



Denmark

Ratified the European Convention on Human Rights in 1953

National Judge: Jon Fridrik KJØLBRO

[Judges' CVs](#) are available on the ECHR Internet site

Previous Judges: Alf Niels Christian ROSS (1959-1971), Helga PEDERSEN (1971-1980), Max SØRENSEN (1980-1981), Jørgen GERSING (1982-1988), Isi FOIGHEL (1989-1998), Peer LORENZEN (1998-2014)

The Court dealt with 48 applications concerning Denmark in 2015, which were declared inadmissible or struck out. It delivered no judgment.

Applications processed in	2013	2014	2015
Applications allocated to a judicial formation	84	66	45
Communicated to the Government	6	5	0
Applications decided:	88	62	48
- Declared inadmissible or struck out (Single Judge)	86	59	41
- Declared inadmissible or struck out (Committee)	2	0	7
- Declared inadmissible or struck out (Chamber)	0	1	0
- Decided by judgment	0	2	0
Interim measures:	10	31	6
- Granted	1	9	0
- Refused (including out of scope)	9	22	6

For information about the Court's judicial formations and procedure, see the [ECHR internet site](#)

Applications pending before the court on 01/01/2016	
Total pending Applications*	45
Applications pending before a judicial formation:	30
Single Judge	2
Committee (3 Judges)	1
Chamber (7 Judges)	26
Grand Chamber (17 Judges)	1

*including applications for which completed application forms have not yet been received

Denmark and ...

Its contribution to the Court's budget

For 2016 the Court's budget amounts to approximately 71 million euros. That budget is financed by contributions from the 47 member States of the Council of Europe in accordance with scales based on population and GDP; the 2016 contribution of Denmark to the Council of Europe's (EUR 326 million) budget is **EUR 4,469,988**.

The Registry

The task of the Registry is to provide legal and administrative support to the Court in the exercise of its judicial functions. It is composed of lawyers, administrative and technical staff and translators. There are currently **679** Registry staff members of whom **1** is Danish.

Noteworthy cases, judgments delivered

Grand Chamber

[Sorensen & Rasmussen v. Denmark](#)

11.01.2006

Concerned the applicants' complaint about closed-shop agreements in Denmark.

Violation of Article 11 (freedom of association)

Freedom of expression cases (Article 10)

[Pedersen and Baadsgaard v. Denmark](#)

17.12.2004

Conviction for defamation of the applicants, journalists, for programmes concerning the police's handling of a murder case.

No violation of Article 6 (right to a fair trial within a reasonable time)

No violation of Article 10

[Jersild v. Denmark](#)

23.09.1994

Conviction of a journalist for aiding and abetting the dissemination of racist remarks through an interview on national television of the "Green jackets" (an extremist youth group).

Violation of Article 10

Chamber

Cases dealing with Article 6

Right to a fair trial

[Hauschildt v. Denmark](#)

24.05.1989

Concerned the impartiality of tribunals which had convicted the applicant, where certain of the judges involved had also made pre-trial decisions ordering his detention on remand (Administration of Justice Act was subsequently amended).

Violation of Article 6

Right to a fair hearing/trial within a reasonable time

Length of civil proceedings cases:

[Valentin v. Denmark](#)

26.03.2009

Violation of Articles 6 (right to a fair trial within a reasonable time) and 13 (right to an effective remedy) and Article 1 of Protocol No. 1 (protection of property)

[Christensen v. Denmark](#)

22.01.2009

Violation of Articles 6 and 13

[Iversen v. Denmark](#)

28.09.2006

Violation of Article 6 §1

[Kurt Nielsen v. Denmark](#)

15.02.2000

Violation of Article 6 § 1

Length of criminal proceedings in "tax asset stripping" cases ("*selskabstmmersager*"):

[Hasslund v. Denmark](#)

11.12.2008

[Moesgaard Petersen v. Denmark](#)

11.12.2008

Violations of Article 6 § 1 (right to fair trial within a reasonable time)

Cases concerning private and family life (Article 8)

[Osman v. Denmark](#)

14.06.2011

The case concerned the refusal to renew the Danish residence permit of a Somali girl, who had grown up with her family in Denmark, after she spent more than two years, allegedly against her will, living in Kenya. The right to family reunification for young people of her age (15-17) in Denmark was abolished while she was away.

Violation of Article 8

[Amrollahi v. Denmark](#)

11.07.2002

Impossibility for an Iranian citizen, convicted in Denmark of drugs offences and ordered to be expelled with a life-long ban on his return, to continue his family life with his Danish wife and child outside Denmark.

Violation of Article 8 if the decision to expel the applicant to Iran were to be implemented

Other noteworthy cases, judgments delivered

[T.N. v. Denmark, T.N. and S.N. v. Denmark, S.S. and Others v. Denmark, P.K. v. Denmark and N.S. v. Denmark](#)

20.01.2010

The five cases concerned applications from nine Tamils claiming they risked persecution and ill-treatment by the authorities &/or the "Tamil Tigers" if deported from Denmark to Sri Lanka.

No violation of Article 3 (prohibition of inhuman or degrading treatment) if orders to deport the applicants to Sri Lanka were to be implemented.

[Custers, Deveaux and Turk v. Denmark](#)

03.05.2007

Members of Greenpeace complained about their conviction by the Danish courts of trespassing for taking part in a campaign in 2001 near the American "Thule Air Base" in North-West Greenland (an act which they alleged, at the time it had been committed, had not amounted to a criminal offence under Danish law).

No violation of Article 7 (no punishment without law)

[Vasileva v. Denmark](#)

25.09.2003

Concerned the detention in police custody overnight of the applicant, a 67 year old woman in poor health, after she had had a dispute with a ticket collector on public transport and refused to disclose her identity.

Violation of Article 5 § 1 (right to liberty and security)

[A and Others v. Denmark](#)

(no. 20826/92)

08.02.1996

Length of compensation proceedings concerning haemophiliacs infected with HIV following blood transfusions.

Violation of Article 6 (right to a fair hearing within a reasonable time)

Noteworthy pending cases

Biao v. Denmark (no. 38590/10)

Case [referred](#) to the Grand Chamber on 8 September 2014

Grand Chamber [hearing](#) on 1 April 2015

The case concerns the Danish authorities' refusal to grant family reunion to a Danish citizen of Togolese origin and his Ghanaian wife.

Mr and Ms Biao complain that the decision of August 2004 refusing to grant Ms Biao a residence permit in Denmark for family reunion breached their rights under Article 8 (right to respect for private and family life) of the Convention. The applicants also rely on Article 14 (prohibition of discrimination) in conjunction with Article 8 of the Convention, alleging that an amendment to the Aliens Act in December 2003 – notably the attachment requirement was lifted for those who had held Danish citizenship for at least 28 years – resulted in a difference in treatment between those born Danish nationals and those, like Mr Biao, who had acquired Danish citizenship later in life.

In its Chamber [judgment](#) of 25 March 2014 the Court held, unanimously, that there had been no violation of Article 8 and, by four votes to three, that there had been no violation Article 14 in conjunction with Article 8.