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Slovak Republic

Ratified the European Convention on Human Rights in 1993 (Czech and Slovak Federal Republic)

Currently, the position of the national judge is vacant.
Judges' CVs are available on the ECHR Internet site

Previous Judges: Bohumil Repik (1992-1998), Viera Strážnická (1998-2004), Ján Šikuta (2004-2015), Alena Poláčková (2016-2025)

List of judges of the Court since 1959

The Court dealt with 614 applications concerning Slovakia in 2025, of which 601 were declared inadmissible or struck out. It delivered 11 judgments (concerning 13 applications), 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	535	617	346
Communicated to the Government	43	79	106
Applications decided:	341	614	299
- Declared inadmissible or struck out (Single Judge)	284	505	254
- Declared inadmissible or struck out (Committee)	34	47	37
- Declared inadmissible or struck out (Chamber)	2	49	0
- Decided by judgment	21	13	8

* 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:	567
Single Judge	259
Committee (3 Judges)	280
Chamber (7 Judges)	28
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 **673** Registry staff members.

Noteworthy cases, judgments delivered

Grand Chamber

Kopecký v. Slovakia

28.09.2004

Applicant unable to secure the return of gold and silver coins which had been confiscated from him on the ground that he could not show where the coins had been located on 1 April 1991, as required by law.
No violation of Article 1 of Protocol No. 1 (protection of property)

Noteworthy cases, judgments delivered

Chamber

Cases dealing with the right to life (Article 2)

P.H. v. Slovakia (no. 37574/19)

08.09.2022

The case concerned an incident in which the applicant had fallen from a second-storey window next to a toilet in a police station while in custody on suspicion of theft, and the resulting investigative proceedings.
Violation of Article 2 regarding the investigation into an incident in which the applicant's life had been put at risk
Violation of Article 2 regarding her injuries while in police custody.

Mižigárová v. Slovakia

14.12.2010

Failure to carry out an appropriate investigation into a fatal injury which the applicant's husband – of Roma origin - suffered at a police station.
Two violations of Article 2 (death and lack of effective investigation)
No violation of Article 14 (prohibition of discrimination) in conjunction with Article 2

Dvoráček and Dvoráčková v. Slovakia

28.07.2009

Protracted duration of proceedings concerning shortcomings in medical care allegedly leading to death of the applicants' daughter.
Violation of Article 2 (lack of effective investigation)
Violation of Article 6 § 1 (right to a fair hearing within a reasonable time)

Kontrová v. Slovakia

31.05.2007

Slovakia's failure to protect the life of the applicants' children, killed by her husband after she had filed a complaint against him and even though the police had received emergency calls reporting her husband's intentions shortly before the killings.
Violation of Article 2
Violation of Article 13 (right to an effective remedy)

Cases dealing with inhuman or degrading treatment (Article 3)

J.S. v. Slovakia (no. 35767/23)

21.01.2026

The case concerned the alleged failure of the national authorities to effectively investigate and prosecute acts of domestic violence that J.S. had allegedly suffered at the hands of her former husband, T. It also concerned the alleged discriminatory impact of gender-based violence on women in Slovakia.

Adamčo v. Slovakia (no. 2) and Ribár v. Slovakia

12.12.2024

In these two judgments the Court examined the developments at national level since Maslák (no. 2) and found that the remedies under the special legislation, accompanied by a State-liability claim for damages, were in principle effective for conditions-of-detention cases.

Adam v. Slovakia

26.07.2016

The case concerned an allegation by a young Roma, Jaroslav Adam, that he had been slapped in the face when being questioned by the police in 2010 about a mugging and that the related investigation was inadequate.
No violation of Article 3 as concerned Mr Adam's allegation of having been slapped in police custody
Violation of Article 3 as concerned Mr Adam's complaint about the inadequate

investigation into his allegation of ill-treatment

Koky and Others v. Slovakia

12.06.2012

The case concerned an allegedly racially motivated assault by private individuals against a group of people of Roma origin in a village in Slovakia.

Violation of Article 3

Labsi v. Slovakia

15.05.2012

The case concerned the expulsion of an Algerian man, convicted in France of preparing a terrorist act, from Slovakia following his unsuccessful asylum request.

Violation of Article 3, Article 13 (right to an effective remedy) and Article 34 (right of individual petition)

E.S. and Others v. Slovakia (no. 8227/04)

15.09.2009

Failure to provide adequate protection against domestic violence.

Violation of Article 3

Violation of Article 8 (right to respect for family and private life)

Cases concerning prohibition of slavery and forced labour (Article 4)

B.B. v. Slovakia (no. 48587/21)

24.10.2024

The case concerned proceedings taken in Slovakia in response to an allegation that Ms B.B. had been trafficked in 2010 to the United Kingdom where she had worked as a prostitute for at least a year. In those proceedings, an individual was convicted of pimping.

Violation of Article 4

Cases concerning the right to liberty and security (Article 5)

Shiksaitov v. Slovakia

10.12.2020

The case concerned the alleged unlawfulness of the applicant's arrest and detention with a view to his extradition to Russia, despite his having refugee status in Sweden.

Violation of Article 5 § 1 (right to liberty and security) and 5 § 5 (enforceable right to compensation)

Lexa (No. 2) v. Slovakia

05.01.2010

Flaws in procedure concerning review of lawfulness of the applicant's (former director of the Slovakian intelligence service) detention on remand.

Violation of Article 5 § 4

No violation of Article 5 § 1

Kučera v. Slovakia

17.07.2007

Length and unlawfulness of applicant's detention on remand, during which he was refused visits from his wife. The police also entered his apartment unlawfully.

No violation of Article 5 § 1

Violation of Article 5 §§ 3 and 4

Violations of Article 8 (right to respect for private and family life)

Cases dealing with Article 6

Right to a fair trial

Erik Adamčo v. Slovakia

01.06.2023

The case concerned the trial of Mr Adamčo as an accessory to two organised-crime-related murders, from the 1990s.

Violation of Article 6

Vasaráb and Paulus v. Slovakia

15.12.2022

The case concerned the trial of the applicants for a contract murder allegedly carried out by Mr Paulus for Mr Vasaráb. In particular it concerned the courts' refusal to examine witnesses that would have allegedly been able to rebut key evidence that had led to their convictions.

Violation of Article 6 §§ 1 and 3 (d)

Al Alo v. Slovakia

10.02.2022

The case concerned a Syrian national's complaint that his trial and conviction on charges of migrant smuggling had been unfair.

Violation of Article 6 §§ 1 and 3 (d) (right to a fair trial/right to obtain attendance and examination of witnesses)

DRAFT - OVA a.s. v. Slovakia
PSMA, spol. s r.o. v. Slovakia
COMPCAR, s.r.o. v. Slovakia

09.06.2015

The three cases concerned the quashing of final and binding judgments in favour of

three companies following an extraordinary appeal on points of law.
In the case of *DRAFT - OVA a.s.:*
Violation of Article 6
Violation of Article 1 of Protocol No. 1 (protection of property)
- In the cases of *PSMA, spol. s r.o.* and *COMPCAR, s.r.o.:*
Violation of Article 6

Harabin v. Slovakia
20.11.2012
The case concerned the imposition of a disciplinary sanction on the President of the Slovak Supreme Court for having prevented an audit at that court, and in particular his complaint that several of the judges who decided his case were biased.
Violation of Article 6 § 1

Right of access to a court

Paluda v. Slovakia
23.05.2017
The case concerned the inability of a judge to challenge in court a decision to suspend him from office. Mr Paluda, the applicant and judge of the Supreme Court, was suspended pending disciplinary proceedings against him for accusing the President of the Supreme Court of abuse of authority.
Violation of Article 6 § 1

Lawyer Partners, A.S. v. Slovakia
16.06.2009
Slovakian courts' refusal to register actions filed in electronic form.
Violation of Article 6 § 1

Cases regarding private and family life (Article 8)

Plechlo v. Slovakia
26.10.2023
The case concerned the tapping and recording of some of Mr Plechlo's telephone conversations in 2006 in the context of a criminal investigation into suspected corruption within the National Property Fund – the country's privatisation agency. At the time, Mr Plechlo was a top-ranking official of the NPF; the criminal investigation had not however directly concerned him.
Violation of Article 8

Haščák v. Slovakia
23.06.2022
The case concerned a surveillance operation ("the Gorilla operation") carried out in 2005 and 2006 by the Slovak Intelligence Service and the intelligence material obtained by it.
Violation of Article 8

M.L. v. Slovakia
14.10.2021
The case concerned three 2006 newspaper articles about the applicant's son – a former parish priest – after his passing, and the ensuing court proceedings. The articles had combined certain elements from the criminal case files of the applicant's son's convictions with frivolous and unverified statements, in particular around the man's death and alleged confessions.
Violation of Article 8

López Guió v. Slovakia
03.06.2014
The case concerned an incident of international child abduction and the father's complaint that the proceedings he had brought before the ordinary courts in Slovakia for the return of his child to Spain had been arbitrarily interfered with by a judgment of the Constitutional Court of Slovakia.
Violation of Article 8

Hajduová v. Slovakia
30.11.2010
Authorities failed to protect the applicant from her former husband's abusive and threatening behaviour.
Violation of Article 8

Kvasnica v. Slovakia
09.06.2009
Unlawful interception of advocate's telephone conversations.
Violation of Article 8

Freedom of expression cases (Article 10)

Ringier Axel Springer Slovakia, a.s. v. Slovakia (no. 4)

23.09.2021

The case concerned a television programme in which a famous singer allegedly expressed support for marijuana legalisation and the journalist allegedly appeared to agree with him resulting in the broadcaster being fined.

Violation of Article 10

Ringier Axel Springer Slovakia, A.S. v. Slovakia (no.2) and Ringier Axel Springer Slovakia, A.S. v. Slovakia (no.3)

07.01.2014

The cases concerned the liability of the applicant company for the content of certain articles published in *Nový* Čas, one of the most widely read newspapers in Slovakia. The first application concerned the applicant's liability for publishing the identities of the victim of a car accident and the victim's father. The second application concerned its liability for a separate series of articles which reported that a contestant on the quiz show 'Who Wants To Be A Millionaire?' was suspected of having cheated.

Violation of Article 10

Feldek v. Slovakia

12.07.2001

Applicant's conviction for defamation after the publication in the press of a statement in which he had made references to the "fascist past" of a government minister.

Violation of Article 10

No violation of Article 14 (prohibition of discrimination)

Cases regarding discrimination (Article 14)

Lakatošová and Lakatoš v. Slovakia

11.12.2018

The case concerned a shooting spree in 2012 by an off-duty police officer at the home of a Roma family. The two applicants in the case, a married couple, were seriously injured and three members of their family were killed.

Violation of Article 14 read in conjunction with Article 2 (right to life)

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

Urbárska obec Trenčianske Biskupice v. Slovakia

27.11.2007

Compulsory letting of the applicant association's land and the transfer of that land to the tenants.

Violation of Article 1 of Protocol No. 1

Prohibition of collective expulsion of aliens (Article 4 of Protocol No. 4)

Asady and Others v. Slovakia

24.03.2020

The case concerned the applicants' expulsion to Ukraine by the Slovakian police.

No violation of Article 4 of Protocol No. 4

Cases concerning allegations of sterilisation of Roma women without their informed consent

I.G., M.K. and R.H. v. Slovakia (nº15966/04)

13.11.2012

Violation of Article 3 (treatment – on account of the first and second applicants' sterilisation)

Violation of Article 3 (investigation – in respect of the first and second applicants)

Violation of Article 8 (in respect of the first and second applicants)

No violation of Article 13

As regards the third applicant, the Court decided to strike the application out of its list of cases, under Article 37 § 1 (c) of the Convention.

N.B. v. Slovakia (no. 29518/10)

12.06.2012

Violation of Article 3 (treatment)

No violation of Article 3 (investigation)

Violation of Article 8

V.C. v. Slovakia (no. 18968/07)

08.11.2011

A violation of Article 3 (prohibition of inhuman or degrading treatment)

A violation of Article 8 (right to respect for private and family life)

K.H. and Others v. Slovakia (no. 32881/04)

28.04.2009

Violation of Article 6 § 1 (access to a court); violation of Article 8 (right to respect for private and family life); no violation of Article 13 (right to an effective remedy) in conjunction with Article 8

Noteworthy cases, decisions delivered

Request for an advisory opinion under Protocol No. 16 to the Convention

On 19 November 2020, the European Court of Human Rights decided not to accept a request (no. P16-2020-001) for an advisory opinion submitted by the Supreme Court of Slovakia.

The request was rejected because the question raised did not concern an issue on which the requesting court would need the Court's guidance to be able to ensure respect for Convention rights when determining the case pending before it.

Ali Ibragimov v. Slovakia and Anzor Chentiev v. Slovakia

14.09.2010 (decision on the admissibility)

Extradition order concerning two Russian nationals of Chechen origin. Complaints under Articles 2 (right to life), 3 (prohibition of inhuman and degrading treatments) and 6 § 1 (right to a fair trial).

Application manifestly ill-founded, declared inadmissible.

Noteworthy pending cases

Lučanský v. Slovakia (nos. 30478/24 and 2634/25)

Case notified to the Government in July 2025

The case concerns the death of a former Chief of Police in 2020 while in detention on remand and awaiting trial on charges of accepting bribes, and the Slovakian authorities' ensuing response. The official investigation concluded suicide, but his son, who lodged both applications in the case, questions some of the findings.

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