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## Analysis of statistics 2025

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## Overview of the Court's statistics in 2025

The Court's statistics for 2025 show an increase in the number of incoming applications allocated to a judicial formation, an increase in the number of communicated applications and a notable decrease in the number of pending applications.

### A. New applications

In 2025, 31,800 applications were allocated to a judicial formation, up 10% compared with 2024 (28,800). This increase can be explained principally by an increase in the number of allocated applications against Türkiye, Poland and Italy. Of the total allocated, 22,750 applications were identified as single-judge cases likely to be declared inadmissible (a 15% increase in relation to 2024). As in previous years, single-judge applications continued to be processed as soon as they were identified as qualifying for such a procedure. In addition, 9,050 applications were identified as probable Chamber or Committee cases (down 1% compared with 2024).

### B. Applications disposed of judicially and pending applications

In total, 38,573 applications were disposed of judicially, an increase of 5% in relation to 2024 (36,819). The number of applications disposed of exceeded the number of allocated applications by roughly 6,800. As a result, the number of allocated applications pending before the Court fell over the year from 60,350 to 53,450.

### C. Processing of applications

#### 1. Pre-allocation

As at 31 December 2025, the number of applications pending at the pre-judicial stage stood at 3,500, a decrease of 19% as compared with the same date of the previous year (4,300). The number of applications disposed of administratively in 2025 was 8,300, a decrease of 4%. Of those files, 93% were disposed of for failure to comply with the requirements of Rule 47 of the Rules of Court (contents of an individual application). The remainder of those files were disposed of administratively because applicants had not submitted an application form within the time-limit set by the Registry.

#### 2. Inadmissibility or striking-out decisions

In 2025, 31,562 applications were declared inadmissible or struck out of the list of cases by a single judge, a Committee, a Chamber or the Grand Chamber, a 21% increase compared with 2024 (25,990). This increase can be explained, first, by the significant number of applications against Romania concerning conditions of detention, which were declared inadmissible or struck out by Committees and, second, by an increase in the number of applications allocated to a single judge in 2025. Thus, 27,488 applications were decided by a single-judge formation in 2025, 24% more than in 2024 (22,210).

In 2025, 1,248 applications were struck out by a Chamber or a Committee in a decision following a friendly settlement or unilateral declaration, a decrease of 20% (1,561 in 2024). Friendly settlements (1,074) decreased by 8% (1,164 in 2024) and unilateral declarations dropped by 56% (174 in 2025 as against 397 in 2024). In addition, 2,826 applications were declared inadmissible or struck out on other grounds by the Grand Chamber, a Chamber or a Committee (27% more than in 2024).

#### 3. Communicated applications

In 2025, 11,587 applications were communicated (an 18% increase compared with 2024, when 9,832 applications were communicated). This increase stems mainly from a substantial rise in the number of applications communicated against Türkiye. Although the total number remains below the figures for 2023 (16,623) and 2015 (15,964), 2025 nonetheless ranks as the third-highest year in terms of the number of communicated applications.

#### 4. Judgments

Judgments were delivered in respect of 7,011 applications (compared with 10,829 in 2024, a decrease of 35%). A large proportion of those applications were joined, with the result that the number of judgments actually delivered was 914, a 17% drop compared with 2024. 622 judgments (in respect of 5,985 applications) were delivered by a three-judge Committee formation (24% less than in 2024). Moreover, this represented a 42% decrease in the number of applications decided in judgments by three-judge Committees (5,985 compared with 10,241 in 2024), which accounted for 85% of applications decided by judgment, down from 95% in 2024. By contrast, although the number of judgments delivered by Chamber formations remained stable (286 as against 283 in 2024), it should be noted that 1,010 applications were disposed of by such judgments in 2025, compared with 579 in 2024 – an increase of 74%. 2025 also ranks as the third-highest year in terms of the number of applications decided by judgment, behind 2017 and 2024.

#### 5. Requests for interim measures (Rule 39 of the Rules of Court)

The total number of decisions on interim measures (2,701) increased by 65% compared with 2024 (1,633). The Court granted requests for interim measures in 222 cases (a decrease of 40% in relation to the 2024 total of 371) and dismissed them in 495 cases (a 43% increase compared with 346 in 2024). The remainder fell outside the scope of Rule 39 of the Rules of Court.

#### D. Priority policy<sup>1</sup>

The essence of this policy is to focus more resources on the most important cases, namely the cases falling within the top three categories (“priority applications”). On 31 December 2025, 10,757 applications were pending in these categories, down 20% from the beginning of the year. This drop is owed to the level of productivity achieved in 2025, during which 4,085 priority applications were disposed of judicially. Although this figure represents a 55% drop compared with 2024 (9,151), the difference is largely attributable to the exceptionally high number of priority applications against Russia decided in judgments by three-judge Committees in 2024 (5,298 as against 1,100 in 2025).

The number of priority applications communicated to the respondent Governments decreased by 46% compared with 2024 (3,060 in 2024 as against 1,655 in 2025). The number of priority applications giving rise to a judgment decreased by 73% (8,115 in 2024 as against 2,210 in 2025). The number of priority applications declared inadmissible or struck out of the list of cases rose by 81% (1,036 in 2024 as against 1,875 in 2025).

#### E. Conclusion

The Court succeeded in reducing the total number of pending applications, mainly as a result of the processing of several large groups of applications, in particular those against Türkiye, Ukraine, Romania and Russia. Not since March 2005 has there been a comparable number of pending applications.

The impact strategy<sup>2</sup> is aimed at enhancing the Court’s immediate impact and relevance for applicants and in the member States, as well as its ability to address core legal issues of relevance for the Convention system as a whole. On 1 January 2021, nearly 18,000 applications were pending in category IV. On 1 January 2026, approximately 6,650 remained pending in this category, of which 125 were identified as having an “impact”. Since January 2021, 908 “impact” applications have been processed, with 350 resulting in a judgment (42 in 2025), 98 declared inadmissible or struck out of the list of cases (18 in 2025) and 460 communicated (28 in 2025). The impact strategy has further ensured a balanced and productive output of non-“impact” category IV cases. In 2025, the number of category IV applications decided rose by 105% in relation to 2024 (860 applications decided in 2025 as against 420 in 2024).

1. An explanation of the Court’s priority policy can be found on the Court’s internet site: [http://www.echr.coe.int/Documents/Priority\\_policy\\_ENG.pdf](http://www.echr.coe.int/Documents/Priority_policy_ENG.pdf)

2. See the press release on case-processing strategy of 17.03.2021 (<https://hudoc.echr.coe.int/fre-press?i=003-6966913-9378085>) and the document “A Court that matters” ([https://www.echr.coe.int/documents/d/echr/Court\\_that\\_matters\\_ENG](https://www.echr.coe.int/documents/d/echr/Court_that_matters_ENG)).

## Annexes: tables and charts

Table 1 General statistical information

<b>1. Applications allocated to a judicial formation</b> [round figures (50)]	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>+/-</b>
Applications allocated	<b>31800</b>	28800	10%

<b>2. Interim procedural events</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>+/-</b>
Applications communicated to respondent Government	<b>11587</b>	9832	18%

<b>3. Applications decided</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>+/-</b>
By decision or judgment	<b>38573</b>	36819	5%
- by judgment delivered	<b>7011</b>	10829	-35%
- by decision (inadmissible or struck out)	<b>31562</b>	25990	21%

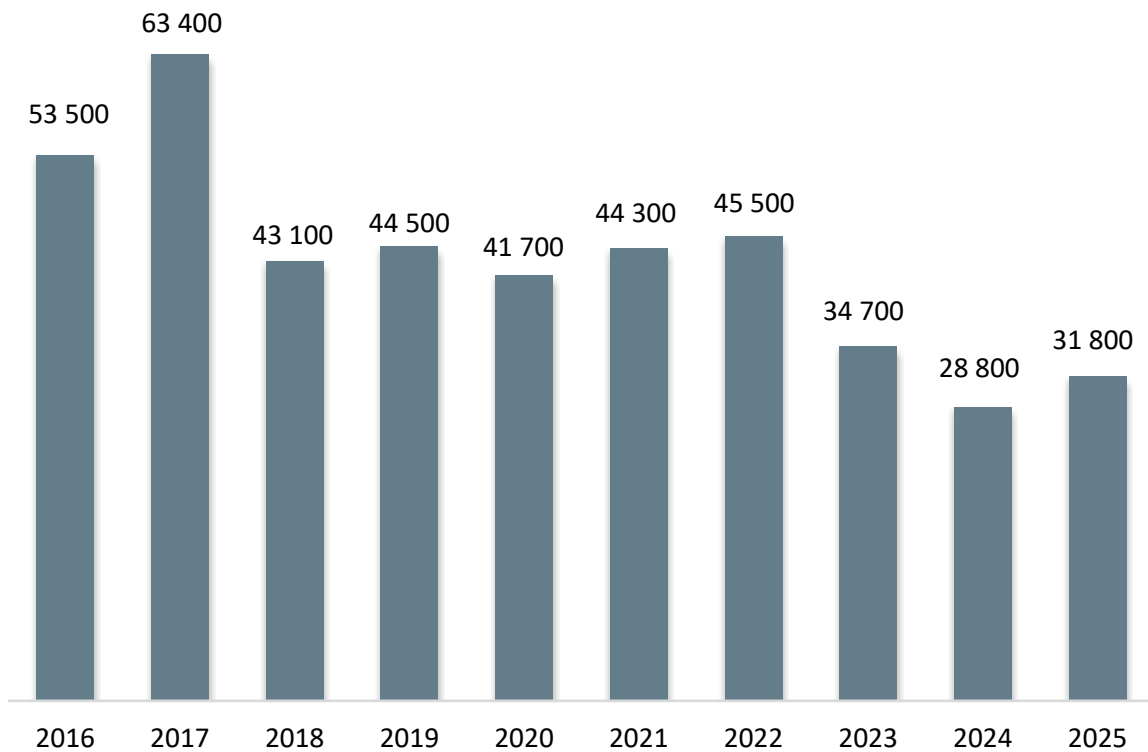
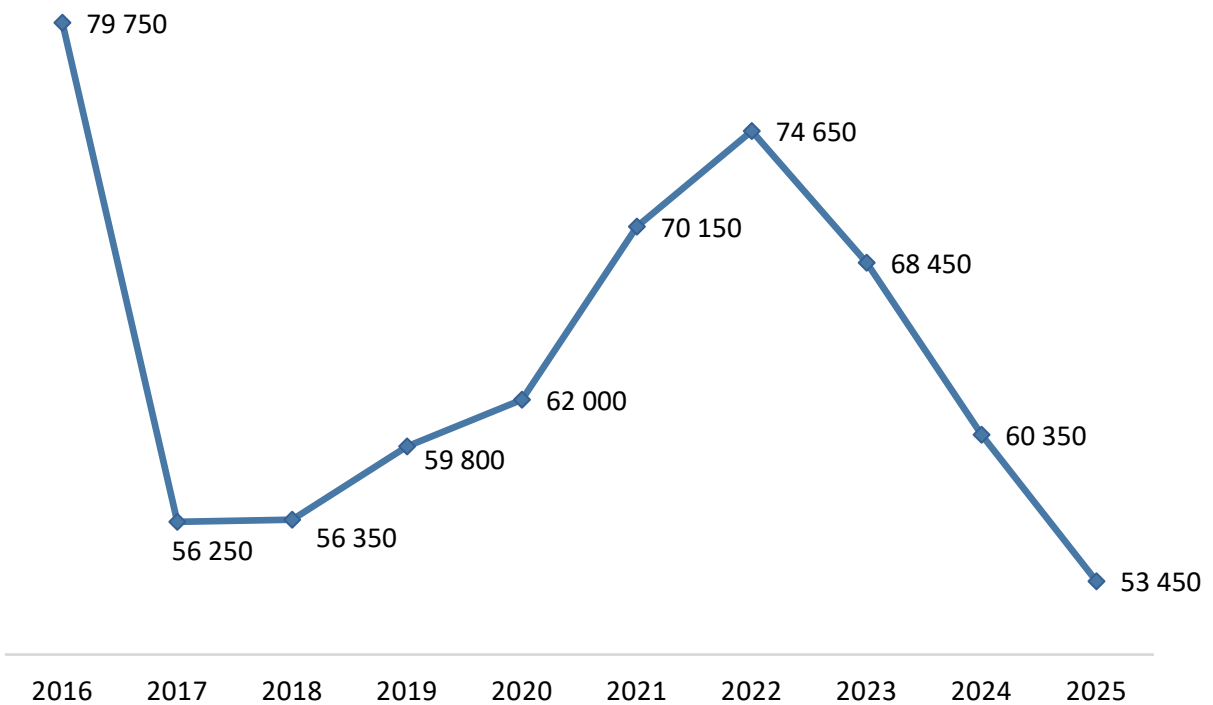
<b>4. Pending applications</b> [round figures (50)]	<b>31/12/2025</b>	<b>1/1/2025</b>	<b>+/-</b>
Applications pending before a judicial formation	<b>53450</b>	60350	-11%
- Chamber and Grand Chamber	<b>9300</b>	19250	-52%
- Committee	<b>38300</b>	36700	4%
- Single-Judge formation	<b>5850</b>	4400	33%

<b>5. Pre-judicial applications</b> [round figures (50)]	<b>31/12/2025</b>	<b>1/1/2025</b>	<b>+/-</b>
Applications at a pre-judicial stage	<b>3500</b>	4300	-19%

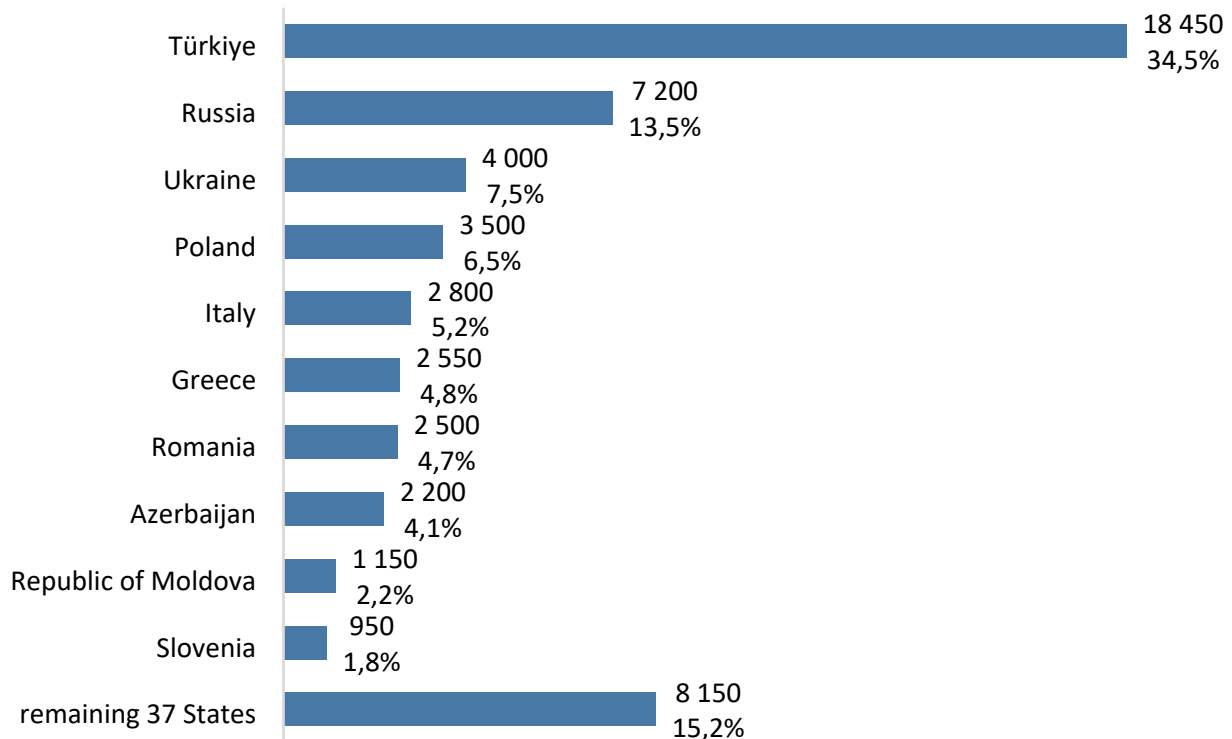
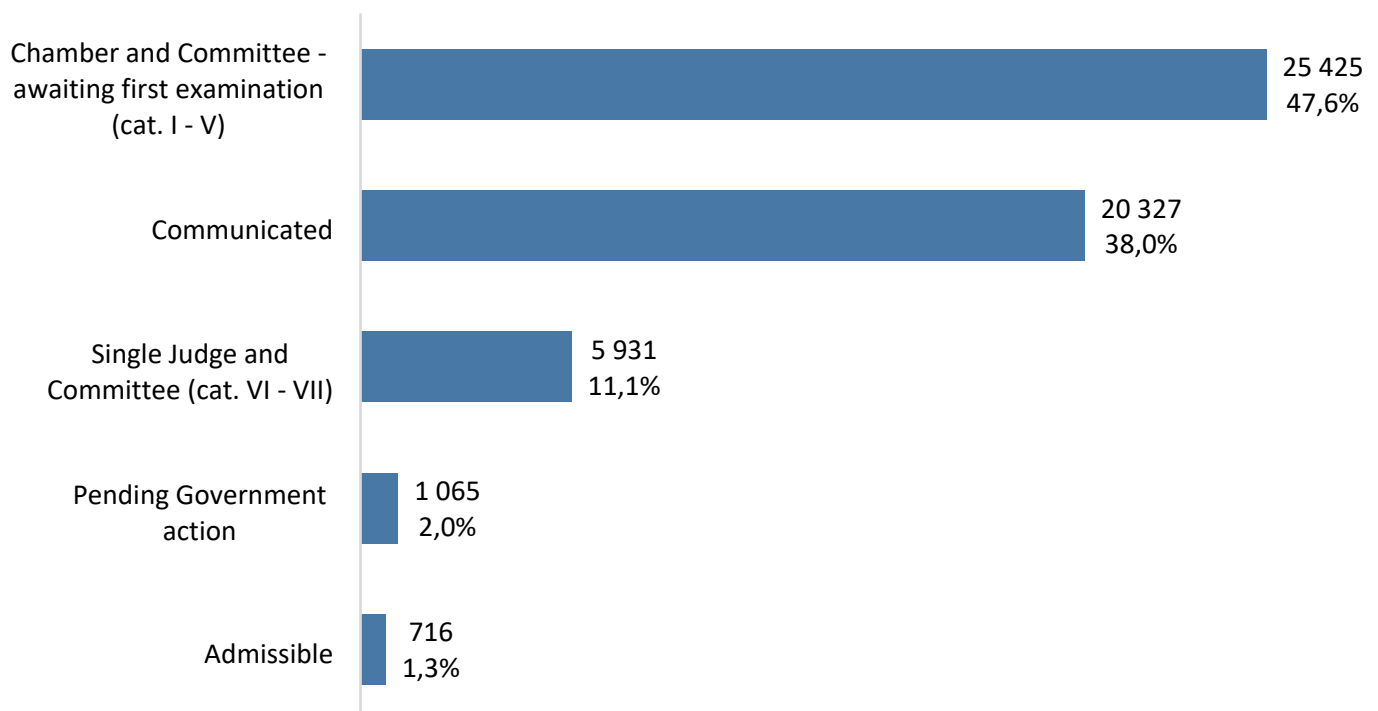
  

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>+/-</b>
Applications disposed of administratively	<b>8300</b>	8650	-4%

**Chart 1 Applications allocated to a judicial formation per year<sup>3</sup>****Chart 2 Applications pending before a judicial formation per year<sup>4</sup>**

3. The figures are rounded to the nearest hundred.

4. The figures represent the total number of applications, including joined applications. The document generally gives rounded figures.

**Chart 3 Breakdown of 53,450 pending applications for the high case-count States****Chart 4 Breakdown of 53,450 pending applications by stage of proceedings and judicial formation<sup>5</sup>**

5. The “Pending Government action” category was created to monitor applications following a judgment applying the pilot procedure.

Chart 5 Breakdown of 53,450 pending applications by category

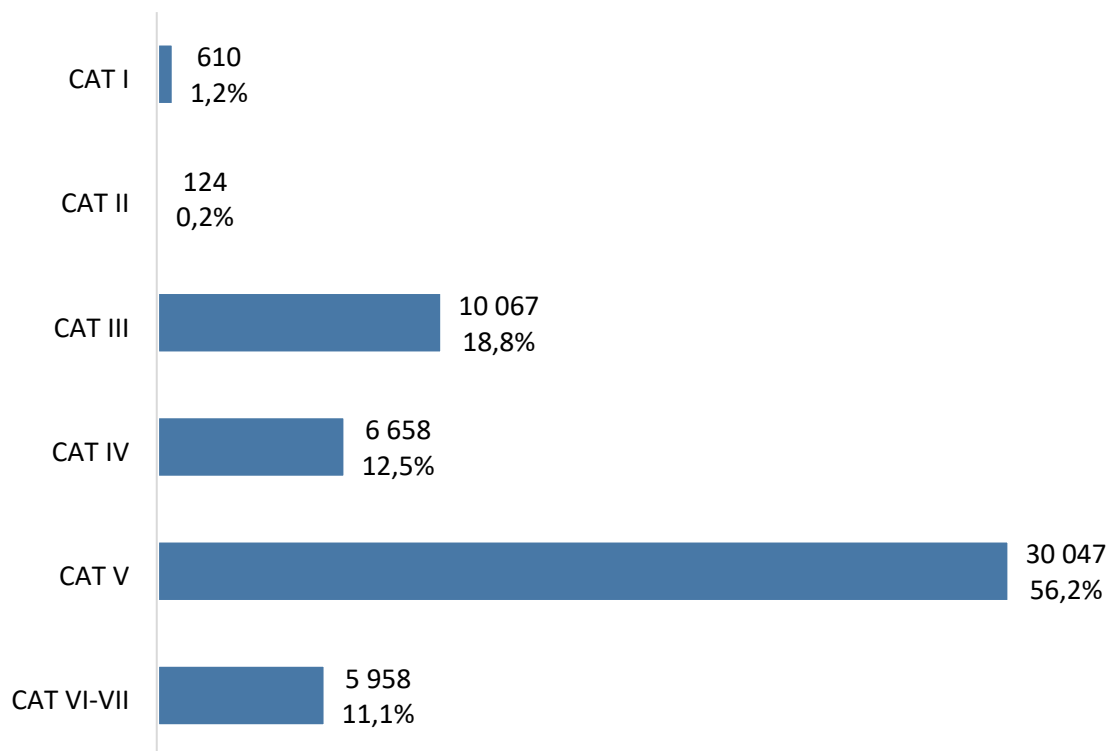
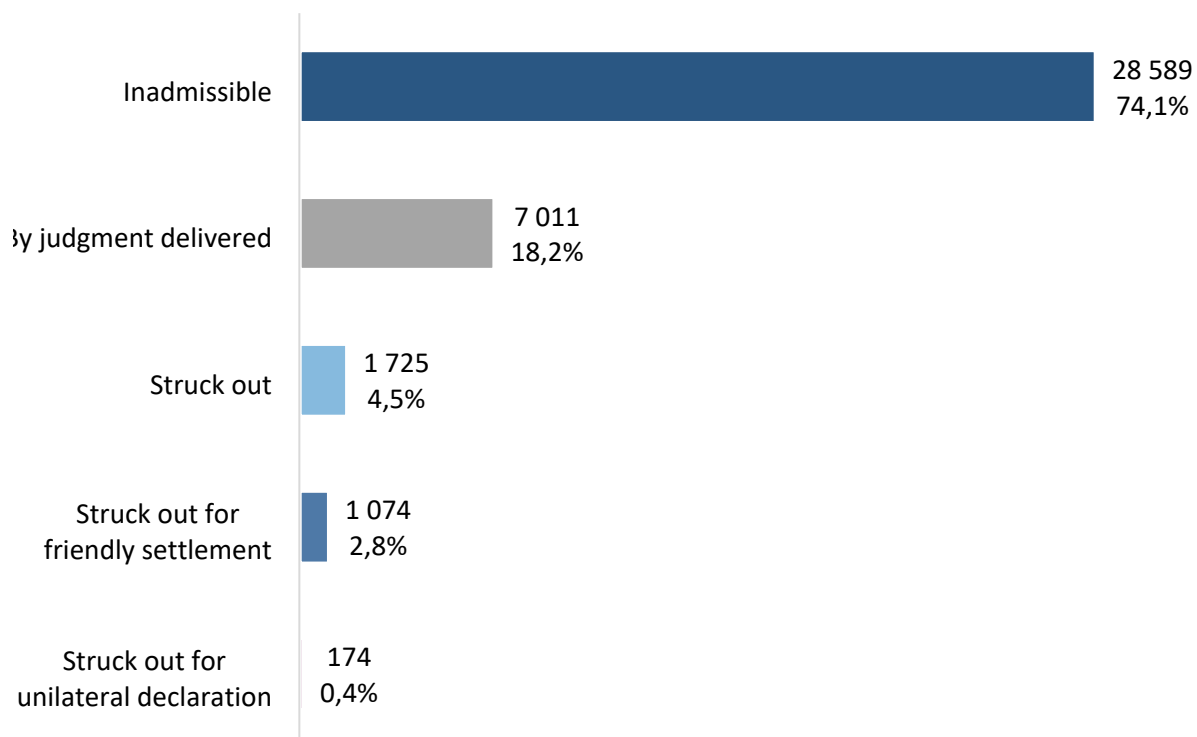
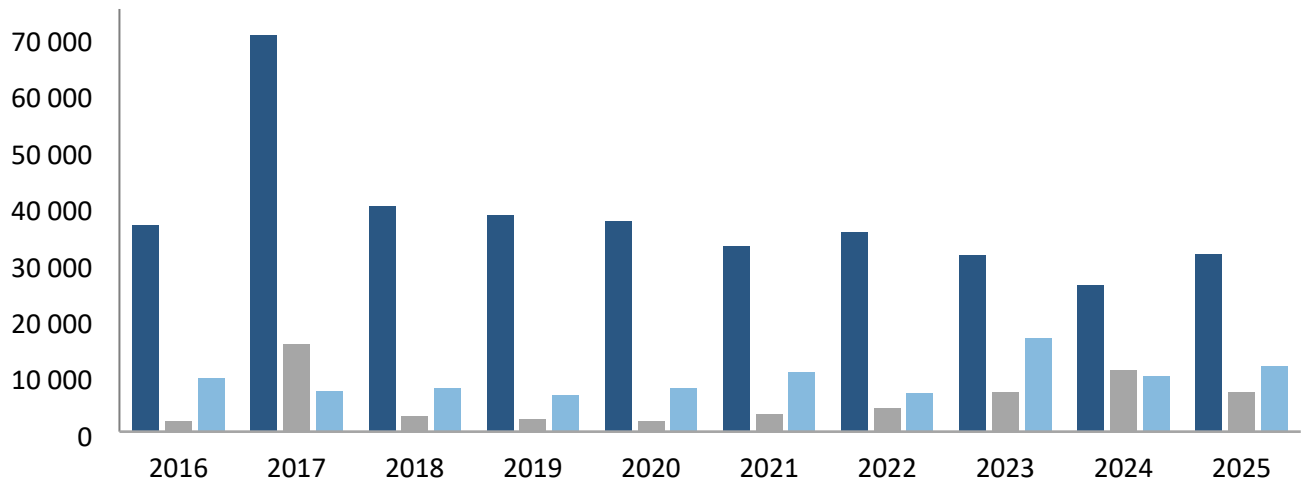


Chart 6 38,573 applications disposed of judicially in 2025

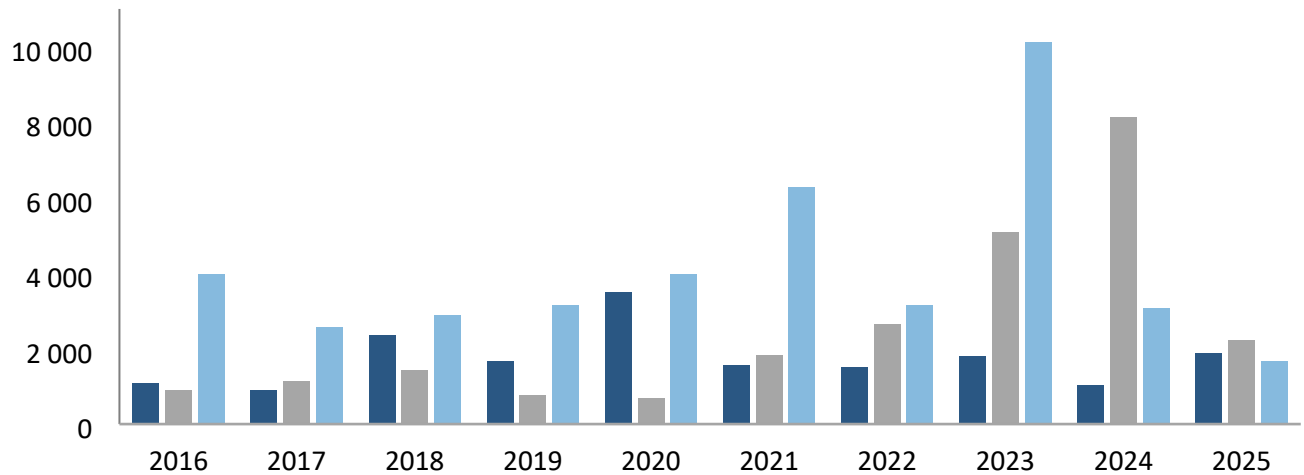


**Chart 7 Applications in categories I to VII processed over the past ten years**

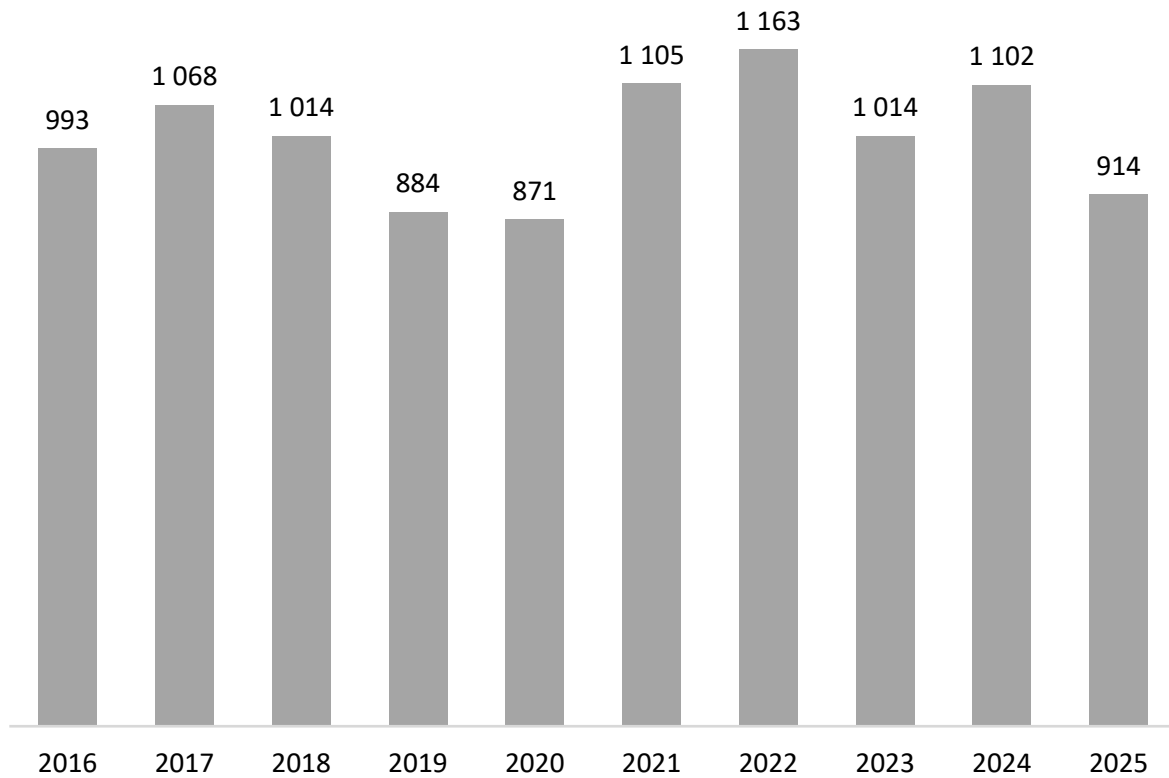
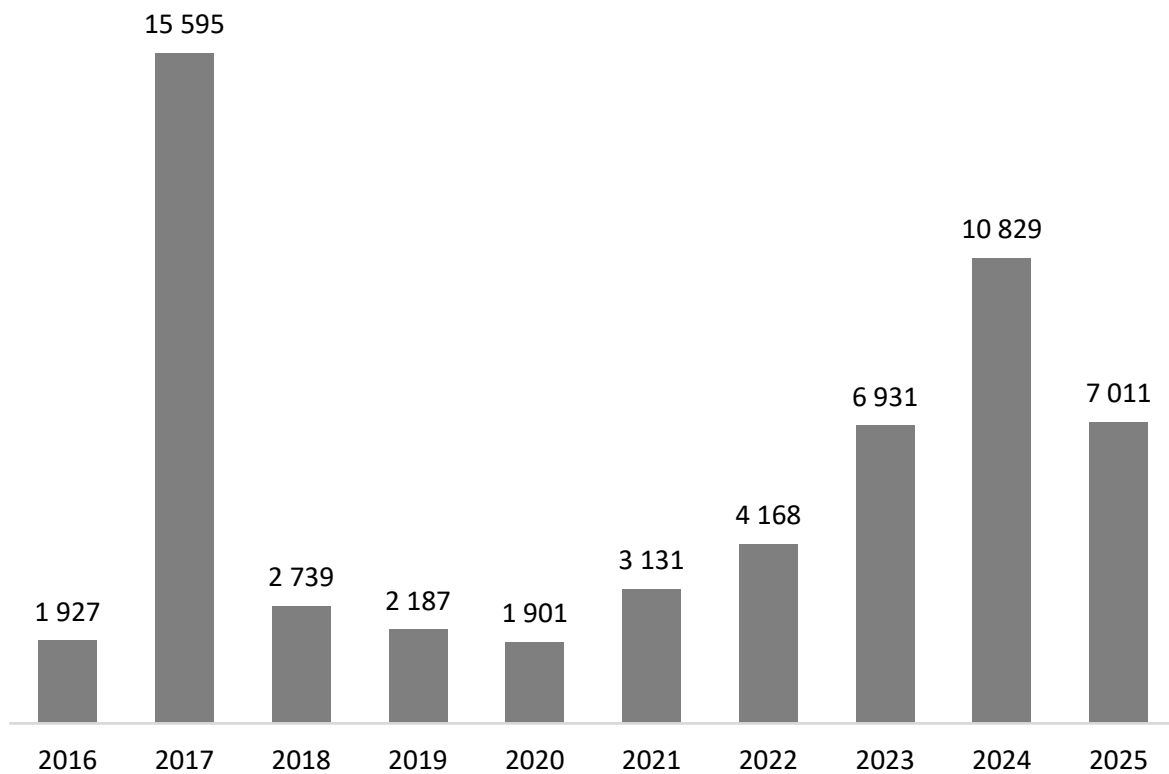


	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Applications inadmissible	36 580	70 356	40 022	38 480	37 289	32 962	35 402	31 329	25 990	31 562
Applications by judgment	1 927	15 595	2 739	2 187	1 901	3 131	4 168	6 931	10 829	7 011
Applications communicated	9 534	7 226	7 646	6 441	7 684	10 629	6 822	16 623	9 832	11 587

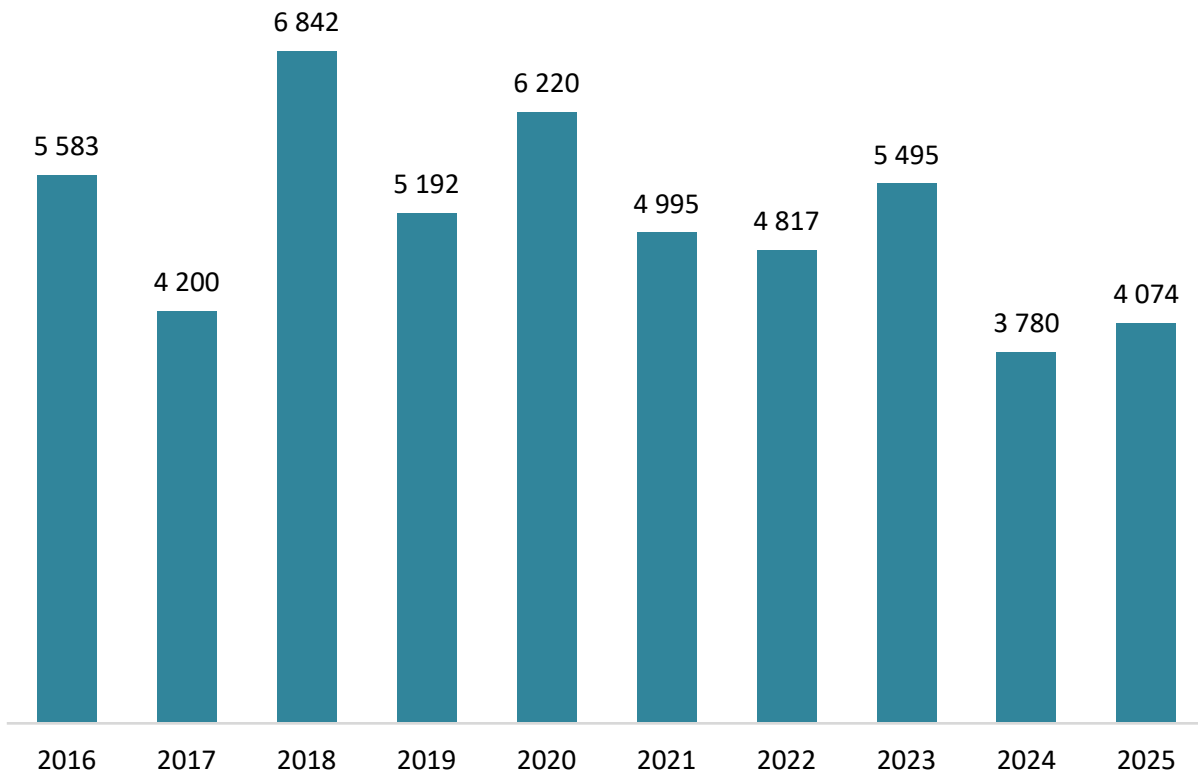
**Chart 8 Applications in categories I, II and III processed over the past ten years**



	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Applications inadmissible	1 067	905	2 357	1 649	3 487	1 549	1 509	1 805	1 036	1 875
Applications by judgment	898	1 134	1 424	751	679	1 824	2 643	5 075	8 115	2 210
Applications communicated	3 972	2 555	2 871	3 138	3 953	6 266	3 138	10 114	3 060	1 655

**Chart 9 Number of judgments (legal acts) delivered over the past ten years****Chart 10 Number of applications by judgments delivered over the past ten years**

**Chart 11** Number of applications declared inadmissible by the Grand Chamber, a Chamber or a Committee or struck out by those formations over the past ten years



**Chart 12** Evolution of the friendly settlements and unilateral declarations over the past ten years

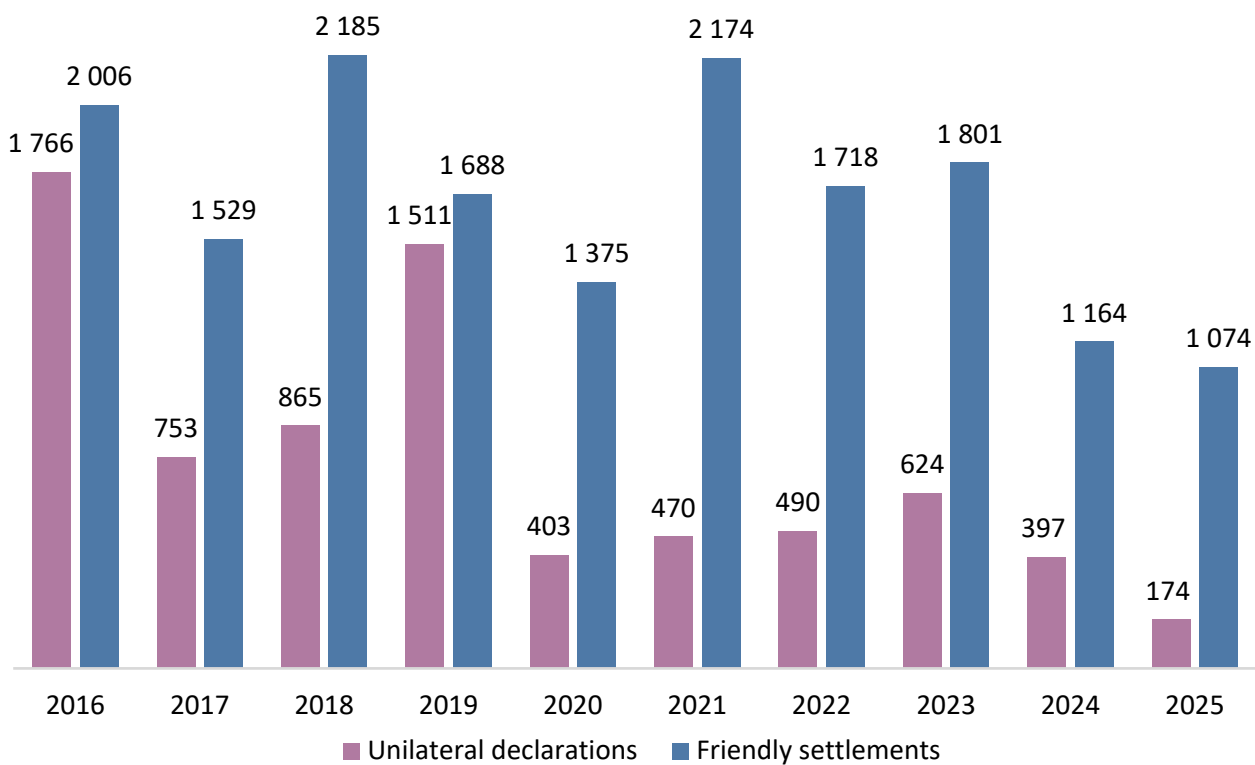


Table 2 Unilateral declarations and friendly settlements

State	Unilateral Declaration			Friendly Settlement		
	2023	2024	2025	2023	2024	2025
Albania	9	11	2	1	4	
Andorra						
Armenia				5		5
Austria				1	2	1
Azerbaijan	111	102	31	154	64	97
Belgium	6	3	1	8	9	1
Bosnia and Herzegovina				1	14	2
Bulgaria	4	5	2	7	3	7
Croatia	6	3	1	5	18	14
Cyprus		1			1	4
Czech Republic	1	1	2	2	2	2
Denmark				1	2	1
Estonia	1					
Finland						
France	2	8	9	8	3	2
Georgia						
Germany					1	2
Greece	80	1	1	367	20	118
Hungary	6	9	10	235	394	348
Iceland						
Ireland						
Italy	247	130	29	164	66	23
Latvia						
Liechtenstein						
Lithuania						1
Luxembourg					1	
Malta					4	1
Republic of Moldova	3	7	2	10	5	1
Monaco						2
Montenegro	1	1	8	6	16	7
Netherlands		2		4	3	6
North Macedonia	30	7		86	12	84
Norway						
Poland	54	78	51	135	125	114
Portugal	11	20	17	18	26	11
Romania	11	1		57	2	1
Russia		2				
San Marino	2			1	2	2
Serbia	8	2	2	490	326	185
Slovakia	3		2	19	23	25
Slovenia	1		1	3		1
Spain						
Sweden						
Switzerland		1		2	2	2
Türkiye	27	2	2	9	13	4
Ukraine						
United Kingdom			1	2	1	
<b>Total</b>	<b>624</b>	<b>397</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>1801</b>	<b>1164</b>	<b>1074</b>

**Table 3 The Court’s total caseload by stage of proceedings and judicial formation**

State	Single Judge and Committee (cat. VI-VII)	Chamber and Committee - awaiting first examination (cat. I-V)	Communicated	Pending Government action	Admissible	TOTAL
Albania	22	155	58		4	239
Andorra			2			2
Armenia	143	282	511		5	941
Austria	48	28	21		1	98
Azerbaijan	17	1364	765		34	2180
Belgium	15	40	63		2	120
Bosnia and Herzegovina	49	8	12		1	70
Bulgaria	45	137	122		4	308
Croatia	243	105	108			456
Cyprus	15	17	15		6	53
Czech Republic	39	12	30		8	89
Denmark	6		14		3	23
Estonia	10	4	13		5	32
Finland	9	4	8		2	23
France	374	105	219		5	703
Georgia	32	88	104		3	227
Germany	79	29	18		1	127
Greece	64	1105	1384		9	2562
Hungary	22	144	259		3	428
Iceland	5		12		5	22
Ireland	4					4
Italy	261	1494	967	32	33	2787
Latvia	49	24	47		1	121
Liechtenstein	2		2			4
Lithuania	79	75	60		1	215
Luxembourg	4	3	5			12
Malta	2	10	7			19
Republic of Moldova	65	794	266		16	1141
Monaco	3	3	8			14
Montenegro	57	31	50		1	139
Netherlands	74	85	49			208
North Macedonia	112	201	194		6	513
Norway	67	1	6		1	75
Poland	1346	659	474	1033	5	3517
Portugal	4	870	61		3	938
Romania	171	1383	909		26	2489
Russia	46	4397	2384		350	7177
San Marino	3	7	9			19
Serbia	360	275	156		12	803
Slovakia	281	115	130		4	530
Slovenia	42	893	30		1	966
Spain	128	19	28		11	186
Sweden	65	10	18			93
Switzerland	82	45	55		2	184
Türkiye	421	8462	9517		64	18464
Ukraine	940	1864	1124		76	4004
United Kingdom	26	78	33		2	139
<b>Total</b>	<b>5931</b>	<b>25425</b>	<b>20327</b>	<b>1065</b>	<b>716</b>	<b>53464</b>

Table 4 Major procedural steps in processing of applications by State

State	Applications allocated to a judicial formation			Applications communicated to the Government			Applications declared inadmissible or struck out			Applications decided by a judgment		
	2023	2024	2025	2023	2024	2025	2023	2024	2025	2023	2024	2025
Albania	133	156	169	47	31	47	106	224	194	37	23	18
Andorra	6	14	8	0	0	2	9	6	16	0	0	0
Armenia	147	180	189	348	44	73	510	52	165	31	16	33
Austria	200	189	220	11	11	6	166	199	229	9	4	5
Azerbaijan	438	600	569	613	216	159	655	451	294	77	76	78
Belgium	1328	383	179	38	47	13	2125	582	232	14	13	23
Bosnia and Herzegovina	248	81	339	18	16	8	326	140	306	2	2	6
Bulgaria	486	472	533	55	220	52	485	526	505	39	21	143
Croatia	1012	878	759	52	54	43	705	1084	794	46	23	15
Cyprus	29	53	79	16	6	11	32	43	62	5	6	13
Czech Republic	343	308	367	21	32	18	334	305	388	14	19	12
Denmark	87	65	92	12	9	6	86	66	90	5	9	5
Estonia	103	97	104	6	3	7	97	106	96	6	0	5
Finland	91	121	139	2	4	5	72	114	174	2	2	2
France	729	749	863	89	116	69	838	662	619	57	47	27
Georgia	156	151	194	23	38	50	99	121	143	20	27	16
Germany	450	402	574	7	6	6	459	436	579	13	4	3
Greece	541	715	635	340	574	149	875	502	637	20	42	45
Hungary	2469	1442	1084	435	543	461	2442	1310	1065	72	225	70
Iceland	19	19	14	3	2	3	11	18	19	0	2	10
Ireland	21	22	38	0	0	0	20	26	38	3	0	0
Italy	1957	1751	2421	510	550	550	2549	1929	1531	117	390	232
Latvia	166	170	220	19	10	6	185	320	305	7	13	7
Liechtenstein	6	8	4	0	0	2	6	5	3	0	0	0
Lithuania	351	346	292	26	22	12	428	287	267	15	8	8
Luxembourg	28	28	38	2	1	5	25	25	40	2	4	0
Malta	22	16	26	6	10	7	25	15	21	14	7	6
Republic of Moldova	653	363	468	53	50	77	496	343	419	40	26	53
Monaco	9	15	11	0	0	10	5	8	16	1	2	0
Montenegro	173	133	172	21	31	36	193	127	109	0	9	3
Netherlands	231	240	285	15	16	15	172	194	256	14	5	6
North Macedonia	335	328	233	133	56	187	368	180	194	25	12	11
Norway	87	101	115	1	8	1	96	101	91	9	1	1
Poland	1843	2141	3303	426	261	250	2574	1579	1794	74	87	18
Portugal	371	348	602	121	68	16	278	181	266	6	23	6
Romania	2821	2527	1962	841	735	302	3041	2608	3230	400	240	84
Russia	1695	2129	1905	9418	1540	1230	833	738	1017	4466	6736	1822
San Marino	16	24	15	39	4	19	11	23	57	1	5	7
Serbia	1522	1118	1122	446	277	154	1910	1953	972	15	12	36
Slovakia	457	537	626	143	43	79	323	320	601	19	21	13
Slovenia	978	382	203	10	12	20	203	307	216	2	4	1
Spain	421	635	753	25	12	11	370	499	837	16	6	14
Sweden	143	267	207	5	15	13	138	221	190	2	4	1
Switzerland	280	320	357	12	16	20	245	290	369	15	10	10
Türkiye	8341	4450	6743	1494	3380	6602	4232	4107	6302	807	2083	3563
Ukraine	2531	2832	2299	710	738	766	1999	2329	5429	388	556	568
United Kingdom	201	478	261	11	5	9	172	328	385	4	4	12
<b>Total</b>	<b>34674</b>	<b>28784</b>	<b>31791</b>	<b>16623</b>	<b>9832</b>	<b>11587</b>	<b>31329</b>	<b>25990</b>	<b>31562</b>	<b>6931</b>	<b>10829</b>	<b>7011</b>

Country charts are available at <https://echr.coe.int/dashboards>.

Table 5 Applications allocated per Contracting State and population\*

State	Applications allocated to a judicial formation			Population (1 000)			Allocated/population (10 000)		
	2023	2024	2025	1.1.2023	1.1.2024	1.1.2025	2023	2024	2025
Albania	133	156	169	2762	2391	2363	0,48	0,65	0,72
Andorra	6	14	8	82	85	85	0,73	1,65	0,94
Armenia	147	180	189	2977	2991	3076	0,49	0,60	0,61
Austria	200	189	220	9105	9159	9197	0,22	0,21	0,24
Azerbaijan	438	600	569	10127	10181	10225	0,43	0,59	0,56
Belgium	1328	383	179	11743	11817	11900	1,13	0,32	0,15
Bosnia and Herzegovina	248	81	339	3441	3417	3407	0,72	0,24	1,00
Bulgaria	486	472	533	6448	6445	6437	0,75	0,73	0,83
Croatia	1012	878	759	3851	3862	3874	2,63	2,27	1,96
Cyprus	29	53	79	949	966	980	0,31	0,55	0,81
Czech Republic	343	308	367	10828	10901	10910	0,32	0,28	0,34
Denmark	87	65	92	5933	5961	5993	0,15	0,11	0,15
Estonia	103	97	104	1366	1375	1370	0,75	0,71	0,76
Finland	91	121	139	5564	5604	5636	0,16	0,22	0,25
France	729	749	863	68277	68467	68636	0,11	0,11	0,13
Georgia	156	151	194	3736	3695	3705	0,42	0,41	0,52
Germany	450	402	574	83119	83456	83577	0,05	0,05	0,07
Greece	541	715	635	10414	10401	10410	0,52	0,69	0,61
Hungary	2469	1442	1084	9600	9585	9540	2,57	1,50	1,14
Iceland	19	19	14	388	384	389	0,49	0,49	0,36
Ireland	21	22	38	5271	5352	5440	0,04	0,04	0,07
Italy	1957	1751	2421	58997	58971	58934	0,33	0,30	0,41
Latvia	166	170	220	1892	1875	1857	0,88	0,91	1,18
Liechtenstein	6	8	4	40	40	41	1,50	2,00	0,98
Lithuania	351	346	292	2857	2886	2891	1,23	1,20	1,01
Luxembourg	28	28	38	661	672	682	0,42	0,42	0,56
Malta	22	16	26	542	563	574	0,41	0,28	0,45
Republic of Moldova	653	363	468	2513	2423	2381	2,60	1,50	1,97
Monaco	9	15	11	38	38	38	2,37	3,95	2,89
Montenegro	173	133	172	617	624	623	2,80	2,13	2,76
Netherlands	231	240	285	17811	17943	18044	0,13	0,13	0,16
North Macedonia	335	328	233	1830	1826	1823	1,83	1,80	1,28
Norway	87	101	115	5489	5550	5594	0,16	0,18	0,21
Poland	1843	2141	3303	36754	36621	36497	0,50	0,58	0,91
Portugal	371	348	602	10517	10640	10750	0,35	0,33	0,56
Romania	2821	2527	1962	19055	19068	19036	1,48	1,33	1,03
Russia*	1695	2129	1905	143667	143667	143667	0,12	0,15	0,13
San Marino	16	24	15	34	34	34	4,71	7,06	4,41
Serbia	1522	1118	1122	6641	6605	6568	2,29	1,69	1,71
Slovakia	457	537	626	5429	5425	5419	0,84	0,99	1,16
Slovenia	978	382	203	2117	2124	2131	4,62	1,80	0,95
Spain	421	635	753	48085	48620	49078	0,09	0,13	0,15
Sweden	143	267	207	10522	10552	10588	0,14	0,25	0,20
Switzerland	280	320	357	8815	8962	9049	0,32	0,36	0,39
Türkiye	8341	4450	6743	85280	85372	85665	0,98	0,52	0,79
Ukraine	2531	2832	2299	45246	45246	45246	0,56	0,63	0,51
United Kingdom	201	478	261	68683	69138	69138	0,03	0,07	0,04
<b>Total</b>	<b>34674</b>	<b>28784</b>	<b>31791</b>	<b>840113</b>	<b>841980</b>	<b>843498</b>	<b>0,41</b>	<b>0,34</b>	<b>0,38</b>

\* 46 Council of Europe member States had a combined population of approximately 700 million inhabitants on 1 January 2025. The average number of applications allocated per 10,000 inhabitants (without taking into account the figures in respect of Russia) was 0,43 in 2025. **SOURCES on 01.01.2025:** Internet sites of Eurostat (General and regional statistics: "Population on 1 January" database) and of the Population Division of the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs.