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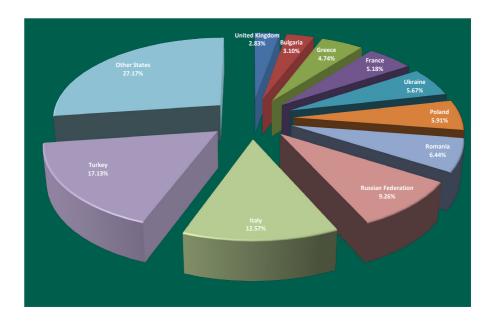
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Statistics 1959 to 2015

Violation judgments by State

Since it was established in 1959 the Court has delivered about 18,500 judgments. Nearly half of the judgments concerned 5 member States: Turkey (3,182), Italy (2,336), the Russian Federation (1,720), Romania (1,197) and Poland (1,099).

Of the total number of judgments it has delivered since 1959, the Court has found at least one violation of the Convention by the respondent State in 84% of cases.



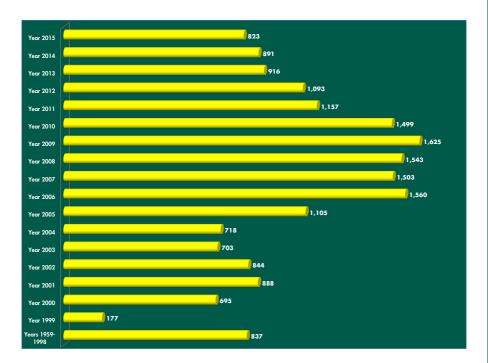
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Judgments delivered by the Court

In recent years the Court has concentrated on examining complex cases, and has decided to join certain applications which raise similar legal questions so that it can consider them jointly.

Although the number of judgments delivered each year by the Court has decreased, more applications have been examined by it.

Since it was set up, the Court has decided on the examination of around 674,000 applications.



Throughput of applications 1959* - 2015

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Andorra	72	63	6	69
Armenia	2,306	1,276	62	1,33
Austria	8,901	8,215	385	8,600
Azerbaijan	4,315	2,638	166	2,804
Belgium	4,895	4,271	249	4,520
Bosnia and Herzegovina	6,980	6,019	126	6,14
Bulgaria	14,296	12,881	674	13,555
Croatia	13,312	12,476	344	12,820
Cyprus	1,080	939	91	1.030
Czech Republic	11,939	11,560	251	11,81
Denmark	1,722	1,638	47	1,68
Estonia	2,951	2,827	54	2,88
Finland	4,997	4,802	186	4,98
France	30,618	28,765	1,060	29,82
Georgia	5,846	3,631	64	3,69
Germany	28,510	27,984	319	28,30
Greece	7,801	5,799	1,131	6,930
Hungary	13,859	8,805	466	9,27
Iceland	218	180	16	190
Ireland	947	908	31	93
Italy	42,524	29,864	3,182	33,046
Latvia	3,797	3,536	108	3,644
Liechtenstein	135	122	8	130
Lithuania	5,157	4,680	132	4,812
Luxemboura	592	541	44	58
Malta	320	209	72	28
Republic of Moldova	11,787	10,204	393	10.59
Mongco	83	75	4	79
Montenegro	1.947	1,741	37	1,778
Netherlands	9,461	8,952	170	9.12
Norway	1,574	1,464	47	1,51
Poland	62,839	60,123	1,110	61,233
Portugal	3,477	2,550	465	3.01
Romania	61,292	56,192	1,660	57,852
Russian Federation	135,152	123,330	2,748	126,078
San Marino	74	52	16	68
Serbia	24,602	22,957	545	23,502
Slovak Republic	7,403	6,864	352	7,210
Slovenia	8,633	6,646	349	6,99
Spain	10,579	10,312	200	10,512
Sweden	9,704	9,471	146	9,617
Switzerland	6,567	6,240	165	6,40
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Turkey	62,147	49,702	4,163	53,865
Ukraine	76,585	57,982	4,815	62,797
United Kingdom	23,408	21,239	1,795	23,034
TOTAL	741,014	645,481	28,674	674,155

^{*} This table includes cases dealt with by the European Commission of Human Rights prior to 1959.

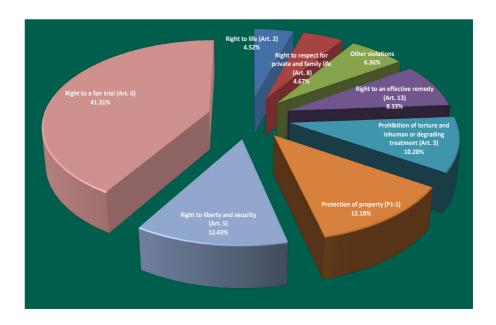
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Subject-matter of the Court's violation judgments (1959-2015)

More than 41% of the violations found by the Court have concerned Article 6 of the Convention, whether on account of the fairness (17.63%) or the length of the proceedings (22.13%).

The second violation most frequently found by the Court has concerned the right to liberty and security (Article 5).

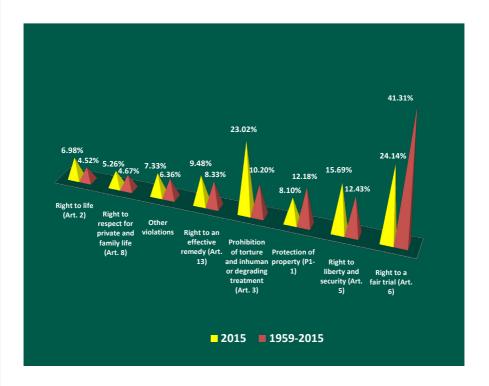
Lastly, in 14.72% of cases, the Court has found a serious violation of the Convention, concerning the right to life or the prohibition of torture and inhuman or degrading treatment (Articles 2 and 3).



Subject-matter of the Court's violation judgments (Comparative Graph 1959-2015 & 2015)

The violation most frequently found by the Court concerns Article 6 (right to a fair hearing), particularly with regard to the excessive length of the proceedings. In 2015 a quarter of all violations found by the Court related to this provision.

For a number of years, however, other violations of the Convention have been found increasingly frequently. One example is the prohibition of torture and inhuman or degrading treatment (Article 3): in 2015 this provision also accounted for almost one quarter of all the violations found.



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Figures may include conditional violations. Figures are available only from 2013. Some judgments concern several States.

History of the Court's reforms

Since the Court was set up in 1959, the member States of the Council of Europe have adopted a number of protocols to the European Convention on Human Rights with the aim of improving and strengthening its supervisory mechanism. In 1998 Protocol No. 11 thus replaced the original two-tier structure, comprising the Commission and the Court on Human Rights, sitting a few days per month, by a single full-time Court. This change put an end to the Commission's filtering function, enabling applicants to bring their cases directly before the Court.

A second major reform to address the considerable increase in the number of applications and the Court's backlog was brought about by the entry into force of Protocol No. 14 in 2010. This Protocol introduced new judicial formations for the simplest cases and established a new admissibility criterion (existence of a "significant disadvantage" for the applicant); it also extended the judges' term of office to 9 years (not renewable).

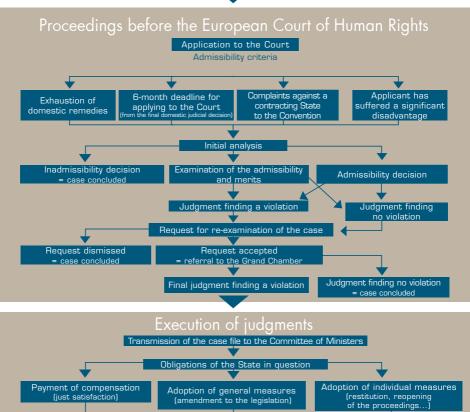
Since 2010, three high-level conferences on the future of the Court have been convened to identify methods of guaranteeing the long-term effectiveness of the Convention system. These conferences have, in particular, led to the adoption of Protocols Nos. 15 and 16 to the Convention, which were not yet in force in 2015.

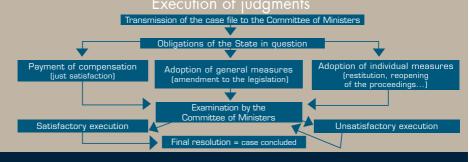
Protocol No. 15, adopted in 2013, will insert references to the principle of subsidiarity and the doctrine of the margin of appreciation into the Convention's preamble; it will also reduce from 6 to 4 months the time within which an application must be lodged with the Court after a final national decision.

2013 also saw the adoption of **Protocol No. 16**, which will allow the highest domestic courts and tribunals to request the Court to give advisory opinions on questions of principle relating to the interpretation or application of the rights and freedoms defined in the Convention or the protocols thereto. Protocol No. 16 is optional.

The life of an application







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Simplified flow chart of case-processing by the Court

