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Andorra

Ratified the European Convention on Human Rights in 1996

National Judge: Pere Pastor Vilanova (2 November 2015 -)
Judges' CV's are available on the ECHR Internet site

Juge precedent: Josep Casadevall (1998-2015)

List of judges of the Court since 1959

The Court dealt with 9 applications concerning Andorra in 2023, which were declared inadmissible or struck out. It delivered no judgment.

Applications processed in	2021	2022	2023
Applications allocated to a judicial formation	11	10	6
Communicated to Government	2	0	0
Applications decided:	9	8	9
- Declared inadmissible or struck out (Single Judge)	8	6	7
- Declared inadmissible or struck out (Committee)	1	2	2
- Declared inadmissible or struck out (Chamber)	0	0	0
- Decided by judgment	0	0	0

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 01/01/2024	
Applications pending before a judicial formation:	2
Single Judge	2
Committee (3 Judges)	0
Chamber (7 Judges)	0
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 **618** Registry staff members.

Noteworthy cases, judgments delivered

Cases dealing with Article 6

Right to a fair hearing

Chong Coronado v. Andorra

23.07.2020

The case concerned criminal proceedings leading to the applicant's conviction *in absentia* at first instance. The applicant complained that he had not been able to lodge an appeal as he would first have had to travel to Andorra in person to appear before the first-instance court which had convicted him. He argued that, if he had done so, he would have immediately been imprisoned.

Violation of Article 6 § 1

UTE Saur Vallnet v. Andorra

29.05.2012

The case concerned a complaint made by a business consortium about an alleged lack of impartiality and independence of the Administrative Division of the High Court of Justice of the Principality of Andorra. The reporting judge of the Administrative Division having heard its case on appeal was at the same time a partner in a Barcelona law firm providing legal services to the Andorran Government in other proceedings.

Violation of Article 6 § 1

Vidal Escoll and Guillan González v. Andorra

09.07.2008

Failure to execute a judgment ordering the partial demolition of two buildings facing the applicants homes which exceeded the authorised height. The applicants applied to have the planning permits set aside and complained that the expropriation of part of their properties to widen the road was aimed solely at preventing the execution of the judgment.

Violation of Article 6 § 1

Other noteworthy cases, judgments delivered

Figueiredo Teixeira v. Andorra

08.11.2016

The case concerned the storage and communication to the judicial authority of data from telephone calls made by the applicant, who was suspected of the serious offence of drug trafficking.

No violation of Article 8 (right to respect for private and family life)

Gouarré Patte v. Andorra

12.01.2016

The case concerned the fact that it was impossible for the applicant, a doctor, to obtain revision of an ancillary penalty entailing a lifetime ban on practising his profession.

Violation of Article 7 (no punishment without law)

Violation of Article 13 (right to an effective remedy) taken together with Article 7

Ball v. Andorra

11.12.2012

The applicant complained that, pending his appeal in divorce proceedings, the domestic courts had refused to enforce a final judicial decision which had set up a contact schedule with his two children.

No-violation of Article 8 (right to respect for private and family life)

Pla and Puncernau v. Andorra

13.07.2004

A case concerning court rulings that the applicant, an adopted child, could not inherit because he was not "a son of a lawful and canonical marriage" as stipulated in the deceased's will.

Violation of Article 14 (prohibition of discrimination) in conjunction with Article 8 (right to respect for private and family life)

Noteworthy cases, decisions delivered

Solanelles Mollar v. Andorra

20.03.2012

The case concerned the tapping of the applicant's telephone in the context of

criminal proceedings against another person.
Application declared inadmissible as being manifestly ill-founded.

Orosa Iglesias v. Andorra

31.05.2011
The applicant, her husband, her daughter and the company run by the daughter were all declared bankrupt. The applicant complained, *inter alia*, that the related proceedings had lasted more than nine years.
Application declared inadmissible (manifestly ill-founded)

Torres Duedra and Others v. Andorra

13.11.2008
A case concerning judicial review proceedings relating to an application for planning permission. Relying on Article 6 (right of access to a court), the applicants contested the calculation of the time-limit for the authorities' "tacit refusal".
Application declared inadmissible (manifestly ill-founded)

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