

Action brought on 30 September 2019 – Irish Wind Farmers’ Association and Others v Commission**(Case T-680/19)**

(2019/C 423/77)

*Language of the case: English***Parties**

Applicants: Irish Wind Farmers’ Association Clg (Kilkenny, Ireland), Carrons Windfarm Ltd (Shanagolden, Ireland), Foyle Windfarm Ltd (Dublin, Ireland), Greenoge Windfarm Ltd (Bunclody, Ireland) (represented by: M. Segura Catalán and M. Clayton, lawyers)

Defendant: European Commission

Form of order sought

The applicants claim that the Court should:

- annul Commission decision C(2019) 5257 final of 9 July 2019 - SA.44671 (2019/NN) – Ireland, concerning alleged illegal state aid granted to the fossil fuel sector in the form of reduced business rates;
- order the Commission to pay the costs.

Pleas in law and main arguments

In support of the action, the applicants rely on a single plea in law, to the effect that the Commission failed to open the formal investigation under Article 108(2) TFEU and Article 4(4) of the Procedural Regulation, ⁽¹⁾ notwithstanding doubts as to the existence of state aid, thereby depriving the applicants of their procedural rights.

⁽¹⁾ Council Regulation (EU) 2015/1589 of 13 July 2015 laying down detailed rules for the application of Article 108 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (OJ 2015 L 248, p. 9).

Action brought on 8 October 2019 – ZU v EEAS**(Case T-689/19)**

(2019/C 423/78)

*Language of the case: English***Parties**

Applicant: ZU (represented by: C. Bernard-Glanz, lawyer)

Defendant: European External Action Service

Form of order sought

The applicant claims that the Court should:

- annul the decisions of the Appointing Authority of 30 November 2018, rejecting the applicant’s requests of 27 July 2018 (i) for reimbursement of mission costs and (ii) for assistance;