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Cyprus

Membership to the Council of Europe	24 May 1961
Entry into force of the European Convention on Human Rights	6 October 1962
First case under supervision of execution	Modinos (15070/89) Judgment final on 22 April 1993
Total number of cases transmitted for supervision since the entry into force of the Convention	74
Total number of cases closed by final resolution	64

MAIN ISSUES BEFORE THE COMMITTEE OF MINISTERS - ONGOING SUPERVISION*

> Actions of security forces

Ill-treatment inflicted by police during arrest, and failure of the authorities to shed light on the exact circumstances of the injuries caused.

Khani Kabbara (24459/12)
Arrêt définitif le 05/09/2018

Status of execution
Enhanced supervision

> Lawfulness of asylum seekers' detention

Unlawful and arbitrary periods of detention of asylum seekers, notably in view of the lack of diligence in the treatment of their asylum requests and lack of effective remedy allowing a speedy review of the lawfulness of the detention; **lack of suspensive effect of the remedy to challenge the deportation orders.**

M.A. (41872/10)
Judgment final on 23/10/2013

Status of execution
Enhanced supervision

* Detailed information concerning the Committee of Ministers' supervision of the execution of judgments and decisions of the European Court of Human Rights, notably the distinction between enhanced and standard supervision, are available on [the website of the Department for the Execution of Judgments](#).



SUPERVISION CLOSED - MAIN REFORMS ADOPTED**

> Positive obligation to protect the right to life and combat human trafficking

Criminalisation of human trafficking following the adoption of a law in 2007 and the introduction of changes in the relevant visa regime, including the abolition of the “artist” visa for third country nationals, to avoid abuse.

Rantsev (25965/04)
Judgment final on 10/05/2010

Final Resolution
CM/ResDH(2017)95

> Actions of detention authorities in prisons

Better protection of detainees against ill-treatment in police custody as well as an increase of the State's and detention centres' responsibility in ensuring such protection through the legislative reforms of 2003 and 2005. These reforms also provide for heavier sanctions against offending police officers, aim at eliminating impunity in cases in which the identification of the offending police officer is impossible, and strengthen the Attorney General's power to investigate such cases.

Egmez group (30873/96+)
Judgment final on 21/12/2000

Final Resolution
ResDH(2006)13

> Length of judicial proceedings

Implementation of a series of practical measures to improve the efficiency of the judicial system and accelerate judicial proceedings, notably:

- monitoring measures for the resolution of older cases;
- increase of the jurisdiction of single judges in the district courts;
- increase in the number of judges;
- modernisation of court facilities;
- disciplinary measures can be taken against judges who do not comply with the Rules of Procedure for the timely issue of judgments;
- introduction of a new remedy for excessive length of civil and administrative proceedings.

Gregoriou group (62242/00+)
Judgment final on 09/07/2003

Final Resolution
CM/ResDH(2013)154

> Fairness of judicial proceedings

Possibility for individuals to apply for reopening of criminal proceedings following a European Court judgment legally recognised in 2005.

Kyprianou (73797/01)
Judgment final on 15/12/2005

Cases of contempt of court by *inter alia* disrespectful words or conduct directed against a judge or the court personally can no longer be tried by the court on the face of which the alleged contempt was committed.

Final Resolution
CM/ResDH(2015)47

Lawyers appearing in proceedings before a court and presenting a case on behalf of their client, producing evidence or examining witnesses, are no longer subject to contempt proceedings for disrespect by conduct or verbal communication, which is henceforth a disciplinary offence within the jurisdiction of the Advocates' Disciplinary Board.

** This section may also include certain major reforms already implemented in the context of cases still pending.

For a thorough overview of reforms adopted since the entry into force of Protocol No. 11 in 1998 see the [Annual Report 2015](#), Part IV “Main achievements”. As regards the period 1959-1998, see the overview provided by the European Court in its special publication “[Survey : 40 years of activity](#)”, section IV “Effects of judgments and decisions” – both documents, together with a number of additional ones, are available also on the website of the [Department for the Execution of Judgments of the European Court of Human Rights](#).



SUPERVISION CLOSED - MAIN REFORMS ADOPTED**

> Private and family life – Specific situations

Decriminalisation of same sex sexual relationships in the private sphere.

Modinos (15070/89)
Judgment final on 22/04/1993Final Resolution
ResDH(2001)152

> Protection of property rights

Reform undertaken to prevent significant delays between publication of the notice of acquisition of property and the payment of compensation for compulsory acquisition; the awarded compensation must represent the market value of the property at the time of deprivation rather than at the time of notice.

Michael Theodossiou Ltd (31811/04)
Judgment final on 15/04/2009Final Resolution
CM/ResDH(2016)5

> Right to marry

Members of the Turkish Cypriot community were granted the right to marry in the same conditions as Greek Cypriots in 2002.

Selim (47293/99)
Judgment final on 16/07/2002Final Resolution
ResDH(2003)49

> Electoral rights

Recognition to members of the Turkish Cypriot community in 2006 of their right to vote and to be elected in parliamentary, municipal and community elections.

Aziz (69949/01)
Judgment final on 22/09/2004Final Resolution
CM/ResDH(2007)77

> Freedom of movement

Improvement of the protection of the freedom of movement of Turkish Cypriot against illegal actions by law enforcement agencies: increased criminal and disciplinary liability for police officers committing illegal actions, together with training measures.

Egmez group (30873/96+)
Judgment final on 21/12/2000Final Resolution
ResDH(2006)13

> Discrimination

Legislative amendment in 2013 granting also the children of displaced women following the Turkish military intervention in 1974 the right to be considered as displaced person, right previously reserved to children of displaced men, and be eligible for housing assistance on the same terms as children of displaced men.

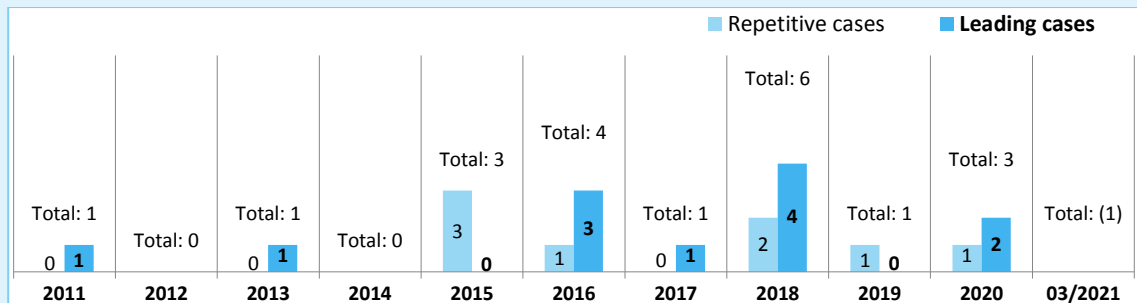
Vrountou (33631/06)
Judgment final on 13/01/2016Final Resolution
CM/ResDH(2017)2



STATISTICS***

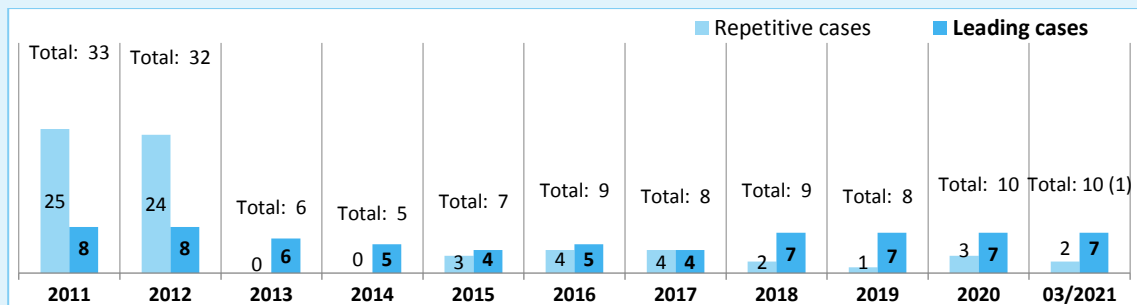
New cases

(judgments transmitted for supervision of their execution during the year)



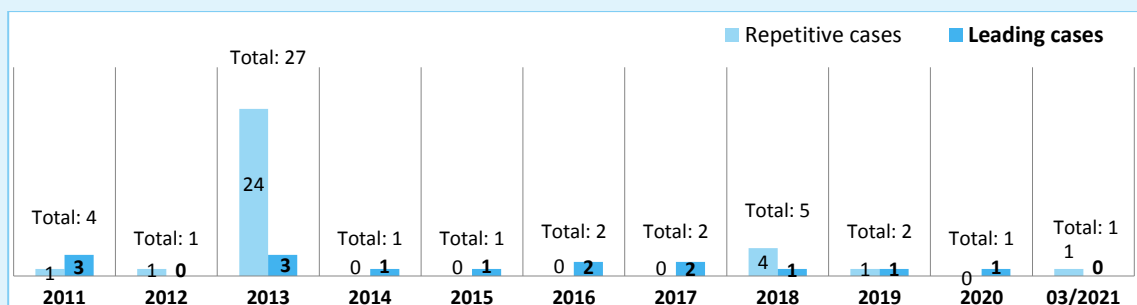
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Pending cases

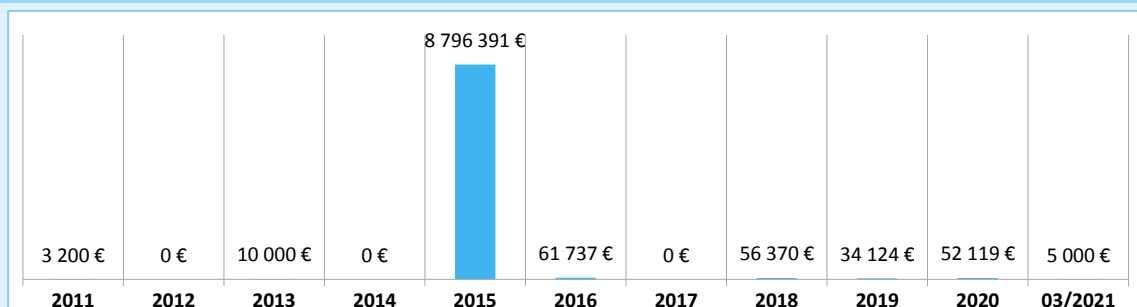


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Cases closed by final resolution



Just satisfaction awarded by the European Court



*** Detailed statistics are available in the [annual reports](#) of the Committee of Ministers. Figures are reported as they appear in the annual report for each year.