

European Court hears Spanish case against Google

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The European Court of Justice is hearing a case that pits Spain's data protection agency against search engine giant Google over the thorny issue of "the right to be forgotten" online.

A Spanish court sought Tuesday's hearing in Luxembourg to clarify if [Google](#) is subject to Spanish and European data protection laws.

In the case—one of many between Spain and Google—a person found that keying their name into Google shows a newspaper link to a property auction years ago owing to payment failure. The person wants the link removed, which the agency says Google should do. Google believes that's the newspaper's responsibility.

A ruling isn't expected for months.

If it goes in [Spain](#)'s favor, Google could be made to erase documents people feel violate their privacy.

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