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Czech Republic

Ratified the European Convention on Human Rights in 1992

National Judge: Kateřina Šimáčková (13 December 2021 -)
Judges' CVs are available on the ECHR Internet site

Previous Judges: Karel Jungwiert (1998-2012), Aleš Pejchal (2012-2021)

List of judges of the Court since 1959

The Court dealt with 400 applications concerning the Czech Republic in 2025, of which 388 were declared inadmissible or struck out. It delivered 8 judgments (concerning 12 applications), 6 of which found at least one violation of the European Convention on Human Rights.

Applications processed in	2024	2025	2026*
Applications allocated to a judicial formation	308	366	212
Communicated to the Government	32	18	12
Applications decided:	324	400	183
- Declared inadmissible or struck out (Single Judge)	291	367	167
- Declared inadmissible or struck out (Committee)	14	20	11
- Declared inadmissible or struck out (Chamber)	0	1	3
- Decided by judgment	19	12	2

Applications pending before the court on 01/07/2026	
Applications pending before a judicial formation:	109
Single Judge	76
Committee (3 Judges)	18
Chamber (7 Judges)	15
Grand Chamber (17 Judges)	0

Czech Republic and ...

The Registry

The task of the Registry is to provide legal and administrative support to the Court in the exercise of its judicial functions. It is composed of lawyers, administrative and technical staff and translators. There are currently **673** Registry staff members.

* January to July 2026

For information about the Court's judicial formations and procedure, see the ECHR internet site.
Statistics on interim measures can be found here.

Noteworthy cases, judgments delivered

Grand Chamber

FU QUAN, s.r.o. v. the Czech Republic (no. 24827/14)

01.06.2023

The case concerned the seizure of property amounting to nearly 2.1 million euros belonging to the applicant company in the course of a tax evasion investigation and the trial against its managing director and another member. The property was held for five years.

The application was declared inadmissible.

Grosam v. the Czech Republic (no. 19750/13)

01.06.2023

The case concerned the issuing of a fine by the disciplinary chamber of the Supreme Administrative Court, in proceedings against an enforcement officer for professional misconduct, and his subsequent appeal to the Constitutional Court.

The application was declared inadmissible.

Vavřička and Others v. the Czech Republic

08.04.2021

The applications concerned the Czech legislation on compulsory childhood vaccination against diseases well known to medical science and its consequences for the applicants who refused to comply.

No violation of Article 8 (right to respect for private life)

Dubská and Krejzová v. the Czech Republic

15.11.2016

The case concerned a law in the Czech Republic which made it impossible in practice for mothers to be assisted by a midwife during home births.

No violation of Article 8 (right to respect for private and family life)

Rohlena v. the Czech Republic

27.01.2015

The case concerned the applicant's conviction for a continuous criminal offence of abusing a person living under the same roof. The applicant complained in particular that his conviction encompassed his conduct before that offence had been introduced into the law on 1 June 2004.

No violation of Article 7 (no punishment without law)

D.H. and Others v. the Czech Republic (no. 57325/00)

13.11.2007

Placement of Roma children in special schools.

Violation of Article 14 (prohibition of discrimination) together with Article 2 of Protocol No. 1 (right to education)

Regner v. the Czech Republic

19.09.2017

The case concerned an administrative decision withdrawing the security clearance which was a prerequisite for Mr Regner to hold a senior post in the Ministry of Defence.

No violation of Article 6 § 1 (right to a fair trial)

Malhous v. the Czech Republic

12.07.2001

No public hearing in restitution proceedings to recover farmland.

Violation of Article 6 § 1 (right to a public hearing)

Noteworthy cases, judgments delivered

Chamber

Cases dealing with Article 6

Right to a fair trial

Tempel v. the Czech Republic

25.06.2020

The case concerned repeated first-instance and appeal proceedings over a period of 10 years on a charge of murder.

Violation of Article 6 § 1 owing to a lack of fairness of the applicant's conviction for murder

Violation of Article 6 § 1 owing to the length of the proceedings

Suda v. Czech Republic
28.10.2010
Compulsory arbitration for squeezed-out minority shareholders concerning the compensation for their shares.
Violation of Article 6 § 1

Družstevní záložna Pria and Others v. Czech Republic
31.07.2008
Compulsory administration imposed on credit union.
Violations of Article 6 § 1
Violation of Article 1 of Protocol No. 1 (protection of property)

Krasniki v. Czech Republic
28.02.2006
Applicant's conviction based exclusively on anonymous witness testimony.
Violation of Article 6 §§ 1 and 3 d)

Vodárenská akciová spolecnost v. Czech Republic and Faltejsek v. Czech Republic
24.02.2004 and 15.02.2008
Excessive formalism of the Constitutional Court.
Violation of Article 6 § 1

Credit and Industrial Bank v. Czech Republic
21.10.2003
Decision of compulsory administration imposed on the applicant bank.
Violation of Article 6 § 1 - lack of full judicial review in the administrative proceedings

Běleš and Others v. Czech Republic and Zvolský and Zvolská v. Czech Republic
12.11.2002
Lack of access to the Constitutional Court in proceedings respectively related to a decision by the Medical Society to strike the Homeopathic Association off its list of members and agricultural land ownership issues.
Violations of Article 6 § 1 in both cases, and Violation of Article 1 of Protocol No. 1 (protection of property) in Zvolský and Zvolská

Krcmár v. Czech Republic and Milatová and Others v. Czech Republic
03.03.2000 and 21.06.2005
Lack of contradictory procedure before the Constitutional Court.
Violations of Article 6 § 1

Right to a fair trial within a reasonable time

Kříž v. Czech Republic and Mezl v. Czech Republic
09.01.2007
Length of proceedings concerning fathers' right of contact with their children, and Mr Mezl's parental responsibility. Prolonged inability to secure the enforcement of the decisions granting them rights of contact.
In each case: Violation of Articles 6 and 8 (right to respect for private and family life)

Cases dealing with the right of respect for private and family life (Article 8)

Novák v. the Czech Republic (no. 6656/24)
09.04.2026
The case concerned a dispute between Mr Novák and his ex-wife over custody of their two daughters.
Violation of Article 8

Macready v. Czech Republic
22.04.2010
Authorities failed to ensure father's right of contact with his son during proceedings for the son's return to the United States.
Violation of Article 8

Heglas v. Czech Republic
01.03.2007
Use in criminal proceedings of a listening device hidden under the applicant's girlfriend's clothing, and of the recording of his phone calls, under surveillance.
Two violations of Article 8
No violation of Article 6 § 1 (right to a fair trial)

Kříž v. Czech Republic and Mezl v. Czech Republic
09.01.2007
See case also dealing with Article 6 (Right to a fair trial within a reasonable time)

Wallová and Walla v. Czech Republic
26.10.2006
Placement of children in a public institution on the grounds that the family did not have a suitable and stable home.
Violation of Article 8

Cases dealing with property issues (Article 1 of Protocol No. 1)

Družstevní záložna Pria and Others v. Czech Republic

31.07.2008

See case also dealing with Article 6 (right to a fair trial)

Pinc and Pincová v. Czech Republic

05.11.2002

Deprivation of property in restitution proceedings.

Violation of Article 1 of Protocol No. 1

Špacek, s.r.o. v. Czech Republic

09.11.1999

Penalty imposed on a company on the basis of the national tax law.

No violation of Article 1 of Protocol No. 1

Other noteworthy cases, judgments delivered

S.T. v. the Czech Republic (no. 28273/23)

16.07.2026

The case concerned the applicant's complaints about the use of force against her brother, a Roma man who died in 2021 following a police intervention, and the investigation into the actions of the police officers involved.

Violations of Articles 2 (right to life) and 3 (prohibition of inhuman or degrading treatment)

Tožičková v. the Czech Republic (no. 21512/23)

28.05.2026

The case concerned the arrest of a journalist during an environmental protest at a coal mine, more specifically, while she was in an area designated as out of bounds.

violation of Article 10 (freedom of expression)

Spišák v. the Czech Republic (no. 13968/22)

20.06.2024

The case concerned the pre-trial detention of Mr Spišák for several serious crimes while a minor. He had been arrested while on probation, and, owing to the risk of reoffending, had been remanded from 23 November 2020 until 20 May 2021, when he had begun serving a prison sentence. His detention had been extended for six months at one point by the courts. He was not eligible for three-month automatic review of his detention.

Violation of Article 14 (prohibition of discrimination) taken in conjunction with Article 5 (right to liberty and security)

Z v. the Czech Republic (no. 37782/21)

20.06.2024

In this case, the applicant complained that she had been subjected to non-consensual sexual acts by a priest from 2008 to 2009. More specifically, she complained of the authorities' restrictive interpretation of the constituent elements of the offences of rape and sexual abuse under Law no. 140/1961 (Criminal Code) then in force, of the fact that this legal framework had not been sufficient to ensure effective punishment for the sexual offences allegedly perpetrated against her and of the lack of an effective investigation.

Violation of Articles 3 (prohibition of inhuman or degrading treatment) and 8 (right to respect for private life)

Dvořáček v. the Czech Republic

06.11.2014

The case concerned the conditions surrounding the compulsory admission of the applicant, Mr Dvořáček, to a psychiatric hospital to undergo protective sexological treatment.

No violation of Article 3 (prohibition of inhuman or degrading treatment) with regard to the applicant's detention in a psychiatric hospital and the medical treatment administered

No violation of Article 3 concerning the investigation into the applicant's allegations of ill-treatment

Eremiášová and Pechová v. the Czech Republic

16.02.2012

The case concerned the death of the applicants' relative, of Roma origin, following his allegedly jumping head-first through a first-floor window at a police station where he had been taken on suspicion of burglary.

Two violations of Article 2 (right to life and investigation)

Andrle v. the Czech Republic

17.02.2011

Alleged discrimination in the pension system on account of sex (different retirement age for women who care for children and for men in the same position).

No violation of Article 14 (prohibition of discrimination) in conjunction with Article 1 of Protocol No. 1 (protection of property)

Husák v. the Czech Republic

04.12.2008

Dismissal without hearing of applications for release by the applicant who was in pre-trial detention.

Violation of Article 5 § 4 (right to have lawfulness of detention decided speedily by a court)

B.Ü. v. the Czech Republic

06.10.2022

The case concerned ill-treatment allegedly suffered by the applicant whilst in the hands of Czech police officers and in a detention facility for foreigners, as well as a lack of effectiveness of the subsequent investigation by the domestic authorities.

No violation of Article 3 (prohibition of inhuman or degrading treatment) with regard to the conditions of the detention in the detention facility

Violation of Article 3 concerning the investigation into the applicant's allegations of ill-treatment

Pejřilová v. the Czech Republic

08.12.2022

The case concerned the dismissal of a widow's request to be fertilised with deceased husband's frozen sperm, domestic law allowing such fertilisation only for couples and *inter vivos*.

No violation of Article 8 (private life)

Noteworthy cases, decisions delivered

Žirovnický v. the Czech Republic

15.12.2016

These applications concern the detention conditions in a number of Czech prisons; the applicant alleged that those conditions constituted inhuman treatment, particularly on account of exposure to passive smoking (no. 60439/12) and prison overcrowding (no. 73999/12).

The Court has for the first time had the opportunity to rule on the remedies existing under Czech law as regards detention conditions.

Applications declared inadmissible.

Veselský v. the Czech Republic

31.03.2015

The applicant complained of a denial of justice by the Constitutional Court on the grounds that it had declared his appeal inadmissible without examining it on the merits.

Application declared inadmissible as manifestly ill-founded.

Zelenka v. the Czech Republic

25.11.2014

The case concerned the dismissal of an appeal of points of law for lack of legal representation.

Application declared inadmissible for non-exhaustion of domestic remedies.

Polednová v. the Czech Republic

06.07.2011

Question of whether the conviction of the last surviving participant in the 1950 trial of Milada Horáková and other opponents of the communist regime was compatible with the Convention.

Application declared inadmissible as manifestly ill-founded.

Holub v. the Czech Republic and Bratři Zátkové, a.s. v. the Czech Republic

14.12.2010 and 08.02.2011

Complaints declared inadmissible for lack of "significant disadvantage" (for the 1st time with regard to the Czech Republic).

Applications declared inadmissible

In its decisions in these cases, the Court clarifies the application of the new admissibility criterion ("significant disadvantage") introduced by Protocol No. 14, which entered into force on 1 June 2010. The introduction of this new criterion was considered necessary in view of the Court's constantly increasing workload, and is intended to enable it to focus on cases that justify an examination on the merits. It enables the Court to dismiss cases that are held to be "of minor importance", that is, those which do not require examination on the merits.

Vokurka v. Czech Republic

16.10.2007

New domestic remedy in respect of length-of-proceedings complaints recognised by the Court as "effective".

Application declared inadmissible for non-exhaustion of domestic remedies.

Gratzinger and Gratzingerová v. Czech Republic and Polácek and Poláckova v. Czech Republic
29.05.2002
Applicants' inability, as United States nationals, to recover property confiscated by the former Czechoslovak Socialist Republic.
Applications declared inadmissible.

Noteworthy pending cases

Chamber

Inter-state case

Liechtenstein v. the Czech Republic (no. 35738/20)
The case concerns the respondent State's classification of Liechtenstein citizens as persons with German nationality for the purposes of applying the Decrees of the President of Republic of 1945 (also known as the Beneš decrees), which, among other things, confiscated property belonging to all ethnic Germans and Hungarians after the Second World War.
See press release published in August 2020.

For more information, see the Q and A on inter-State cases.

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