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Luxembourg

Ratified the European Convention on Human Rights in 1953

National Judge: Stéphane Pisani (2 May 2024 -)
Judges' CVs are available on the ECHR Internet site

Previous Judges: Eugène Rodenbourg (1959-1975), Henri Delvaux (1976-1977), Léon Liesch (1977-1985), Alphonse Spielmann (1985-1998), Marc Fischbach (1998-2004), Dean Spielmann (2004-2015), Georges Ravarani (2015-2024).

List of judges of the Court since 1959

The Court dealt with 40 applications concerning Luxembourg in 2025, which were declared inadmissible or struck out. It delivered no judgment.

Applications processed in	2024	2025	2026*
Applications allocated to a judicial formation	28	38	25
Communicated to the Government	1	5	1
Applications decided:	29	40	21
- Declared inadmissible or struck out (Single Judge)	24	38	21
- Declared inadmissible or struck out (Committee)	1	2	0
- Declared inadmissible or struck out (Chamber)	0	0	0
- Decided by judgment	4	0	0

* from 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.

Applications pending before the court on 01/07/2026	
Applications pending before a judicial formation:	16
Single Judge	6
Committee (3 Judges)	4
Chamber (7 Judges)	6
Grand Chamber (17 Judges)	0

Luxembourg 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.

Noteworthy cases, judgments delivered

Grand Chamber

Halet v. Luxembourg (no. 21884/18)
14.02.2023
The case concerned the disclosure by Mr Halet, while he was employed by a private company, of confidential documents protected by professional secrecy, comprising 14 tax returns of multinational companies and two covering letters, obtained from his workplace.
Violation of Article 10

Boulois v. Luxembourg (no. 37575/04)
03.04.2012
The case concerned the refusal to grant temporary leave of absence ("prison leave") to a prisoner who had requested it several times, and the lack of a remedy by which to contest the authorities' decisions refusing the requests.
Article 6 is not applicable and that there are therefore been no violation of Article 6 of the European Convention on Human Rights.

Chamber

Right to life cases (Article 2)

Pereira Henriques v. Luxembourg (no. 60255/00)
09.05.2006
Concerned a worker who was killed in an industrial accident. His wife and children complained that there had not been an effective investigation into the circumstances of the death of their husband and father.
Violation of Article 2 and Article 13 (right to an effective remedy)
No violation of Article 6 (right to a fair hearing)

Cases dealing with Article 6

Right to a fair hearing/trial

Ewert v. Luxembourg (no. 49375/07)
22.07.2010
Concerned the seizure of a file, in the context of proceedings against the applicant, which contained correspondence with his lawyer. The applicant was sentenced to 20 years' imprisonment for the attempted murder of a businessman.
Violation of Article 6
No violation of Article 8 (right to respect for private and family life)

Procola v.Luxembourg (no. 14570/89)
28.09.1995
Procola, a dairy constituted as an agricultural association, appealed against decisions fixing milk quotas. The Court found that four members of the *Conseil d'Etat* had successively performed advisory and judicial functions in the same case.
Violation of Article 6 (right to a fair hearing)

Right to a fair hearing within a reasonable time

Kuhn v.Luxembourg (no 53869/07)
04.11.2010
Concerned the length of civil proceedings in a trial concerning the crash of a Luxair aircraft in 2002. The applicants had lost their son and had joined the proceedings as a civil party.
Violation of Article 6 § 1

Leandro da Silva v. Luxembourg (no. 30273/07)
11.02.2010
Concerned the excessive length of proceedings resulting from a dispute with the administrative authorities. The judgment marks a significant development of the situation with regard to the exhaustion of domestic remedies.
Violation of Article 6 § 1

Right to assistance of counsel

A.T. v. Luxembourg (no. 30460/13)
09.04.2015
The case concerned the failure to provide A.T. with effective legal assistance after he was arrested under a European Arrest Warrant, during both the police interview

and his first appearance before the investigating judge.
Violation of Article 6 § 3 (c) (right to assistance of counsel) taken together with Article 6 § 1 (right to a fair trial) on account of a failure to provide legal assistance during a police interview
No violation of Article 6 § 3 (c) taken together with Article 6 § 1 as regards the lack of access to the case file prior to the applicant's first appearance before the investigating judge
Violation of Article 6 § 3 (c) taken together with Article 6 § 1 on account of the lack of communication between the applicant and his lawyer prior to his first appearance before the investigating judge

Freedom of expression cases (Article 10)

Saint-Paul Luxembourg S.A. v. Luxembourg (no. 26419/10)
18.04.2013
The case concerned a search and seizure warrant issued by an investigating judge against a newspaper after the latter had published an article which was the subject of a complaint to the judicial authorities by an individual mentioned in the article and his employer.
Violation of Article 8 (right to respect for private and family life)
Violation of Article 10

Backes v. Luxembourg (no. 24261/05)
08.07.2008
The applicant is a former executive in the company Clearstream and the co-author of a book entitled *Revelations*. He was convicted for insulting a Luxembourg lawyer, to whom he had referred in a passage of the book.
No violation of Article 10
No violation of Article 6 (right to a fair trial)

Roemen and Schmit v. Luxembourg (no. 51772/99)
25.02.2003
Concerned searches carried out in a journalist's home, his office and his lawyer's office after he wrote an article about a Luxembourg Minister accused of tax evasion.
Violation of Articles 10 and 8 (right to respect for private and family life)

Thoma v. Luxembourg (no. 38432/97)
29.03.2001
Concerned the conviction of a journalist for quoting, during a radio programme, a fellow journalist who had written that all but one of the Water and Forestry commission officials were corruptible.
Violation of Article 10

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

Amerisoc Center S.R.L. v. Luxembourg (no. 50527/20)
17.10.2024
The case concerned the freezing, for six years, of a Costa Rican company's assets in a Luxembourg bank account pursuant to a request for international mutual legal assistance issued by the Peruvian authorities as part of a criminal investigation into money laundering.
Violation of Article 1 of Protocol No. 1

Kemp and Others v. Luxembourg (no. 17140/05)
24.04.2008
Concerned the State's acquisition in 1970 of plots of land that had belonged to the applicants' parents, for the purposes of building a new motorway, although its route ultimately diverged from the original plan. The applicants' request to recover the disputed plots of land was refused.
No violation of Article 1 of Protocol No. 1
Violation of Article 6 (right to a fair hearing)

Schneider v. Luxembourg (no. 2113/04)
10.07.2007
Concerned the applicant's obligation to join a hunting association and allow hunters onto her land, whereas she was opposed to hunting for moral reasons.
Violation of Article 1 of Protocol No. 1 and of Article 11 (freedom of assembly and association)

Noteworthy cases, decisions delivered

Thilgen v. Luxembourg (no. 2196/05)
10.03.2009
Concerned the Luxembourg authorities' obligation to investigate following a complaint filed by the applicant in relation to the death of his sister during emergency

hospitalisation. He complained that the investigation had not been effective.
Friendly settlement

Other noteworthy cases, judgments delivered

Wagner and J.M.W.L. v. Luxembourg
(no. 76240/01)

28.06.2007
Concerned the Luxembourg authorities' refusal to declare a Peruvian decision granting full adoption of a minor enforceable, on the ground that Luxembourg law prohibited adoption by an unmarried person.
Violation of Articles 6 (right to a fair trial) and 8 (right to respect for private and family life), and of Article 14 (prohibition of discrimination) taken in conjunction with Article 8

Noteworthy pending cases

Grand Chamber

Request for advisory opinion (P16 - 2025-002)

11.05.2026
The request concerns the compatibility with the provisions of the Convention, in particular Article 6 (right to a fair hearing), of the obligation for lawyers facing disciplinary proceedings to appear in person before a disciplinary tribunal and their impossibility of applying for a fresh hearing in the event of an *in absentia* decision against them.

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