

Workshop – 13/16 July 2012

A future IGC determines that the structure, composition, jurisdiction and operation of the CJEU be revisited in the light of continuing enlargements of the EU.

You should consider the changes that are required (if any) to address the need for a Court that balances the requirements of efficient operation and legal certainty?

Issues for Consideration

- 1. Consider the current composition and structure of the CJEU today in comparison to twenty years ago?**
- 2. At what point (if any) will future enlargements make the current operation of the Court unworkable?**
- 3. Consider the benefits (legal/non-legal) to the Court of recent and future enlargements.**
- 4. Is any change to the current rules on the composition of the Court (1 judge nominated by each Member State) likely to meet significant political opposition?**

Language

- 1. Construct a model for the optimum number of languages in which the Court should hear cases and publish opinions and judgments?**
- 2. Can any reduction in the number of languages be compatible with the concept of legal certainty?**

National Courts as EU Courts

- 1. To what extent is it desirable to allow more freedom to national member state courts to determine points of EU law?**
- 2. Do cultural divergences and divergences in legal training limit the opportunities for “decentralisation” of EU law?**