



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 321 applications concerning the Czech Republic in 2022, of which 311 were declared inadmissible or struck out. It delivered 10 judgments (concerning 10 applications), 6 of which found at least one violation of the European Convention on Human Rights.

Applications processed in	2021	2022	2023*
Applications allocated to a judicial formation	331	309	181
Communicated to the Government	14	19	12
Applications decided:	338	321	172
- Declared inadmissible or struck out (Single Judge)	321	288	145
- Declared inadmissible or struck out (Committee)	11	21	14
- Declared inadmissible or struck out (Chamber)	0	2	0
- Decided by judgment	6	10	13

* January to July 2023

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 01/07/2023	
Applications pending before a judicial formation:	144
Single Judge	55
Committee (3 Judges)	41
Chamber (7 Judges)	48
Grand Chamber (17 Judges)	0

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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 **643** Registry staff members.

Noteworthy cases, judgments delivered

Grand Chamber

[Vavříčka 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)

Cases regarding Article 6

Right to a fair trial

[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

[Malhous v. the Czech Republic](#)

12.07.2001

No public hearing in restitution proceedings to recover farmland.

Violation of Article 6 § 1

Noteworthy cases, judgments delivered

Chamber

Cases dealing with Article 6

Right to a fair trial

[Grosam v. the Czech Republic \(no. 19750/13\)](#)

23.06.2022

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

Violation of Article 6 § 1

[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 společnost 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)

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

[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 \(no. 23944/04\)](#)

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)

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 Poláček and Polácková 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

Grand Chamber

Fu Quan, s. r. o. v. the Czech Republic (no. 24827/14)

The case concerns the seizure of property amounting to nearly 2.4 million euros belonging to the applicant company in the course of a tax evasion investigation and trial. It was held for five years.

Relying on Article 1 of Protocol No. 1 (protection of property) to the European

Convention, Article 6 § 1 (right to a fair trial) and Article 13 (right to an effective remedy) of the Convention, the applicant company claims that it was wrongfully deprived of its property, and that the State Liability Act was interpreted in an excessively formalistic way.

In its [judgment](#) of 17 March 2022, the Court held by five votes to two, that there had been a violation of Article 1 of Protocol No. 1, that it was not necessary to examine the complaint under Article 6 § 1 and Article 13 of the Convention and that the respondent State was to pay the applicant company 12,000,000 Czech korunas in respect of pecuniary damage.

On 5 September 2022 the case was [referred to the Grand Chamber](#).

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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