

# GEOPOLITICS

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# What is the Course of justice of the European Union?

## Definition :

- Established in 1952
- Location : Luxembourg
- Composition : Court of Justice and General Court
- Members





# Function



- interpreting the laws = preliminary rulings (décisions préjudicielles)
- Enforcing the laws = infringement proceedings (recours en manquement)
- Annuling EU legal acts = actions for annulments (recours en annulation)
- Ensuring the EU takes actions = actions for failure to act (recours en carence)
- Sanctioning EU institutions = actions for damages (actions en dommages et intérêts)



# How does the Course of Justice of the European Union work ?

## Written Stage

- Exposition of the statements
- Organisation of the process

## Oral Stage in an public hearing

- Exposition of the arguments
- Interrogations
- Deliberations

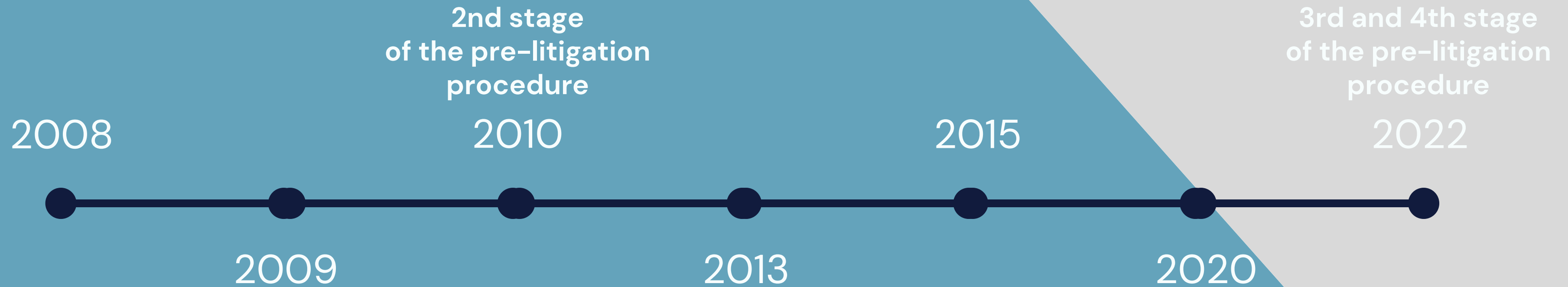




# **Case example : France condemned by the EU Court of Justice for non-compliance with the air quality directive**

From 2005 to 2022

# Main stages of the pre-litigation procedure



formal notice = mise en demeure  
reasoned opinion = avis motivé

# Conclusion

Institution protecting EU laws

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The Court of Justice of the European  
Union



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