

**Order of the Court (Sixth Chamber) of 18 May 2022 (request for a preliminary ruling from the Tribunale ordinario di Vercelli — Italy) — UC v Ministero dell'Istruzione**

(Case C-450/21) <sup>(1)</sup>

*(Reference for a preliminary ruling — Article 99 of the Rules of Procedure of the Court of Justice — Social policy — Directive 1999/70/EC — Framework agreement on fixed-term work concluded by ETUC, UNICE and CEEP — Clause 4(1) — Principle of non-discrimination — Concept of 'employment conditions' — Allowance to support the in-service training of teachers and to enhance their professional skills)*

(2022/C 368/09)

Language of the case: Italian

**Referring court**

Tribunale ordinario di Vercelli

**Parties to the main proceedings**

*Applicant:* UC

*Defendant:* Ministero dell'Istruzione

**Operative part of the order**

Clause 4(1) of the Framework Agreement on fixed-term work concluded on 18 March 1999, annexed to Council Directive 1999/70/EC of 28 June 1999 concerning the framework agreement on fixed-term work concluded by ETUC, UNICE and CEEP, must be interpreted as precluding national legislation which gives only permanent teaching staff of the Ministry of Education, and not fixed-term teaching staff of that ministry, the right to benefit from additional remuneration in the amount of EUR 500 per year, granted in order to support the in-service training of teachers and to enhance their professional skills, by means of an electronic card which can be used to purchase books and texts (including in digital format), publications, journals relevant in any way for professional development, to purchase hardware and software, to enrol in professional development and certification courses for professional skills, in undergraduate or masters courses related to the job profile, or in postgraduate courses or specialising masters courses related to the job profile, to attend theatrical performances and film screenings, to access museums, exhibitions, cultural events, live performances and other training activities, as well as to purchase connectivity services in order to fulfil the obligation to carry out professional activities remotely.

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ C 422, 18.10.2021.