



Reports of Cases

Case C-634/22

**Criminal proceedings
against
OT and Others**

(Request for a preliminary ruling from the Sofiyski gradski sad)

Judgment of the Court (Fourth Chamber) of 18 April 2024

(Reference for a preliminary ruling – Values and objectives of the European Union – Article 2 TEU – Rule of law – Second subparagraph of Article 19(1) TEU – Independent and impartial court – Reorganisation of jurisdiction of courts in a Member State – Abolition of a specialised criminal court – Inadmissibility of the request for a preliminary ruling)

Questions referred for a preliminary ruling – Admissibility – Limits – Clearly irrelevant questions and hypothetical questions put in a context not permitting a useful answer – Questions concerning the respect of requirements inherent in an independent and impartial tribunal – No doubt concerning the independence and impartiality of the court in the main proceedings – No need for the interpretation sought for the purpose of resolving that dispute – Inadmissibility

(Art. 19(1), second subpara., TEU; Art. 267 TFEU)

(see paragraphs 40-42, operative part)

See the text of the decision.