “jintgħażlu minn fost persuni li ma jkunx hemm dubju dwar l-indipendenza tagħhom u li jkollhom il-kapaċità li jeżerċitaw funzjonijiet għolja fil-ġudikatura. Dawn jiġu maħtura bi qbil komuni mill-gvernijiet tal-Istati Membri għal sitt snin”.

Il-Gvern se jagħżel l-aktar kandidat xieraq abbażi tal-mertu, wara intervista minn Kumitat tal-Għażla. L-applikanti li jissodisfaw il-kwalifiki meħtieġa stabbiliti mit-Trattat biss se jiġu intervistati u l-kandidati jridu jissodisfaw il-kundizzjonijiet essenzjali li ġejjin:

Il-kandidati għandhom ikunu ta' karattru morali għoli u jgawdu indipendenza mingħajr dubju skont l-Artikolu 254 tat-Trattat dwar il-Funzjonament tal-UE u l-Artikolu 19(2) tat-Trattat dwar l-Unjoni Ewropea;

Il-kandidati jrid ikollhom esperjenza preċedenti ta' prattika legali fi hdan is-sistema legali nazzjonali;

Il-kandidati jrid ikollhom livell operattiv tajjeb ta' Franċiż, Malti u Ingliz;

Il-kandidati jrid ikollhom għarfien eċċellenti tal-Liġi tal-Unjoni Ewropea u esperjenza fiha (inkluż l-impatt aktar wiesa' tas-sentenzi tal-Qorti Ġenerali fuq l-Istati Membri), id-dritt internazzjonali pubbliku u tas-sistema legali Maltija;

Il-kandidati jrid ikollhom għarfien fil-fond tal-ġurisdiżzjoni, il-funzjonijiet u l-każistika tal-Qorti Ġenerali;

Il-kandidati jrid ikollhom ħiliet eċċellenti intellettuali u ta' abbozzar;

Court if they feel that their rights have been infringed by an EU institution.

With its seat in Luxembourg, the Court of Justice of the European Union consists of two courts: the Court of Justice and the General Court. According to Article 14 of Protocol number 3 annexed to the Treaties *On The Statute of the Court of Justice of the European Union*, Judges, shall be required to reside at the place where the Court of Justice has its seat.

In line with the ‘language of the case’ principle and the underlying spirit of multilingualism built into the Treaties, any of the 24 official languages may be the language of a case before the CJEU. Having said that, the internal working language of the CJEU is exclusively French.

#### **Required qualifications for the post of Judge to the General Court of Justice and the national selection process**

In accordance with Article 254 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, Judges of the General Court “shall be chosen from persons whose independence is beyond doubt and who possess the ability required for appointment to high judicial office. They shall be appointed by common accord of the governments of the Member States for a term of six years”.

The Government will select the most appropriate candidate on the basis of merit, following an interview by a Selection Committee. Only applicants fulfilling the required qualifications set by the Treaty will be interviewed and candidates must satisfy the following essential conditions:

Candidates must be of high moral character and enjoy independence beyond doubt in line with Article 254 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the EU and Article 19(2) of the Treaty on the European Union;

Candidates must have prior experience of legal practice within the national legal system;

Candidates have a good operational level of French, Maltese and English;

Candidates must have an excellent understanding of and experience in European Union Law (including the wider impact of the judgements of the General Court on Member States), Public International Law and of the Maltese legal system;

Candidates must have in-depth knowledge of the jurisdiction, functions and case law of the General Court;

Candidates must have excellent intellectual and drafting skills;

Il-kandidati jrid ikollhom hiliet eċċellenti fl-organizzazzjoni, fil-ġestjoni tal-kazijiet u interpersonalni biex jipprovdu l-livell ta' appoġġ meħtieġ lill-Qorti Ġenerali;

Il-kandidati jrid ikollhom il-hila u/jew il-kapaċità li jaħdmu bhala parti minn tim f'ambjent internazzjonali li fih ikunu rappreżentati diversi sistemi legali;

Jekk jiġu magħzula, il-kandidati jridu jintrabtu li ma jinvolvu ruħhom, f'xi attività li tkun inkompatibbli mal-indipendenza jew l-imparzjalità tagħhom jew mat-talbiet ta' kariga full-time, għat-tul tal-mandat tagħhom. Barra minn hekk, l-Artikolu 4 tal-Protokoll Nru 3 anness mat-Trattati *dwar l-Istatut tal-Qorti tal-Ġustizzja tal-Unjoni Ewropea* jipprevedi wkoll li l-Imħallfin ma jista' jkollhom l-ebda kariga politika jew amministrattiva u ma jistgħu jeżerċitaw l-ebda professjoni, kemm jekk bi qligħ kif ukoll jekk le.

### **Hatra fil-post ta' Mhalled tal-Qorti Ġenerali**

Skont l-Artikolu 254 tat-Trattat dwar il-Funzjonament tal-Unjoni Ewropea, il-membri tal-Qorti Ġenerali għandhom jinhatru għal mandat ta' sitt snin. Minkejja dan, it-tul ta' żmien ta' din il-pożizzjoni vakanti se jdum sa Marzu 2025. Dan huwa konformi mal-Artikolu 7 tal-Protokoll Nru 3 anness mat-Trattati *dwar l-Istatut tal-Qorti tal-Ġustizzja tal-Unjoni Ewropea*, li jgħid li l-Imħallf li għandu jissostitwixxi l-Imħallf attwali ta' Malta fil-Qorti Ġenerali jiġi sostitwit għall-bqija taż-żmien tal-mandat.

Din il-hatra ssir bi qbil komuni bejn il-gvernijiet tal-Istati Membri. L-Imħallfin li jirtiraw jistgħu jiġu maħtura mill-ġdid. Il-qbil komuni jista' jintlaħaq biss wara li l-Istati Membri jkunu hađu konjizzjoni ta' Opinjoni kunfidenzjali mogħtija mill-Bord stabbilit skont l-Artikolu 255 tat-Trattat dwar il-Funzjonament tal-Unjoni Ewropea. Għal dan il-għan, il-persuna nominata mill-Gvern tkun meħtieġa tattendi smiġħ minn dan il-Bord li "jaġhti opinjoni dwar l-idoneità tal-kandidati sabiex jeżerċitaw il-funzjoni ta' Mhalled... tal...Qorti Ġenerali".

Qabel ma jibda l-kariga tiegħu kull Imħallf għandu, fil-qorti bil-miftuħ, jieħu ġurament biex jaqdi dmirijietu b'mod imparzjali u kuxjenzjuż u biex jippreserva s-segretezza tad-deliberazzjonijiet tal-Qorti. Wara li jieħu l-ġurament, l-Imħallf irid jiffirma dikjarazzjoni li se jirrispetta l-obbligi tal-Uffiċċju, u b'mod partikolari d-dmir li jgħib ruħu b'integrità u diskrezzjoni fir-rigward tal-aċċettazzjoni, wara li jkun waqaf mill-kariga, ta' ċerti hatriet u benefiċċji.

### **Salarji u Allowances**

Id-dettalji dwar is-salarji bażiċi u l-allowances applikabbli għal dan il-post jinsabu fir-Regolament numru 422/67/ KEE, numru 5/67/Euratom tal-Kunsill tal-25 ta' Lulju, 1967, li jstabbilixxi *l-emolumenti tal-President u l-Membri tal-Kummissjoni, tal-President, l-Imħallfin, l-Avukati Ġenerali u*

Candidates must have excellent organizational, case management and interpersonal skills to provide the required level of support to the General Court;

Candidates must have the ability and/or the aptitude for working as part of a team in an international environment in which several legal systems are represented;

If chosen, candidates must undertake not to engage, in any activity that is incompatible with their independence or impartiality or with the demands of a full-time office, for the duration of their term of office. Moreover Article 4 of Protocol number 3 annexed to the Treaties *On The Statute of the Court of Justice of the European Union*, further provides that the Judges may not hold any political or administrative office and may not engage in any occupation, whether gainful or not.

### **Appointment to the post of Judge of the General Court**

According to Article 254 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, members of the General Court shall be appointed for a term of six years. Having said that, the duration of this vacancy will last until March 2025. This is in line with Article 7 of Protocol number 3 annexed to the Treaties *On The Statute of the Court of Justice of the European Union*, which states that the Judge who is to replace Malta's current incumbent at the General Court shall be appointed for the remainder of his predecessor's term.

This appointment is made by common accord of the governments of the Member States. Retiring Judges may be reappointed. The common accord can only be reached after the Member States have taken cognisance of a confidential Opinion delivered by the Panel set up under Article 255 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union. To this end, the Government nominee will be required to attend a hearing by this Panel which will "give an opinion on the candidates' suitability to perform the duties of Judge...of the...General Court".

Before taking up his duties each Judge shall, in open court, take an oath to perform his duties impartially and conscientiously and to preserve the secrecy of the deliberations of the Court. After taking the oath, the Judge must sign a declaration that he will respect the obligations of the Office, and in particular the duty to behave with integrity and discretion as regards the acceptance, after he has ceased to hold Office, of certain appointments and benefits.

### **Salaries and Allowances**

Details on the basic salaries and allowances applicable to this post can be found in Regulation Number 422/67/EEC, Number 5/67/Euratom of the Council of 25 July, 1967, *determining the emoluments of the President and Members of the Commission, of the President, Judges, Advocates General*

*r-Registratur tal-Qorti tal-Ġustizzja, tal-President, il-Membri u r-Registratur tal-Qorti tal-Prim' Istanza u tal-President, il-Membri u r-Registratur tat-Tribunal għas-Servizz Pubbliku Ewropew, kif ukoll fir-Regolament 2016/300/EU tad-29 ta' Frar 2016 li jiddetermina l-emolumenti ta' persuni f'karigi għolja tal-UE.*

### **Applikazzjonijiet u Nomini**

Il-Kumitat tal-Għażla se jikkunsidra l-applikazzjonijiet għal dan il-post li jaslu sa nofsinhar tal-21 ta' Mejju, 2024, kif indirizzati għall-attenzjoni tas-Segretarju tal-Bord tal-Għażla – Post ta' Mhallel fil-Qorti Ġenerali, Ministeru għall-Ġustizzja u r-Riforma tas-Settur tal-Kostruzzjoni, fl-indirizz elettroniku (eujusticecalls@gov.mt). L-applikazzjonijiet kollha jingħataw konferma tar-riċevuta u l-applikazzjonijiet għandhom jinkludu ittra ta' motivazzjoni, *Curriculum Vitae* li jinkludi d-dokumentazzjoni kollha ta' sostenn, rekord tal-kondotta kriminali ta' dak li jkun, kif ukoll lista ta' kitbiet rilevanti ppubblikati, jekk ikun hemm. Id-dokumenti kollha li jaslu se jiġu ttrattati b'kunfidenza stretta.

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AWTORITÀ DWAR IL-MEDIĊINI

### **Opportunitajiet ta' Karriera**

Il-Missjoni tal-Awtorità dwar il-Mediċini hi li tipprotegi s-saħħa pubblika permezz tar-regolazzjoni tal-prodotti mediċinali u l-attivitàjiet farmaċewtiċi. L-Awtorità dwar il-Mediċini qed tftitx li timpjega:

Finance and Administration Assistant  
(Jobsplus Permit No: 415/2024)

Aktar informazzjoni tista' tinkiseb minn ([www.medicinesauthority.gov.mt/careers](http://www.medicinesauthority.gov.mt/careers)). L-applikazzjoni għandha tiġi sottomessa permezz ta' ittra elettronika lil ([hr.medicinesauthority@gov.mt](mailto:hr.medicinesauthority@gov.mt)) sa nofsinhar tas-Sibt, 4 ta' Mejju, 2024.

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AWTORITÀ TAL-IPPJANAR

### **Aġġornament tal-Mappa Bażi 2018**

L-Awtorità tal-Ippjanar tgharraf li qiegħda twettaq aġġornament tal-mappa bażi. Għaldaqstant se jsiru sondaġġi permezz ta' droni f'din il-lokalità kif indikat:

Hal Għaxaq – mit-2 sal-31 ta' Mejju, 2024

*and Registrar of the Court of Justice, of the President, Members and Registrar of the Court of First Instance and of the President, Members and Registrar of the European Civil Service Tribunal, as well as in Regulation 2016/300/EU of 29 February 2016 determining the emoluments of EU high-level office holders.*

### **Applications and Nominations**

The Selection Committee will consider applications for this post received by noon of 21 May, 2024, as addressed to the attention of the 'Secretary of the Selection Board – Post of Judge to the General Court, Ministry for Justice and Reform of the Construction Sector, on the following email address (eujusticecalls@gov.mt). All applications will be provided with an acknowledgement and applications must include a motivation letter, a *Curriculum Vitae* including all relevant supporting documentation, a record of one's criminal conduct, as well as a list of relevant published writings, if any. All documents received will be treated in strict confidence.

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MALTA MEDICINES AUTHORITY

### **Career Opportunities**

The Mission of the Malta Medicines Authority is to safeguard public health through the regulation of medical products and pharmaceutical activities for human use. The Malta Medicines Authority is seeking to employ:

Finance and Administration Assistant  
(Jobsplus Permit No: 415/2024)

Further information may be obtained from ([www.medicinesauthority.gov.mt/careers](http://www.medicinesauthority.gov.mt/careers)). Application documents are to be submitted by email to ([hr.medicinesauthority@gov.mt](mailto:hr.medicinesauthority@gov.mt)) by noon of Saturday, 4th May, 2024.

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PLANNING AUTHORITY

### **Update to the 2018 Basemap**

The Planning Authority notifies that it is undertaking an update to the 2018 Basemap. To this extent it will be carrying out surveys by means of drones in the following locality on the respective dates:

Hal Għaxaq – 2nd till 31st May, 2024