



EUROPEAN COURT OF HUMAN RIGHTS  
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# Liechtenstein

**Ratified the European Convention on Human Rights in 1982**

**National Judge: Carlo Ranzoni (1 September 2015- )**

[Judges' CVs](#) are available on the ECHR Internet site

Previous Judges: Previous judges: Ronald St. John Macdonald (1980-1998), Lucius Caflisch (1998-2006), Mark Villiger (2006-2015)

[List of judges of the Court since 1959](#)

The Court dealt with 6 applications concerning Liechtenstein 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	8	1	6
Communicated to the Government	0	0	0
Applications decided:	9	2	6
- Declared inadmissible or struck out (Single Judge)	8	2	6
- Declared inadmissible or struck out (Committee)	0	0	0
- Declared inadmissible or struck out (Chamber)	0	0	0
- Decided by judgment	1	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:	0
Single Judge	0
Committee (3 Judges)	0
Chamber (7 Judges)	0
Grand Chamber (17 Judges)	0

## Liechtenstein and ...

### 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

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### Grand Chamber

#### [Wille v. Liechtenstein](#)

28.10.1999

Statement by the monarch of Liechtenstein that he would not re-appoint the applicant (then President of the Liechtenstein Administrative Court) to public office again, because of views he expressed in public on the competences of the Constitutional Court.

Violation of Articles 10 (freedom of expression) and 13 (right to an effective remedy)

## Noteworthy cases, judgments delivered

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### Chamber

#### Case dealing with the right to liberty and security (Article 5)

#### [Frommelt v. Liechtenstein](#)

24.06.2006

Applicant not heard in person by the court of appeal prior to its decision to prolong his pre-trial detention (lack of equality of arms).

Violation of Article 5 § 4

#### Cases dealing with Article 6

Right to a fair hearing/trial

#### [Schädler-Eberle v. Liechtenstein](#)

18.07.2013

Relying on Article 6 § 1, the applicant complained that the administrative court, which had decided her case in the first instance, had not held a public oral hearing, in which evidence could have been taken in an adversarial manner.

No violation of Article 6 § 1

#### [Steck-Risch and Others v. Liechtenstein](#)

19.05.2005

Applicants not given an opportunity to have knowledge of and comment on the

observations submitted by the opposing party in proceedings before the Administrative Court.

Violation of Article 6 § 1

Right to a fair trial within a reasonable time

#### [von Hoffen v. Liechtenstein](#)

27.07.2006

Excessive length of criminal proceedings

Violation of Article 6 § 1

#### Cases dealing with freedom of expression (Article 10)

#### [Gawlik v. Liechtenstein](#)

16.02.2021

The case concerned a doctor who raised suspicions that euthanasia had been taking place in his hospital. In doing so, he went outside the hospital complaints structure and lodged a criminal complaint. The affair attracted significant media attention.

No violation of Article 10

## Noteworthy case, decision delivered

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#### [Steck-Risch v. Liechtenstein \(No. 2\)](#)

11.05.2010

Domestic courts refused to grant reopening of the national proceedings following the Court's judgment in the case of Steck-Risch and Others v. Liechtenstein.

Application declared inadmissible as incompatible *ratione materiae* with the provisions of the Convention.

## Noteworthy pending cases

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#### 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.

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For more information, see the [Q and A on inter-State cases](#).

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