



**Judgment of the Court (Grand Chamber) of 21 March 2024 (request for a preliminary ruling from the
Verwaltungsgericht Wiesbaden - Germany) - RL v Landeshauptstadt Wiesbaden**

(Case C-61/22, ⁽¹⁾ Landeshauptstadt Wiesbaden)

(Reference for a preliminary ruling – Regulation (EU) 2019/1157 – Strengthening the security of identity cards of EU citizens – Validity – Legal basis – Article 21(2) TFEU – Article 77(3) TFEU – Regulation (EU) 2019/1157 – Article 3(5) – Obligation for Member States to include two fingerprints in interoperable digital formats in the storage medium of identity cards – Article 7 of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union – Respect for private and family life – Article 8 of the Charter of Fundamental Rights – Protection of personal data – Regulation (EU) 2016/679 – Article 35 – Obligation to carry out a data protection impact assessment – Maintaining the effects for a certain time of a regulation which has been declared invalid)

(C/2024/3129)

Language of the case: German

Referring court

Verwaltungsgericht Wiesbaden

Parties to the main proceedings

Applicant: RL

Defendant: Landeshauptstadt Wiesbaden

Operative part of the judgment

- 1) Regulation (EU) 2019/1157 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 June 2019 on strengthening the security of identity cards of Union citizens and of residence documents issued to Union citizens and their family members exercising their right of free movement is invalid.
- 2) The effects of Regulation 2019/1157 are to be maintained until the entry into force, within a reasonable period which may not exceed two years from 1 January of the year following the date of delivery of the present judgment, of a new regulation based on Article 77(3) TFEU and intended to replace it.

⁽¹⁾ OJ C 213, 30.5.2022.