



## **Entry into office of a new member of the General Court of the European Union**

By decision of 8 September 2021, the representatives of the Governments of the Member States appointed Mr Pēteris Zilgalvis as Judge of the General Court of the European Union for the period from 10 September 2021 to 31 August 2025.

A formal sitting of the Court of Justice will be held today on the occasion of the entry into office of Mr Zilgalvis.

The ceremony will be broadcast live from 12.00 on the following site:  
<http://c.connectedviews.com/01/LiveMeetings/cdj>

### **Curriculum vitae of Mr Pēteris Zilgalvis**

Born 1964; Political Science degree from the University of California, United States (1986); Juris Doctor, University of Southern California, United States (1990); Chief Council, Legal Department of the Environmental Protection Committee (Latvian Parliament (1990-1992)); Desk Officer at the European Parliament, United Nations, UNEP and UNESCO, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Latvia (1992); Environmental Specialist for the Baltic Region at the World Bank, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania (1993-1996); Senior Environmental Law Adviser on environmental protection policies at the World Bank, Russia (1996-1997); Deputy Head of the Bioethics Department, Directorate General Legal Affairs, Council of Europe (1997-2005); Head of Unit, Governance and Ethics, European Commission (2005-2010); Head of Unit, Infectious Diseases and Public Health, European Commission (2010); Head of Unit, Health and Well Being, European Commission (2010-2016); Visiting Fellow at St Antony's College, University of Oxford (2013-2014); Associate Researcher in the Political Economy of Financial Markets at the University of Oxford (2013-2019); Head of Unit, Digital Innovation and Blockchain, European Commission (2016-2021); Co-chair, FinTech Task Force, European Commission; Member of the Digital Currency Governance Consortium, World Economic Forum; Member of the OECD Blockchain Expert Policy Advisory Board; Member of the Advisory Board and lecturer on Fintech and regulatory innovation, Judge Business School, University of Cambridge; Member of the Editorial Board of the Baltic Yearbook of International Law; author of numerous publications; Judge at the General Court since 27 September 2021.

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