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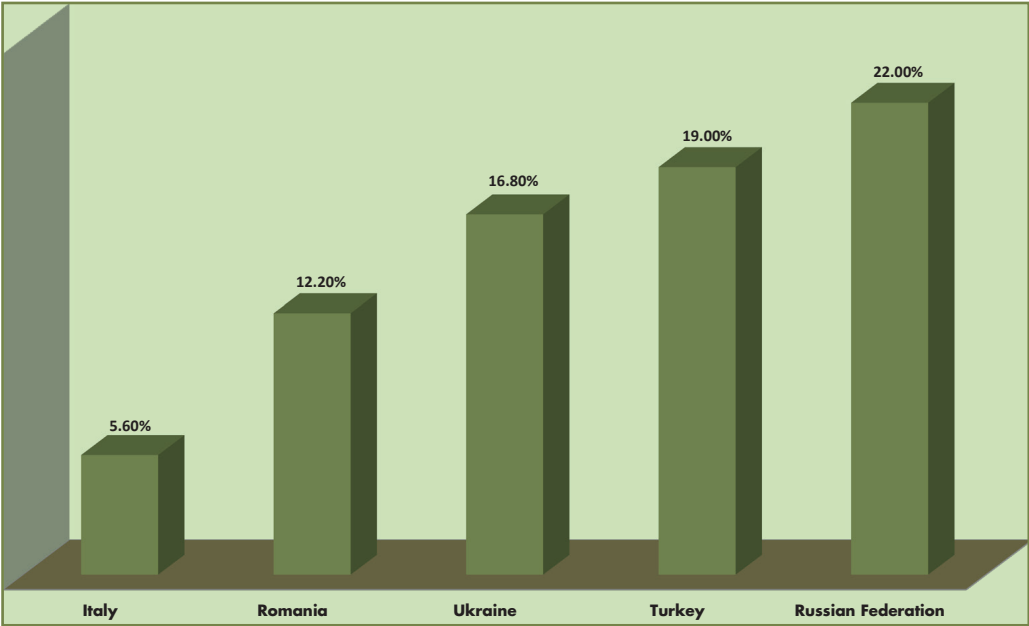
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Pending allocated cases

Approximately 62,000 applications were pending before a judicial formation at 31 December 2020. Nearly a quarter of these applications had been lodged against the Russian Federation.

The number of applications allocated to a judicial formation in 2020 exceeded the number disposed of judicially during the year.

on 31 December 2020



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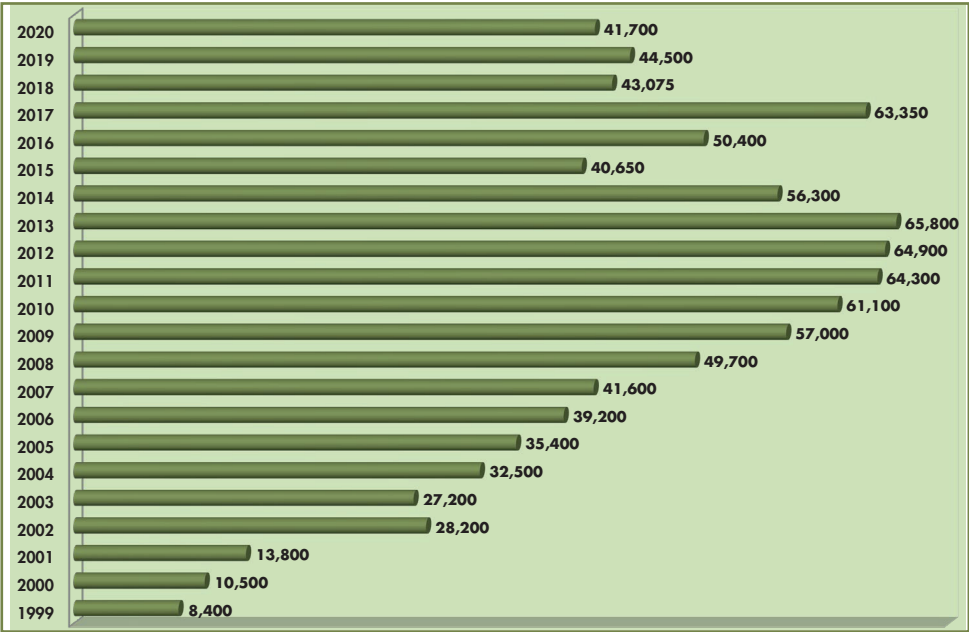
Applications allocated to a judicial formation

Applications which are allocated to a judicial formation are those for which the Court has received a correctly completed form, accompanied by copies of relevant documents.

These applications will be examined by a single judge, a Committee or a Chamber of the Court. These figures do not include applications which are at the pre-judicial stage (incomplete case file).

In 2020 about 41,700 applications were allocated to one of the Court’s judicial formations.

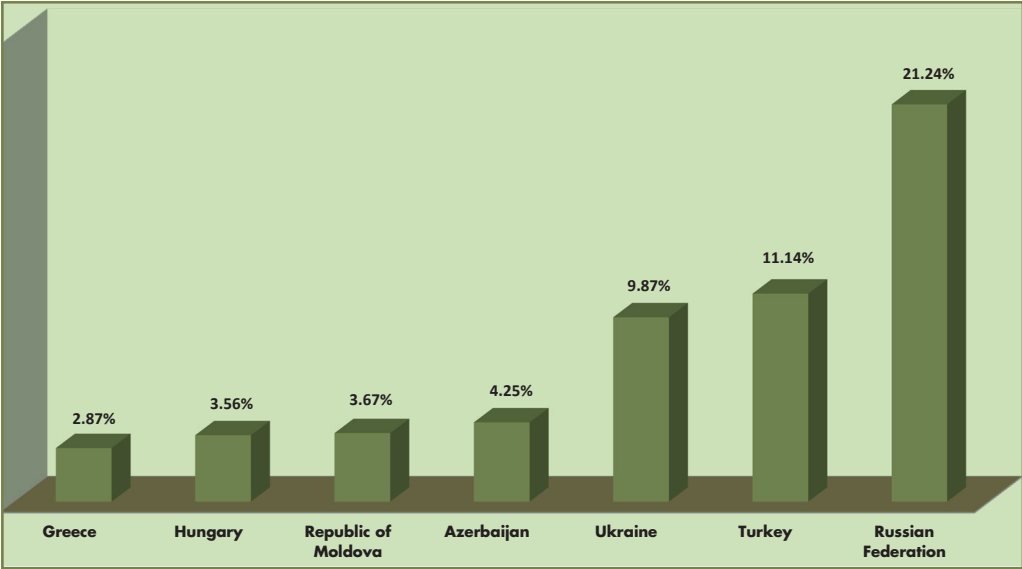
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Judgments by State

Almost half the judgments concerned 3 of the 47 member States, namely the Russian Federation (185), Turkey (97) and Ukraine (86). Nearly a quarter of all the judgments delivered by the Court concerned the Russian Federation.

Of the total number of judgments delivered in 2020, the Court found at least one violation of the Convention by the respondent State in 87% of the cases.



Since the Court was established in 1959, the Court has delivered 23,406 judgments. More than a third of them have concerned 3 member States: Turkey (3,742), the Russian Federation (2,884) and Italy (2,427).

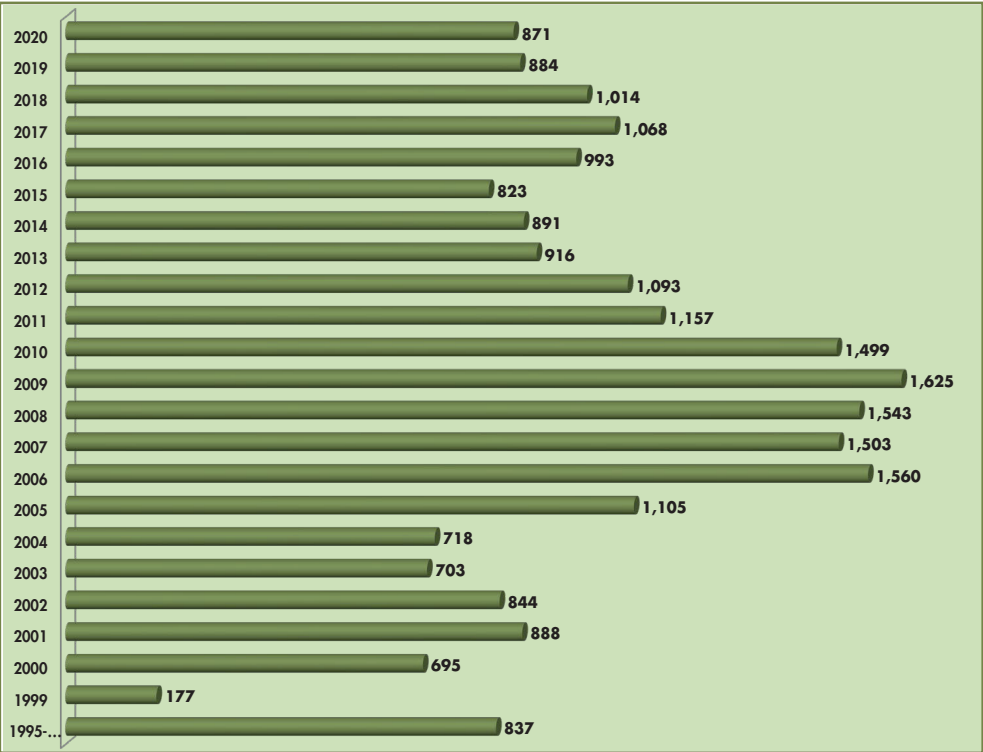
### Judgments delivered by the Court

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.

A single judgment may therefore encompass a number of applications.

In 2020 the Court delivered 871 judgments concerning 1,901 applications.

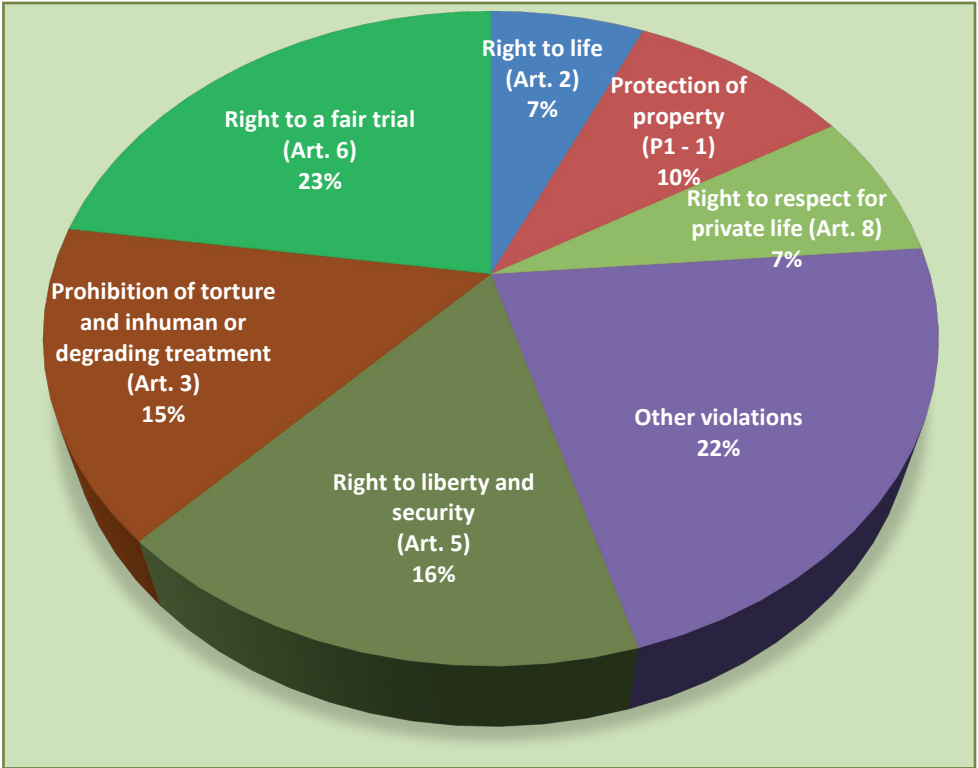
In 2020 the Court completed its examination of a total of 39,190 applications with a judgment or decision or by striking the case out of the list.



### Subject-matter of the Court’s violation judgments

In the judgments delivered by the Court in 2020, nearly a quarter of the violations concerned Article 6 (right to a fair hearing), whether on account of the fairness or the length of the proceedings.

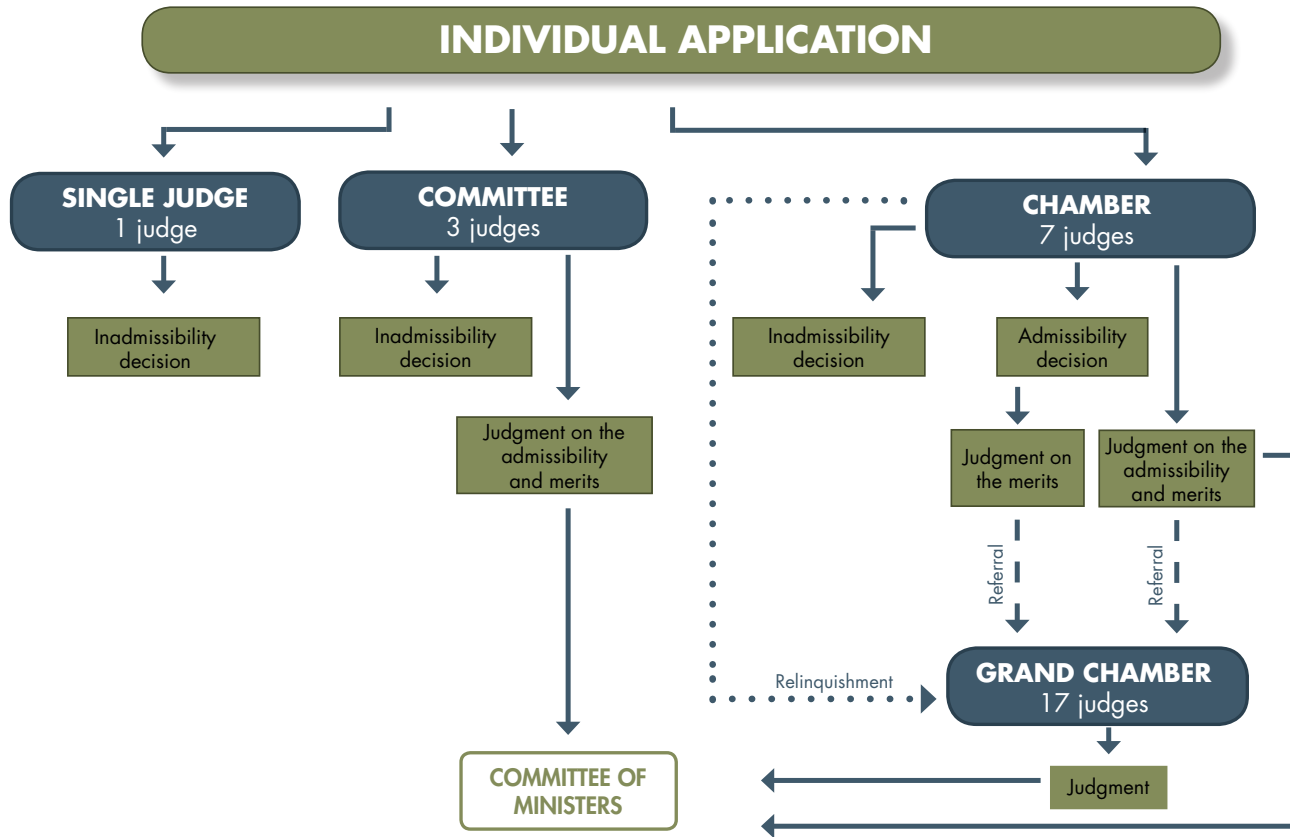
In addition, more than 20% of the violations found concerned serious breaches of the Convention, namely the right to life or the prohibition of torture and inhuman or degrading treatment (Articles 2 and 3).



## Throughput of applications in 2020

	Applications allocated to a judicial formation	Applications or struck out inadmissible	Applications declared admissible	Applications judgment was delivered	Applications in which of applications decided	Total number of applications decided
	2020	2020	2020	2020	2020	2020
Albania	76	120	3	123		
Andorra	11	10	1	11		
Armenia	213	428	15	443		
Austria	215	199	0	199		
Azerbaijan	525	360	74	434		
Belgium	124	133	15	148		
Bosnia and Herzegovina	870	2 040	19	2 059		
Bulgaria	608	569	46	615		
Croatia	615	673	33	706		
Cyprus	55	39	2	41		
Czech Republic	381	348	1	349		
Denmark	63	53	1	54		
Estonia	128	132	2	134		
Finland	120	103	1	104		
France	638	478	60	538		
Georgia	130	182	18	200		
Germany	569	559	11	570		
Greece	658	321	30	351		
Hungary	1 036	970	53	1 023		
Iceland	28	27	4	31		
Ireland	42	40	1	41		
Italy	1 497	1 080	22	1 102		
Latvia	414	230	10	240		
Liechtenstein	9	8	0	8		
Lithuania	398	342	18	360		
Luxembourg	29	15	0	15		
Malta	40	17	11	28		
Republic of Moldova	523	451	58	509		
Monaco	3	2	1	3		
Montenegro	218	266	14	280		
Netherlands	386	380	5	385		
North Macedonia	275	277	23	300		
Norway	99	92	4	96		
Poland	1 628	1 698	23	1 721		
Portugal	261	148	7	155		
Romania	2 994	2 960	348	3 308		
Russian Federation	8 923	9 594	570	10 164		
San Marino	6	4	1	5		
Serbia	1 836	1 413	8	1 421		
Slovak Republic	289	268	13	281		
Slovenia	180	174	4	178		
Spain	440	468	15	483		
Sweden	174	183	0	183		
Switzerland	278	279	15	294		
Turkey	9 104	6 397	123	6 520		
Ukraine	4 271	2 479	214	2 693		
United Kingdom	301	280	4	284		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>41 681</b>	<b>37 289</b>	<b>1 901</b>	<b>39 190</b>		

## Simplified flow chart of case-processing by the Court



Violations by Article and by State<sup>1</sup>

2020	Judgments finding at least one violation																												Other Articles of the Convention			
	Judgments finding no violation														Other judgments <sup>1</sup>														Right not to be tried or punished twice			
	Judgments finding at least one violation														Right to life – deprivation of life														Right to free elections			
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Andorra	1		1																													
Armenia	14	14						2						11	4	3					1					3			1			
Austria	0																					1										
Azerbaijan	37	37				2	3	1	6	7				17	18		3		10	3	5	3		1	1	4			7			
Belgium	9	9								3	1			3		3			1					3				1				
Bosnia and Herzegovina	8	8								1					1	1	4		1							4			1			
Bulgaria	36	35	1					1		4	2	1		6	3	1			7	1	1	3		3		9			1			
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Cyprus	2	2						1							1																	
Czech Republic	1	1													1	1																
Denmark	1	1								1																						
Estonia	2	1	1							1																						
Finland	1	1				1																										
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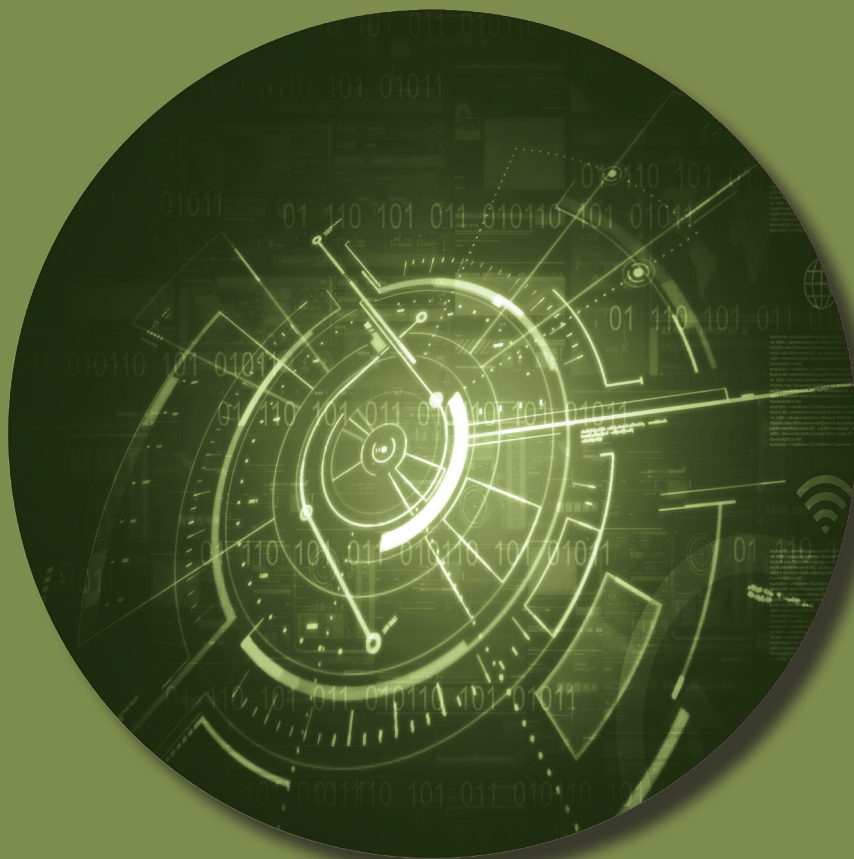
2020	Judgments finding at least one violation																											Judgments finding no violation				Other judgments <sup>1</sup>				Right to life – deprivation of life				Lack of effective investigation				Intention or degrading treatment				Prohibition of torture <sup>2</sup>				Lack of effective investigation				Conditional violations <sup>3</sup>				Right to liberty and security				Right to a fair trial <sup>4</sup>				Length of proceedings				Non-enforcement				Freedom of thought, conscience and religion				Freedom of assembly and association				Freedom of expression				Right to marry				Right to an effective remedy				Prohibition of discrimination				Protection of property				Right to education				Right to free elections				Right not to be tried or punished twice				Other Articles of the Convention																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																															
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1. Other judgments: just satisfaction, revision, preliminary objections and lack of jurisdiction.
2. The figures in this column may include conditional violations.
3. Cases where the Court found there would be a violation of Article 2 and/or 3 if the applicant is removed to a State where he/she is at risk.
4. Five judgments are against more than one respondent State: Republic of Moldova and Russian Federation (2 judgments); Slovak Republic and Ukraine, Azerbaijan and Hungary, Azerbaijan and Turkey.

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