



President Spielmann highlights the Court's very good results in 2013

Speaking at the annual press conference of the European Court of Human Rights on 30 January 2014, President Spielmann looked back over 2013 and said that the Court's work had been quite remarkable, building on the good results from 2012.

By the end of 2013 there were 99,900 pending cases, a figure that stood at 160,000 in September 2011. The working methods adopted since the entry into force of Protocol No. 14 have proved effective, in particular the single-judge system and the introduction of a new Section with responsibility for filtering. President Spielmann said: "Falling below the symbolic figure of 100,000 pending cases is a source of great satisfaction and an encouragement for us to carry on. Above all, it serves as proof that it is always possible to change things and to reverse trends if you put in the necessary energy and resources."

President Spielmann noted that following the Brighton Conference, a special account had been set up with a view to tackling the backlog of cases. He thanked the States that had already made contributions (Andorra, Austria, Azerbaijan, Croatia, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Ireland, Luxembourg, Monaco, the Netherlands, Norway, Serbia, Slovakia, Sweden, Switzerland and Turkey) and urged all States to contribute.

At the press conference the Court also issued its [annual activity report](#) and its [statistics for 2013](#). The annual table of violations for each country shows that the State with the highest number of judgments finding at least one violation of the Convention was Russia (119 judgments), followed by Turkey (118), Romania (83), Ukraine (65), Hungary (40), Italy (34) and Greece (32). In addition, at 31 December 2013, the majority of pending cases were against Russia (16.8%), Italy (14.4%), Ukraine (13.3%) and Serbia (11.3%).

This press release is a document produced by the Registry. It does not bind the Court. Decisions, judgments and further information about the Court can be found on www.echr.coe.int. To receive the Court's press releases, please subscribe here: www.echr.coe.int/RSS/en or follow us on Twitter [@ECHRpress](https://twitter.com/ECHRpress).

Press contacts

echrpress@echr.coe.int | tel: +33 3 90 21 42 08

Tracey Turner-Tretz (tel: + 33 3 88 41 35 30)

Nina Salomon (tel: + 33 3 90 21 49 79)

Denis Lambert (tel: + 33 3 90 21 41 09)

Jean Conte (tel: + 33 3 90 21 58 77)

The European Court of Human Rights was set up in Strasbourg by the Council of Europe Member States in 1959 to deal with alleged violations of the 1950 European Convention on Human Rights.