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North Macedonia

Membership to the Council of Europe	9 November 1995
Entry into force of the European Convention on Human Rights	10 April 1997
First case under supervision of execution	Veselinski (45658/99) Judgment final on 24 May 2005
Total number of cases transmitted for supervision since the entry into force of the Convention	337
Total number of cases closed by final resolution	298

MAIN ISSUES BEFORE THE COMMITTEE OF MINISTERS - ONGOING SUPERVISION*

> Actions of security forces – use of force and effective investigations

Torture at the hands of the security forces during incommunicado detention and failure of the authorities to carry out an effective investigation.	Hajralahu (37537/07) Judgment final on 29/01/2016 Status of execution Standard supervision
Degrading treatment, unjustified use of potentially lethal force at the hands of the police during arrests and failure of the authorities to conduct effective investigations.	Kitanovski (15191/12) Judgment final on 22/04/2015 Status of execution Standard 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**

> Actions of security forces

An external oversight mechanism was established in 2017 with the assistance of two projects run by the Council of Europe, with a view to prevent similar violations through supervision of the intelligence and security services. The Criminal Code was amended to **increase the maximum penalty for ill-treatment/torture in the hands of law enforcement officials** from five to eight years imprisonment. In addition in 2011, a **National Preventive Mechanism was set up to prevent police ill-treatment**, which was positively assessed by the CPT in 2016. Prior to that, in 2010, an amendment of the Criminal Procedure Act ensured **effective and adequate criminal investigations into misconduct by the intelligence services and special forces**. Members of the special forces, intelligence services and border police are continuously **trained and made aware that ill-treatment, torture and arbitrary detention are intolerable**.

El Masri (39630/09)
Judgment final on 13/12/2012

Final Resolution
CM/ResDH(2019)369

> Length of judicial proceedings

Introduction, in 2006, of the concept of “**tacit authorisation**” if the administration fails to respond to requests within a certain deadline; **introduction of tight deadlines in administrative proceedings and simplification of rules on serving documents** in order to accelerate the administrative proceedings.

Dumanovski (13898/02+)
Judgment final on 03/07/2006

Final Resolution
CM/ResDH(2011)81

In **civil proceedings**, tightening of procedural deadlines and discipline, review of the evidence procedure and introduction of mediation in order to alleviate the workload of civil courts.

Atanasovic and Others (13886/02)
Judgment final on 12/04/2006

Final Resolution
CM/ResDH(2016)35

In **criminal proceedings**, abolition of the rule to restart hearings in case of a trial judge change within a single set of proceedings; elimination of multiple remittals, reinforcement of available capacities for interpretation in the criminal proceedings and entrusting to the public prosecutor a major role in investigation procedure.

> Functioning of justice

Abolition of further lustration proceedings: the Lustration Commission's competence to initiate new lustration proceedings ceased in 2012.

Ivanovski (29908/11)
Judgment final on 21/04/2016

Final Resolution
CM/ResDH (2017)428

> Freedom of association

Transfer of competence for registration of associations from courts to executive authorities ensuring efficient and effective registration in practice.

Association of citizens Radko & Paunkovski (74651/01)
Judgment final on 15/04/2009

Final Resolution
CM/ResDH(2017)293

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

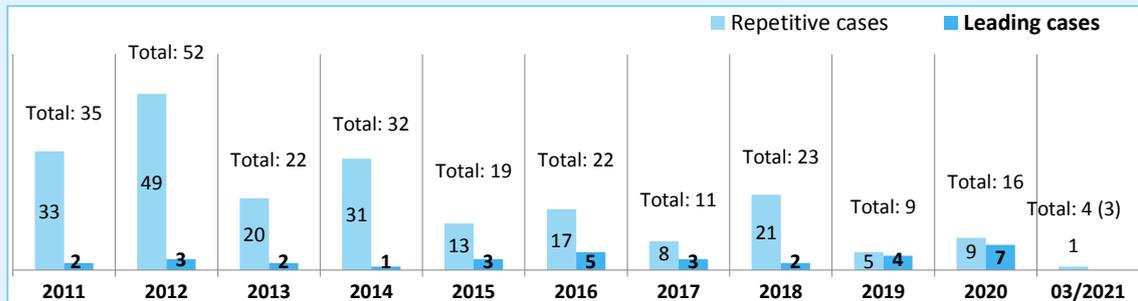
For a thorough overview of reforms adopted since the entry into force of Protocol No. 11 in 1998 see the [Annual Report 2015](#), Part IV “Main achievements”. As regards the period 1959-1998, see the overview provided by the European Court in its special publication “[Survey : 40 years of activity](#)”, 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.



STATISTICS***

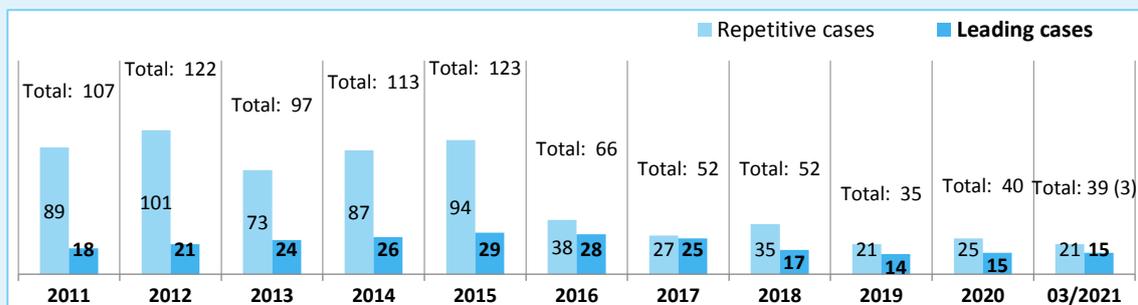
New cases

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



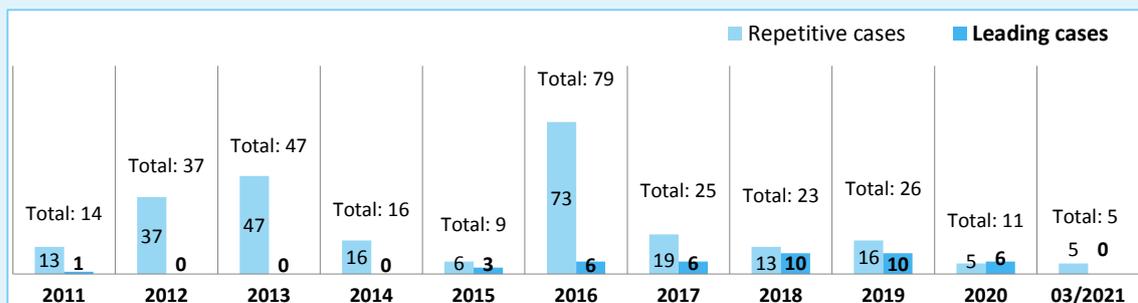
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Pending cases



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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.