

Appendix - Comparative table on national procedures for the selection of candidates to the post of judge at the ECtHR*

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Albania 2018 (link)	No. The <i>ad hoc</i> Commission was established under the order of the Secretary General of the Council of Ministers.	Yes. Disseminated through the publication at the official website of the Prime Minister's Office, at the institutional web pages that interact with the community of jurists, as well as in the media.	One month, extended one extra month.	<i>Ad hoc</i> Commission formed by: General Director of Regulatory and Compliance Department of the Prime Minister's Office of Albania (chair), a former Dean of the Law Faculty of Tirana University who is also a criminal law professional, the Deputy Dean of the Law Faculty, the Deputy General Secretary of the Council of Ministers, and the Director of the Directorate of European and International Law of the Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs. 3 out of 5 members are from the governmental structure.	-	Three out of seven questions during the interview were made in one of the official languages of the Council of Europe.	
Andorra 2025 (link)	No information. The Council of Ministers of Andorra approved the call of applications, which opened the procedure.	Yes. Call published in the Official Journal	17 days 38 days (first call)	Selection committee: the President of the Constitutional Court (chair); a French lawyer, expert in human rights, and professor at the University of Strasbourg; an expert in constitutional law and member of the Venice Commission; the Head of Relations and International Legal Cooperation of the Ministry of Justice and the Interior, who is also a Government Agent at the European Court of Human Rights; a member of the Legal Cabinet of the Government; and the Director for Multilateral Affairs and Co-operation of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Among the six members, three of them, including the President, with a casting vote in the event of a tie,	Council of Ministers	Yes	The short application deadline may be explained because there had been four previous calls, but the resulting list was rejected. This was a second procedure after rejection. Candidates must have Andorran citizenship.

*This table is based on the information provided by the governments concerned when submitting the lists of candidates to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe.

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				carry out their professional tasks outside the structure of the Government.			
Armenia 2024 (link)	16.1 of Article 7 of the Law of the Republic of Armenia “On the structure and activities of the Government”.	The Commission shall publish the announcement in mass media, as well as on the websites of public notifications of the Republic of Armenia, the Government, Representative on International legal matters, judicial authority of the Republic of Armenia. The announcement may also be published on the official websites of the Ministry of Justice, Human Rights Defender, General Prosecutor’s Office, Chamber of Advocates,	20 working days	Commission for the selection of candidates: Chairperson of the Constitutional Court, Member of the Supreme Judicial Council, Member of Foreign Affairs, the Minister of Justice, Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Protection of Human Rights and Public Affairs of the National Assembly, Chairperson of the Court of Cassation, Prosecutor General, Human Rights Defender, Representative of the President of Armenia, Chairperson of the Chamber of Advocates, and the Chairperson of the “Helsinki Citizens Assembly-Vanadzor Office” non-governmental organisation. The Office of the Prime Minister of Armenia provides legal and organisational assistance to the activities of the Commission. 3 out of 11 members are from the governmental or presidential structure.	Prime Minister of Armenia must approve the list submitted by the Commission.	Yes. Both written and oral.	Candidates should be of Armenian citizenship only in the past 10 years. Dual nationals excluded. Representatives of mass media and non-governmental organisations may be present during the interview stage.

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		higher educational institutions, as well as may be sent officially to the heads of bodies of other agencies.					
Austria 2024 (link ; link)	No information. Decision of the Federal Government opened the procedure.	Yes. Published on the electronic announcement and information platform of the Government. Also in the print and online editions of two Austrian daily newspapers. The law faculties of all Austrian universities also publicised the call.	Four weeks	Selection Commission: the Federal Chancellor, the Vice-Chancellor, the Federal Minister for European and International Affairs and the Federal Minister of Justice appointed one member of the Selection Commission each. These persons were appointed: the Head of the International Law Office at the Federal Minister for European and International Affairs, a professor from the University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences in Vienna, the Head of the Constitutional Service at the Federal Chancellery, and a member of the Constitutional Court. 2 out of 4 members come from the governmental structure.	Federal Government	Yes, during the interviews.	
Azerbaijan 2016 (link)	Not specified	Yes. Published in an independent daily legal periodical and placed on websites of the	20 days	Judicial Legal Council, an independent body of judicial self-government.	Government	Part of the evaluation.	

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		Judicial and Legal Council and the Ministry of Justice.					
Belgium 2021 (link)	Not specified	Not specified	Not specified	Selection board: the Advocate-General at the Court of Cassation, the First Chair of the Council of State, the President of the High Council for Justice, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the Chamber of Representatives, the Government Agent before the European Court of Human Rights, and the President of the Constitutional Court (chair). Only 1 out of 7 members is from the governmental structure.	Board/Government	Yes	
Bosnia and Herzegovina 2012 (link)	Decision on Procedures for appointment and naming of BiH representatives to international organisations and institutions (<i>Official Gazette</i> of BiH No 66/08).	Public call in three leading newspapers.	Not specified	-	Presidency of Bosnia and Herzegovina.	Part of the criteria announced in the call.	

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Bulgaria 2024 (link)	The ministry of Justice issues an order laying down the criteria and regulating the selection procedure, after carrying out public consultations.	Published on the website of the Ministry of Justice, the Supreme Judicial Council, the Supreme Court of Cassation, the Supreme Administrative Court, the National Institute of Justice, the Supreme Bar Council, the Union of Bulgarian Jurists and in a national daily newspaper.	A month and nine days.	Selection Committee composed of: a Professor of Criminal Law at the Faculty of Law (Sofia University) (chair), a Judge of the Civil College of the Supreme Court of Cassation, a Judge at the Third Division of the Supreme Administrative Court, a lecturer at the Department of Theory and History of State and Law at the Faculty of Law (Sofia University), the Director of the Human Rights Directorate at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, a member of the Supreme Bar Council, the Chair of the Management Board of the Bulgarian Lawyers for Human Rights Foundation, a lecturer in English Philology in the Faculty of Classical and New Philologies (Sofia University), and a lecturer in French Philology in the Faculty of Classical and New Philologies (Sofia University). There is also a reserve list. Only 1 out of 9 members is from the governmental structure.	Council of Ministers.	Written test and public interview in both official languages.	Senior magistrates, representatives of the Ombudsman institution, Constitutional Court judges, academics, NGOs, media and other stakeholders were invited to be present during the interviews. They could also put questions.
Croatia 2021 (link)	Yes, they already had the Decision of the Government of the Republic of Croatia on the Establishment of the Candidate	Yes. Published in the Official Gazette and two daily newspapers, as well as on the website of the Ministry of	30 days	Candidate selection commission composed of: a representative of the Judiciary Committee of the Croatian Parliament (chair), a judge of the Constitutional Court, a judge of the Supreme Court, a professor representing law faculties, and the Assistant Minister of Justice and	Government	After the interviews by English and French language teachers.	

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	Selection Commission of the Republic of Croatia for the position of judge at the European Court of Human Rights (OG 139/09, 95/2010 and 119/2011).	Justice and Administration. The notice of the published call for applications was submitted to the courts, state attorney's offices, law faculties, the Notary Chamber and the Croatian Bar Association.		Administration. Only 1 out of 5 is from the governmental structure.			
Cyprus 2025 (link)	Yes: procedure established by decision of the Council of Ministers in 2015, as amended in 2023.	Yes. Official channels (Official Gazette) and daily press, websites of Ministries, Courts, Legal Service, and other relevant fora.	More than two months.	Selection body composed of the Minister of Foreign Affairs (president), Attorney-General of the Republic, President of the Supreme Constitutional Court, Minister of Justice and Public Order, Commissioner for Administration and Human Rights (Ombudsman), President of the Cyprus Bar Association, and two academics, one from the University of Cyprus (Professor in Law – Vice-Rector) and the other from the University of Central Lancashire in Cyprus (Associate Professor in Law). 3 out of 8 come from the governmental structure.	President of Cyprus	Yes, on the basis of certificates and during the interviews.	The President selects 3 among those suggested by the Selection Body. In this procedure, the President did not deviate from the order presented by the selection body.

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Czechia 2021 (link)	Yes. There are the Rules Governing the Selection of Candidates for the Post of Judge at the ECtHR (annex to a Government resolution).	Yes. Published on the Ministry of Justice's website, and notified to the courts, public prosecutor's offices, legal professional organisations, and deans of the law faculties of public universities in the country.	Two months and nine days	Selection Committee composed of: the Minister of Justice or his or her delegated deputy minister at the Ministry of Justice (chair), the Minister of Foreign Affairs or his or her delegated deputy minister at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Agent of the Government of the Czech Republic before the Court, the President of the Constitutional Court, the President of the Supreme Court, the President of the Supreme Administrative Court, the Public Defender of Rights, a member appointed by the President of the Czech Bar Association, and a member appointed by the deans of law faculties of public universities. 3 out of 9 are from the governmental structure.	Government on a proposal from the Minister of Justice.	Yes	
Denmark 2021 (link)	No information	Yes. Published on two major websites for vacant positions in Denmark. Also, on websites of the Ministry of Justice, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the General Council of the	15 days after a rejection of the previous list and two previous rounds. The deadline in the first rounds was four weeks.	Independent standing committee appointed by the Minister of Justice upon nomination from the President of the Supreme Court, the Presidents of the High Courts, the General Council of the Danish Bar and Law Society, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of Justice respectively: a Supreme Court Judge (chair), a Judge at the Danish Eastern Court, an Attorney, the Permanent Secretary of State for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and the	The committee nominates the candidates to the Government.	Not specified	

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		Danish Bar and the Law Society and on the National Courts Administration's intranet.		Permanent Secretary of State for the Ministry of Justice. 2 out of 5 come from the governmental structure.			
Estonia 2019 (link)	Yes. The outline of the process is regulated in § 9 (9) of the Foreign Relations Act of Estonia. Criteria for office also set forth in § 47 of the Estonian Court's Act.	Yes. Published on the internet webpage of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. It was also published in one daily newspaper and in one week newspaper and in their electronic website. Also published on the webpage for public competitions and sent to the list of all Estonian judges and to the Estonian Bar Association.	Around a month and a half.	Committee formed by an order of the Minister of Foreign Affairs, composed of the Minister of Foreign Affairs (chair), the Minister of Justice, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, the Chancellor of Justice and the Secretary of State. 3 out of 5 members are from the executive branch.	Government	The committee took into account the language skills.	
Finland 2024 (link)	Yes. Act on Judicial Appointments (2010) and the Act on Nominating	Ministry for Foreign Affairs publishes the call on its website. Also sent for	One month and 22 days.	Permanent Expert Advisory Board appointed by the Government for six-years. Nine members consisting of representatives from the Prime Minister's Office, the Ministry for Foreign Affairs, the Ministry of	Government at its plenary session. First the Advisory Board	Yes, during the interviews.	

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	Candidates for Judges or Members of International Courts and Tribunals and the Court of Justice of the EU (2017).	information to the Supreme Court, the Supreme Administrative Court, all courts of appeal, all administrative courts, the Administrative Court of Åland, the Insurance Court, the Labour Court of Finland, the National Courts Administration, the Office of the Prosecutor General, the Office of the Chancellor of Justice, the Office of the Parliamentary Ombudsman, the Human Rights Centre, the Finnish Bar Association, the Finnish Association of Judges, the		Justice, the Supreme Court, the Supreme Administrative Court, the Office of the Prosecutor General, the Finnish Bar Association and a representative of the university units engaged in legal research and instruction. It also includes a representative from the competent ministry (Foreign Affairs). In addition, the members of the Permanent Court of Arbitration are members of the Board. A deputy is appointed to each member. There is a significant proportion of members not coming from the executive branch.	presents a list to the Minister for Foreign Affairs, who has the discretion of presenting the list to the Government at its plenary session, which makes the final decision.		

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		Association of Finnish Lawyers and universities providing tuition in law. Also published in major national newspapers and social media.					
France 2019 (link)	No information	A call for candidates published on the intranet websites of the Ministry of Justice, the Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs, the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Higher Education, and on the LinkedIn accounts of the last three of these ministries	Around two months.	Ad hoc selection committee composed of: the former President of the International Court of Justice, an honorary member of the Conseil d'État, an Emeritus Professor of Law, an honorary President of the Criminal Affairs Division of the Court of Cassation, and the Director of Legal Affairs at the Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs and Government Agent before the Court. 4 out of 5 members are not from the governmental structure.	Government	Yes, during the interviews.	
Georgia 2017 (link)	No. They only created the Special State Commission once they were requested by	A call published on a job vacancies website and a job vacancy website for the	Almost two months.	State Commission formed by: Minister of Justice (chair), Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, Deputy Chairperson of the Supreme Court, Chairperson of the Investigative Chamber of the Tbilisi Appellate	Government	Yes, language tests before the interviews.	Media representatives had the right to attend the interviews. Two members

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	the Council of Europe to select the candidates. Created by a governmental ordinance.	civil service. The Ministry of Justice also started working with various organisations after announcing the competition. Apart from traditional media outlets (television, radio, magazines, newspapers, news agencies, social networks), representatives of academic circles, the court, prosecutor's office, lawyers' associations and nongovernmental organizations working in the field of law have been invited to publish the vacancy notice on the websites of their organisations.		Court, Acting Chairperson of the Kutaisi Appellate Court, First Deputy Prosecutor General of Georgia, Parliamentary Secretary of the Government, Chairperson of the Bar Association, Chairperson of the Human Rights Committee of Parliament, Public Defender (Ombudsman) of Georgia, Dean of the Tbilisi State University Faculty of Law, Chairperson of the Association of Law Firms of Georgia (ALFG), Chairperson of the Young Lawyers Association representing the Coalition for Independent and Transparent Judiciary (49 NGOs coalition). 3 out of 13 members are from the executive branch.			of the commission (Chairperson of the Bar Association and Chairperson of the Young Lawyers Association) did not participate in the interviews.

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Germany 2019 (link)	No. They followed the same as the established practice in the previous nomination round (2010).	Yes. Published in several major newspapers, and as a press notice on the website of the Federal Ministry of Justice and Consumer Protection. Also sent to the Presidents of all Federal Courts, the justice ministers and senators of the Länder, the German Judges Association, the Federal Chamber of Advocates, the German Advocates Association, the German National Institute for Human Rights and the Forum Human Rights, asking them to nominate suitable	One month and 18 days.	CVs analysed by the Human Rights Division of the Federal Ministry of Justice and for Consumer Protection. Interviews carried out by the State Secretary, the Head of the international department, and the Director of the Public Law and International Law division of the Federal Ministry. Strictly governmental body.	Federal Cabinet, on the basis of a proposal from the Federal Minister of Justice.	Yes, during the interviews.	

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		candidates or to encourage them to apply.					
Greece 2020 (link)	No. Mostly based on the procedure followed in 2010, with improvements.	Yes. Published on the website of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. A relevant announcement was also published in two national newspapers and a letter signed by the Ministers of Foreign Affairs and Justice was sent to the Presidents of the three Supreme Courts, the President of the Plenary of the country's Bar Associations, and the Rectors of Universities with law schools.	One month and six days.	Ad hoc selection committee composed of: the Secretary General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Secretary General of the Ministry of Justice, the President of the Legal Council of State (the Government's Agent before the European Court of Human Rights), the President of the Council of State (Supreme Administrative Court) as chair, and the former Judge in respect of Greece of the European Court of Human Rights. 3 out of 5 members are from the governmental structure. Committee established by a joint ministerial decision.	Minister of Foreign Affairs and Minister of Justice.		President of the Council of State was replaced by the President of the Court of Auditors.

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Hungary 2025 (link)	No information	Yes. Published on the website of the Ministry of Justice.	28 days	“Professional Committee” composed of: Rector of the Károli Gáspár University of the Reformed Church (chair), co-chair of the Hungarian Lawyers Association, judge of the Constitutional Court, Secretary General of the Curia of Hungary, and secretary of state of the Ministry of Justice. Set up by the Ministry of Justice. 1 out of 5 members comes from the governmental structure.	Government, on the basis of a proposal of the Minister of Justice.	Level of language skills taken into account.	
Iceland 2022 (link)	Not specified	Prime Minister's office published a notice on its website. Additional notices were published on the public website of the Government, in the Legal Gazette and in two newspapers. A separate notice was also sent to all law schools in Iceland, to all courts of law through the Judicial Administration and to the	Around 23 days. Around one month and 17 days (second round).	Committee composed of the former President of the Supreme Court (chair), a professor, a lawyer and ambassador, an attorney, and a Supreme Court judge. They were nominated by different entities. None of the members came from the executive branch, but one of the members was nominated by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the chair was appointed by the Prime Minister. The committee as a whole was appointed by the Prime Minister.	Prime Minister's Office	Yes, during interviews.	Possibility for applicants to comment on information received by the committee which could be to the applicant's disadvantage; During its evaluation and before delivering its final result to the Minister, the committee should ensure the parties enjoyed their right to object.

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		Icelandic Bar Association. The Prime Minister's Office also issued a general press release. The notices of the open position were discussed in mainstream and Internet news media.					
Ireland 2024 (link)	No information	Yes. Published on the websites of the Department of Foreign Affairs and the Public Appointments Service, in the main national newspapers and on the LinkedIn account of the Department of Foreign Affairs. The Department of Foreign Affairs also distributed it to the Office of the Chief Justice to	25 days	Expert panel convened by the Attorney General, comprising the Attorney General (chair), the former Chief Justice of Ireland, and an Associate Professor. 2 out of 3 members do not come from the executive branch .	The panel recommended three candidates to the Minister of Foreign Affairs, and the government approved the list.	Not specified	

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		distribute it to every member of the judiciary, universities, professional bodies like bar councils, and national human rights institutions. The advertisement included a candidate information booklet.					
Italy 2018 (link)	The Presidency of the Council of Ministers, in agreement with the Ministers of Justice and Foreign Affairs, adopted the procedure once they were informed of the need for a new election.	Yes. Public notice published in the Official Gazette.	Thirty days	Inter-ministerial committee: one expert appointed by the Presidency of the Council of Ministers, two by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Co-operation, and two by the Ministry of Justice. The Minister of Justice appointed the National Member for Italy of Eurojust and a former judge of the European Court of Human Rights. The Secretary General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Co-operation appointed the former Permanent Representative of Italy to the Council of Europe in Strasbourg and currently serving at the Ministry, and the Deputy Political Director/Principal Director for the	Council of Ministers	Not specified	No interviews. Evaluation based only on the CVs.

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				United Nations and Human Rights. It was chaired by the President Emeritus of the Constitutional Court. At least 2 out of 5 members were from outside the governmental structure. It was assisted by a Technical Secretariat set up within the Department of Administrative Co-ordination at the Presidency of the Council of Ministers.			
Latvia 2024 (link)	Cabinet of Ministers issued Order No. 346 "On the Public Selection Procedure for the Post of Judge at the European Court of Human Rights and the Candidates' Selection Committee". The composition of the national selection committee ("the Selection Committee") was proposed by the Ministry of Foreign	Yes. A public and open call was published in the official publication Latvijas Vēstnesis and widely disseminated through the official websites of the Cabinet of Ministers, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Ministry of Justice, and domestic courts. The announcement was also published on the website of the	Not specified	Selection Committee formed by: the State Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (chair), a Member of the Parliament, (Member of the Legal Affairs Committee of the Parliament), the Chairperson of the Department of Administrative Cases of the Supreme Court, the President of the Constitutional Court, Legislation and International Law Adviser to the President, the Head Prosecutor of the Department for Supervision of Operation and International Cooperation of the Prosecutor General Office, the Head of the Civil and Political Rights Division of the Ombudsman's Office, the Deputy State Secretary on Foreign Cooperation and Strategy Issues of the Ministry of Justice, a Board Member of the Latvian Council of Sworn Attorneys, and the Head of Office of the Representative of Latvia	The Cabinet of Ministers issued the Order No. 156 "On the Approval of Candidacies for the Post of Judge at the European Court of Human Rights", approving the shortlist.	Yes, during the interviews.	

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	Affairs and approved by the Cabinet of Ministers with the above-mentioned Order No. 346.	weekly journal for law professionals Jurista Vārds, and on social media platforms of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.		before International Human Rights Institutions. At least 6 out of 10 members come from outside the governmental or presidential structure.			
Liechtenstein 2024 (link)	There are guidelines established for the selection body created in 2014 that were updated for the current selection procedure.	Yes. Published in Liechtenstein, Swiss and Austrian (online) newspapers and on the homepage of the Government of Liechtenstein. Furthermore, all Courts (of highest instances) in Liechtenstein, Switzerland and Austria, as well as all the law faculties, were informed about the call. Moreover, the Ambassadors resident in Strasbourg and the Government	One month and ten days	National selection body composed of: the Deputy Secretary General, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Education and Sport (chair), the President of the Constitutional Court, a former Liechtenstein Judge at the European Court for Human Rights, the Secretary General, Ministry of Infrastructure and Justice and the Director of the Office for Foreign Affairs. 2 out of 5 members are not from the governmental structure.	Government		Applications from Switzerland, Austria and Germany were submitted.

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		Agents of Switzerland, Austria, Germany and Luxembourg and relevant persons in the Council of Europe were made aware of the public call.					
Lithuania 2023 (link)	The Seimas (Parliament) adopted amendments to the Law on the Government of the Republic of Lithuania concerning the procedure of selection of candidates to the ECHR as well as for the Judge and Advocate General to the CJEU. To ensure proper implementation of the amendments, a resolution was	Public call published on the official website of the Ministry of Justice, disseminated to the media, through social networks, sent to the faculties of law of Lithuanian universities, the Judicial Council, the Lithuanian Bar Association, the Prosecutor General's Office, the Lithuanian Lawyers' Association, the Seimas Ombudsmen's Office, with the	One month, extended.	Working group set up by an order of the Prime Minister ("Working Group") formed by: the President of the Constitutional Court (chair), the President of the Criminal Cases Division of the Supreme Court, the Head of the Seimas Ombudsmen's Office, a Professor at Vilnius University and member of the Lithuanian Lawyers' Association, a Judge of the Supreme Court /Chairman of the Council of Judges, an Attorney-at-Law/ member of the Council of the Lithuanian Bar Association, and the President of the Supreme Administrative Court of Lithuania. Nominating or represented entities are set forth in the law (Art. 53.2), but the composition for each procedure is set up by the Prime Minister. None of the members come from the executive branch.	The Working group adopted a list of four candidates, which was submitted to the Minister of Justice, who in turn submitted it to the Prime Minister. The Prime Minister assessed the list and subsequently submitted to the Government a reasoned proposal of		

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	also adopted which establishes the selection procedure.	request to publish similar information on their websites.			the 3 best ranked candidates. The Government nominates with the consent of the President and in consultation of the Seimas.		
Luxembourg 2023 (link)	Not specified.	Yes. Public call published in the three largest newspapers, the Luxembourg Official Journal, and distributed electronically to the Luxembourg bar, the magistracy, notaries and bailiffs.	Not specified	Selection Committee, appointed by the Minister of Justice, composed of: the President of the Diekirch Bar, the President of the Administrative Court, the Permanent Representative to the Council of Europe, the President of the Chamber of Deputies, the Secretary General at the Ministry of Justice, a Professor at the University of Luxembourg, the President of the Superior Court of Justice (chair), the Mediator, the Chairman of the Consultative Commission on Human Rights, the President of the Luxembourg Bar, and the General State Prosecutor. The Selection Committee was established by a Ministerial Decree. Only 2 out of 11 members come from the executive branch.	The Selection Committee submitted the list of the three final candidates to the Minister of Justice, who endorsed it.	Yes, during the interviews.	

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Malta 2019 (link)	Does not specify	Yes. Government Gazette and local newspaper	Does not specify	Selection Committee: a former Judge (chair), the Permanent Secretary (under whose remit matters dealing with Justice largely fall), and a lawyer of recognised competence.	Committee makes the proposal for nomination, which is transmitted to the PACE through the Permanent Representation to the CoE.	Not specified	
Republic of Moldova 2021 (link)	Yes. Government Regulations of 2020 on the organisation and conduct of the national competition for the nomination of candidates to fill the position of Judge at the ECtHR and Government Decision Nominal Composition of the Committee for the Selection of Candidates for the position	Website of the Ministry of Justice	One month and nine days.	Committee: Minister of Justice (chair), a person appointed by the President of the Republic of Moldova, two Members of Parliament with legal studies appointed by Parliament's Permanent Bureau (at least one from the parliamentary opposition), President of the Council for the Prevention and Elimination of Discrimination and Ensuring Equality, People's Advocate, Government Agent, Judge of the Constitutional Court, Attorney General or a person appointed by him, Judge of the Supreme Court of Justice, two members appointed by the Superior Council of Magistracy (at least one a professor of law), President of the Superior Council of Prosecutors, Secretary of State of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and European	Government. The Government must approve or return the list to the committee.	Yes, during the interviews. Assessed by language experts present in the committee.	Applicants must be citizens of the Republic of Moldova. Interviews are recorded and made public on the website of the Ministry of Justice.

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	of Judge at the European Court of Human Rights.			Integration, President of the Union of Lawyers, PhD in Law of the State University of Moldova, former Judge of the European Court of Human Rights, two members delegated by the National Platform of the Eastern Partnership Civil Society Forum, a member appointed by the French Alliance of the Republic of Moldova (for assessing knowledge of the French language), PhD Associate Professor, Head of the Department of English Linguistics and Intercultural Communication of the State University of Moldova (for assessing knowledge of the English language).			
Monaco 2025 (link)	No information	Yes. Published in the Journal de Monaco, the daily newspaper Monaco Matin, and on the Government of Monaco's website.	28 days	National selection committee set up by administrative decision: President of the High Council of Judges and Prosecutors, President of the Supreme Court, First President of the Court of Revision, a representative appointed by the Minister of State, in this case the Director of Legal Affairs, and the Government Counsellor-Minister for External Relations and Cooperation. 3 out of 5 members do not come from the executive branch.	The Minister of State, who receives the reasoned committee's opinion.	Not specified	
Montenegro 2018 (link)	No information	Yes. Published in the Official Gazette, website of the Ministry of Justice, and	15 days	Commission composed of: the Deputy Prime Minister and the Minister of Justice (chair), the President of the Supreme Court, the President of the Constitutional Court,	Government	Yes, during the interviews. Assessed by language experts	Only open to Montenegrin citizens.

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		three daily newspapers.		the Chairperson of the Committee on European Integration of the Parliament, the President of the Montenegro Academy of Sciences and Arts, and the Head of Division for Organisation of Judiciary in the Ministry of Justice. The Commission was established by the Government. 4 out of 6 members came from outside the governmental structure.		present.	
Netherlands 2025 (link)	Minister of Foreign Affairs and the then Minister for Legal Protection initiated the procedure created by their predecessors by order of 4 July 2023.	Yes. The vacancy was published on the website for announcing job listings for central government. Also in the law journal Nederlands Juristenblad (NJB) and also in the NJB's online newsletter. A listing for the position was also published on the website of the Centre for International Law of the	One month and fifteen days	Recommendation committee: composed of the President of the Supreme Court (chair), the President of the Administrative Jurisdiction Division of the Council of State, the chair of the Netherlands Institute for Human Rights, and a former Judge at the ECtHR and former Procurator General at the Supreme Court. None of the members come from the executive branch. Officers from the Ministry of Justice and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs act as secretaries.	Council of Ministers	Yes, during the interviews.	

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		Ministry of Foreign Affairs and of the Council for the Judiciary. The vacancy was widely disseminated on LinkedIn, the online professional network.					
North Macedonia 2016 (link)	Yes. In accordance with the Law on Government, the Government decided (Decision No. 42-1963/1) to establish a Commission for selection of candidates from the Republic of Macedonia for the position of judge in the European Court of Human Rights.	Public call in the Official Gazette, three daily newspapers, and on the websites of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Justice, Supreme Court, Constitutional Court, Public Prosecutor's Office and the Judicial Council.	15 days	Commission: formed by the Minister of Foreign Affairs (chair), a Judge of the Constitutional Court, a member of the Judicial Council, a member of the Council of Public Prosecutors, the State Secretary at the Ministry of Justice, and a professor at the Faculty of law at the University of Tetovo. 4 out of 6 are from outside the governmental structure.	Government	Yes, as part of the interview.	The Commission can share the names of the three candidates with the CoE Advisory panel.

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Norway 2018 (link)	Yes. In 2009 the Ministry of Justice established a procedure, that has been amended to accommodate the establishment of the Advisory Panel.	Yes. Public call on Government's website and in specialist journals. Ministry also informed relevant legal institutions and the courts. Some other means are used to publicise the call.	One month	Selection committee appointed by the Ministry of Justice and Public Security: the committee is chaired by the chair of the Judicial Appointments Board (subject to this person's agreement). The other members are appointed on the basis of proposals from the Supreme Court, the Office of the Attorney-General, the Norwegian Centre for Human Rights, the Norwegian National Human Rights Institution, and the Norwegian Bar Association. In addition the Ministry of Justice and Public Security appoints one member. Each of these bodies is encouraged to put forward the names of one woman and one man. As a result, there was a District Court Judge (also chair of the Judicial Appointments Board), a Supreme Court Judge, an Assistant Attorney, an Attorney, a Research Director, a Professor, and a Special Adviser.	Ministry of Justice and Public Security. The Ministry can make changes if it wishes to do so. If it is considering deviating from the selection committee's proposal, the Ministry of Justice must ask the committee for an opinion on the persons in question, i.e. those who are not on the selection committee's short list.	Yes	The selection committee should seek advice from former Norwegian Judges at the ECtHR.

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Poland 2024 (link)	Two new acts: Ordinance No. 8 of the Minister of Foreign Affairs of 13 March 2024 on the establishment of the Committee responsible for the selection of candidates on behalf of the Republic of Poland for the post of Judge at the ECtHR and the Rules of the selection of candidates on behalf of the Republic of Poland for the post of Judge at the ECtHR. The new regulations were passed in order to implement the highest Council of Europe standards. In particular, the method of	Yes. In three daily newspapers of nationwide coverage. Two being leading daily newspapers for lawyers in Poland. Also published 3 times on the MFA's website and 120 letters were sent to institutions (courts, professional bodies, faculties, NGOs) asking to disseminate further.	Six weeks.	Selection Committee appointed by the MFA: Undersecretary of State for Legal Affairs at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (chair), a Professor of the University of Warsaw and Ombudsman, the Deputy Ombudsman in 2017–2022 – designated by the Minister of Justice, the judge of the Supreme Court in 1996–2015, judge of the International Criminal Court in 2015–2024 – designated by the Minister of Foreign Affairs, a retired judge of the Supreme Court, judge of the Constitutional Tribunal in 2011–2017 – designated by the Minister of Foreign Affairs, a retired judge of the Constitutional Tribunal, judge of the Court of Justice of the European Union in 2009–2024 – designated by the Minister for the European Union, a Professor and Director of the Institute of Law Studies of the Polish Academy of Sciences – designated by the President of the Polish Academy of Sciences, a Dean of the Council of the Regional Chamber of Attorneys-at-Law in Gdańsk – designated by the President of the National Bar Council of Attorneys-at-Law, and the Vice-Chairperson of the Human Rights Commission at the Polish Bar Council – designated by	The final list is decided by the Selection Committee either by consensus or by voting, in which the President of the Selection Committee has a casting vote (in the event of tie).	Yes, specific interviews with English and French language experts.	All interviews were observed by observers appointed by legal professions and non-governmental organisations active in the field of human rights. In order to ensure the transparency of the selection process, a public and open hearing of the three candidates was organised in the Senate prior to the submission of the final list to the Parliamentary Assembly. This included members of

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	appointment of the Selection Committee was changed to involve bodies independent from the executive (e.g. former judges of international and Polish supreme courts, ombudsman, professors, representatives of legal professions).			the President of the Polish Bar Council. The MFA took additional effort to make the members of the Selection Committee aware of all standards and criteria applied by the Advisory Panel and the Parliamentary Assembly. Relevant documents were translated into Polish.			the PACE delegation.
Portugal 2019 (link)	The Independent Commission was set up by Order of the Minister of Justice No. 11884/2018 of 28 November 2018, published in the Official Journal. The requirements and conditions set out in Notice No. 2048/2019.	Yes. Published in the Official Journal.	Not specified	Independent Commission formed by: a former Counsellor Judge and former President of the Supreme Court of Justice, appointed by the Minister of Justice (chair); a Counsellor Judge, President of the Criminal Section of the Supreme Court of Justice, appointed by the High Council of the Judiciary; a Professor at the Law Faculty of the University of Coimbra, former judge and president of the Constitutional Court, appointed by the High Council of the Administrative and Tax Courts; the Deputy General Prosecutor at the Constitutional Court and member of	Commission submits list to the Minister of Justice.		

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				the United Nations Human Rights Committee, appointed by the Office of the Public Prosecutor; a University Lecturer and Lawyer, president of the Human Rights and Social Environmental Affairs Committee of the Bar Association, appointed by the Bar Association. No member of the executive branch in the committee.			
Romania 2023 (link)	Yes. Regulated by the Government Ordinance no. 94/1999 on the participation of Romania in the proceedings before the European Court of Human Rights and the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe and the State's regress following the judgments and friendly settlement conventions, as subsequently	Yes. Published in the Official Gazette and websites of the Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Superior Council of Magistracy, and the High Court of Justice and Cassation. It can also be published on the websites of the professional legal bodies.	One month and a half	Committee composed of: the Minister of Justice, the Minister of Foreign Affairs, the Government Agent for the European Court of Human Rights, the Director of the Directorate for European Affairs and Human Rights within the Ministry of Justice, a member of the Superior Council of Magistracy (designated by its Plenary), a judge of the High Court of Justice and Cassation (designated by its College), the Ombudsman, and two university law lecturers. 5 members out of 9 are from outside the governmental structure. The committee conducts the interviews.	Government, with the approval of the committees for legal affairs and for human rights of the Chamber of Deputies and Senate, in a joint meeting (where the shortlisted candidates are heard), at the proposal the committee.	Not specified	

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	amended and supplemented.						
San Marino 2018 (link)	Decision No. 1, the Congress of State (Government) approved the issuance of public calls for candidates to the post of judge on the European Court of Human Rights and approved the establishment of an ad hoc Selection Committee.	Yes. Call published through the press, on San Marino institutional websites, and was also disseminated through the help of the Professional Register of Lawyers and Notaries Public of the Republic of San Marino, and was posted publicly in the Government Building.	One month and 10 days	Selection Committee. Not specified in the information, established by a governmental decision.	Government	Yes, during the interviews.	Restricted to San Marino citizens.
Serbia 2024 (link ; link)	The Decision of the Minister responsible for Justice No. 119-01-173/2022-09 dated 29 December 2022	Yes. Published in the Official Gazette, in a daily newspaper, and on the website of the Ministry of	30 days	Commission formed by the Assistant Minister of Justice for International Cooperation (chair), a Judge of the Supreme Court of Cassation, the Deputy Republic Public Prosecutor (Member of the State Prosecutorial Council), a State Attorney, a law	Government, on the basis of the proposal submitted by the Minister of Justice.	Written and oral tests of English and French.	

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	established the Commission for the Conduct of Elections and the Drafting of Proposals for the Three Candidates for the Election of a Judge of the European Court of Human Rights from the Republic of Serbia	Justice.		professor and Chief Legal Adviser at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Majority of members are from the governmental structure.			
Slovak Republic 2025 (link)	Yes: Judicial Council Act (2002) and Article 141a (6) letter f) of the Constitution.	No public call. The President of the Judicial Council invited the nominating entities set out in the legislation to submit candidates. Candidates were submitted by the President of the Judicial Council, the Slovak Bar Association and the Notary Chamber of the Slovak Republic,	Not specified	Judicial Council hears the candidates submitted by the nominating	Judicial Council submits the shortlist to the Government.	Not specified	

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		professional legal organisations, and the Slovak Judges Association, the largest professional organisation of judges.					
Slovenia 2024 (link)	Yes: Act on nomination of candidates from the Republic of Slovenia for judges at international courts (special law, Official Gazette, 64/01 and 59/02).	Published in the Official Gazette, and a letter sent to the Supreme Court, the Constitutional Court, and the Faculties of Law	7 weeks	The President obtains written opinions from the Government and the Judicial Council on the candidates. A special commission within the Office of the President conducts the interviews. The Commission has five members: four with legal background.	Presidents submits the list to the National Assembly, which is the final decision-making authority (absolute majority required).	Yes	
Spain 2017 (link)	Council of Ministers adopted an Agreement by which some guidelines for the establishment of a list of candidates for	Yes. Published in the Official Gazette, the webpages of the Ministries of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation, Presidency and Territorial	Thirty working days	Committee: State Secretary for Foreign Affairs (chair), State Secretary for Justice, Undersecretary of Justice, Undersecretary of Presidency and Territorial Administration. A State attorney, Government agent before the ECtHR, acts as secretary. All members come from the governmental structure.	Council of Ministers	Yes, during the interviews, with the assistance of interpreters.	Only Spanish candidates are eligible.

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	the post of Judge to the European Court of Human Rights were set forth.	Administration, and Justice. It was also disseminated in the media.		The Committee shall be assisted by a number of advisers entitled to represent, among others: the International Laws Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation, the General Council of the Judiciary, the Office of the Prosecutor-General, the Ombudsman and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs' and Cooperation's Office of Language Services. The shortlist shall be communicated to the Executive Council on Foreign Policy prior to its submission to the Council of Ministers for a decision to be taken.			
Sweden 2018 (link)	Yes. There is an Act (2014:414) regarding the procedure for selection of candidates to nominate for positions at the Court of Justice of the European Union (EU) and the European Court of Human Rights, adopted in 2014.	Yes. Published on the homepage of the Judges Proposals Board. Also published in two major daily newspapers. Also, on two major legal websites. Published at the intranet of the Swedish courts as well.	One month	Judges Proposals Board (government agency responsible for the evaluation of candidates for posts as judges) draws up the proposal. Five members shall be or have been permanent judges and two of the members shall be lawyers active outside the judiciary. One of these lawyers must also be an attorney who is a member of the Swedish Bar Association. The other two members shall represent the public. The Board is assisted by a person with special knowledge of the Court, appointed by the Government; this person can attend and be heard. In	Government	Not specified	

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				this case, a former Swedish judge of the ECtHR. Interviews were conducted by a former Justice of the Supreme Court, and the former Swedish Judge of the European Court of Human Rights. The interviewed candidates were also heard by the Board.			
Switzerland 2020 (link)	Not specified	Yes. Advertised in electronic and paper editions of a respected newspaper in the three linguistic regions, as well as on the Confederation's employment portal. It was also brought to the attention of the presidents of the Confederation's courts and the higher courts of the cantons by e-mail.	About one month and a half	The government submits a shortlist to the Swiss parliamentary delegation to the PACE, which also involves the Federal Assembly's Judicial committee, competent for preparing the election of federal judges, in the process. The interviews are conducted by the Swiss delegation to PACE and the Judicial Committee combined, which draw up a recommendation with three names.	Federal Council	Not specified	

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Türkiye (Four lists, complementary information : link 1 , link 2 , link 3 , link 4)	No information	Public announcement posted on the websites of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of Justice. Sent to high courts and institutions.	First lists: 30 days. Last list: 14 days.	(last procedure) Interview Committee composed of: the General Director of Law and Legislation of the Directorate of Administrative Affairs of the Presidency of the Republic of Turkey (chair), the Head of Department of Human Rights of the Ministry of Justice, an ambassador experienced in the fields of the Court from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the General Secretary of the Court of Cassation, the General Secretary of the Council of State, the General Secretary of the Constitutional Court, and a member of the Council of Higher Education. Interview Committee forwards shortlist to the President of the Republic.	President of the Republic of Turkey	During the interviews.	Only Turkish citizens are eligible. Regarding the first lists, it was the Council of Ministers that made the final decision on the three candidates.
Ukraine 2022 (link)	Presidential Decree No. 63 was issued establishing an open procedure to form the list of the candidates for the European Court of Human Rights. After a rejection of a first list, the decree was	The call was published on the Official website of the President of Ukraine and in the official state media resources: Official newspaper of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine «Voice of	30 days	Selection Commission: a Professor of the Department of Comparative and European Law at the Institute of International Relations of the Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv, Doctor of Judicial Science (chair); a Doctor of Political Science, that while having a broad academic experience also practices law and human rights advocacy for more than 10 years and who was elected as member of the CPT in 2021; a retired judge of the Supreme Court of Ukraine, who held positions of the	Selection Commission	Yes, language tests and during the interviews.	

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	amended. The decree established an independent Commission.	Ukraine» and «Governmental Courier».		Head of the Council of Judges of Ukraine, President of the Supreme Court of Ukraine and member of the High Council of Justice. And four members of the Commission work in leading research and educational state institutions and have a vast experience in the field of protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms.			
United Kingdom 2025 (link)	Yes. According to section 98 of the Constitutional Reform Act 2005.	Yes. Public and open, advertised widely across the UK, its Territories and Dependencies through various channels. Webinar with the permanent representative to the CoE and the current Judge at the ECtHR.	One month and twelve days	Selection panel convened by the Judicial Appointments Commission (JAC): President of the UK Supreme Court (chair), Chief Commissioner of the Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission, Lay member at the JAC, Director General and Legal Advisor to the Foreign and Commonwealth Development Office, and Director General of Policy Group at the Ministry of Justice. 3 out of 5 members do not come from the governmental structure. Selection panel conducts interviews.	The Chair of the selection panel provided the Lord Chancellor with a list of recommended candidates. The Lord Chancellor, in consultation with the Foreign Secretary, agreed with the recommendation and decided to put forward the list.	French language assessment carried out by an external provider.	The process is overseen and administered by the JAC, an independent organisation that selects candidates for judicial office in England and Wales. Before interviews, the JAC secretariat conducted a non-statutory consultation on applicants with the Lord Chief Justice of

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							England and Wales, the Lord President of the Court of the Session and the Lady Chief Justice of Northern Ireland to ascertain suitability.