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Subject: Case before the Court of Justice of the European Union  
- Case C-121/14 (The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland)  
= Action for annulment of Article 29 of, and Annex II to, the Regulation (EU)  
N°1316/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December  
2013 establishing the Connecting Europe Facility, amending Regulation (EU) N°  
913/2010 and repealing Regulations (EC) N° 680/2007 and (EC) N° 67/2010.

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1. By letter dated 14 March 2014, received the same day, the Council was notified of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland's application (dated 12 March 2014) before the Court of Justice seeking the annulment of Article 29 of, and Annex II to, the Regulation (EU) N°1316/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 establishing the Connecting Europe Facility, amending Regulation (EU) N° 913/2010 and repealing Regulations (EC) N° 680/2007 and (EC) N° 67/2010 ("CEF Regulation")<sup>1</sup>, insofar as they extend beyond London what was Corridor 2 in the original Annex to the Regulation (EU) N° 913/2010 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 22 September 2010 concerning a European rail network for competitive freight<sup>2</sup>.
2. In its application, the United Kingdom considers that the extensions to rail freight corridors brought about by Article 29 of, and Annex II to, the CEF Regulation are "projects of common interests" which relate to the territory of the Member States and shall therefore require the approval of the Member State concerned. The United Kingdom has not given such an approval.
3. The Council may, according to Article 124(1) of the Rules of Procedure of the Court of Justice, lodge a statement of defence within two months after service of the application.
4. The Director-General of the Council Legal Service has appointed Ms Zuzana KUPČOVÁ and Ms Evgenia CHATZIIOAKEIMIDOU, members of the Council Legal Service, as the Council's agents for this case.

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 348, 20.12.2013, p. 129.

<sup>2</sup> OJ L 276, 20.10.2010, p. 22.