

Mandate of the Department for the Execution of Judgments of the European Court of Human Rights

The Department assists the Committee of Ministers in its supervision of the execution by member States of the European Court's judgments and decisions rendered against them. It is responsible for providing independent expert and legal advice to the Committee of Ministers for the prioritisation of its supervision action according to the Committee's working methods and for its assessment of the measures taken and/or envisaged by states to implement the judgments of the European Court and in the identification of the responses to be given, under the form of analysis of States' action plans/action reports and proposals for action (proposals of classification/changes of classification of cases under the twin-track procedure; analysis of the States' action plans/reports; proposals of cases for the draft orders of business of the Committee's Human Rights meetings; draft decisions/interim resolutions/final resolutions/monitoring of payment of just satisfaction). The Department provides support to the Committee in its on-going reflections on further enhancing the efficiency of its supervision as well as in strengthening its institutional dialogue with the Court.

The Department furthermore supports member States in their efforts to achieve full, efficient and rapid implementation of the judgments and decisions to which they are parties through a co-operative and inclusive bilateral dialogue aimed at identifying the individual and general measures required. Upon request by member States, it offers targeted technical and legal advice to facilitate their efforts in this respect. The Department ensures transparency and visibility of the supervision process and promotes synergies with other relevant sectors of the Organisation, its monitoring and advisory bodies, to ensure that issues relating to the execution of judgments are taken into account in cooperation programmes and activities. The Department promotes and facilitates exchanges of good practices and expertise among member states.

To achieve the aims above the Department further engages in interaction with the civil society, NGOs and national human rights institutions as well as develops synergies with other international organisations.