



EUROPEAN COURT OF HUMAN RIGHTS
COUR EUROPÉENNE DES DROITS DE L'HOMME

Information on the use of the Russian language and the processing of applications against Ukraine and Russia

As announced in the Court's [press release of 29 August 2022](#), as from 1 September 2022 the Court has returned in some aspects to the normal processing of applications involving Ukraine. Due to the interruption of the international postal services to and from Ukraine, the Court will communicate with applicants via its electronic communication system, eComms. For that purpose, the Court will use the email address provided by the applicants. Regarding specifically the notification of decisions and judgments, where no email address has been provided the Court has exceptionally decided to notify the applicants about decisions and judgments adopted by its Chamber and Committee judicial formations only via its [HUDOC](#) database. Decisions adopted by the Single Judge will be notified only to those applicants who have provided an email address. Prior to contacting the Court about the state of the proceedings in a case, applicants are encouraged to consult the Court's [State of Proceedings](#) search tool for further information.

Following the decision of the plenary Court of 16 January 2023, in accordance with Rule 34 § 2 of the Rules of Court, the Court will not examine new applications or interim measure requests in the [Russian language](#) introduced against the High Contracting Parties to the Convention after 16 September 2024.

The Court is continuing to examine applications against the Russian Federation, including those lodged in the [Russian language](#). Due to the interruption of the international postal services to and from Russia and where the only means of delivery of the Court's decisions and judgments to the applicants is by post, the Court has exceptionally decided to notify the applicants about decisions and judgments adopted by its Chamber and Committee judicial formations after 1 March 2022 in respect of applications against Russia only via its [HUDOC](#) database. For the same reasons, the Court notifies decisions issued by the Single Judge in cases lodged by applicants with a postal address in Russia only if they provide the Court with an email address. Prior to contacting the Court about the state of the proceedings in a case, applicants and their representatives are encouraged to consult the Court's [SOP](#) search tool for information. Since 1 March 2023, the Court has simplified the procedure for applications raising issues that fall under its well-established case-law and where no observations are required from the parties. The parties in such cases are no longer informed by letter about the notification of an application under Rule 54 § 2 (b) of the Rules of Court. Instead, a document entitled "Subject matter and Statement of Facts" is published on [HUDOC](#). This document also contains a reference to an [information notice](#) which describes all arrangements relating to the procedure in question. Judgments and decisions adopted by the Court in these cases are notified to the parties through publication on HUDOC. Such publication constitutes delivery of the judgment or notification of the decision.

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