



Selected statistical data of the decision-making activity of the Constitutional Court: years 2018 and 2019

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The Constitutional Court of the Slovak regularly monitors selected statistical data related to its decision-making activities including the total number of submissions per period (motions and complaints), decided and pending cases.

Statistical data 2018 and 2019 are as follows:

I. January 1st - December 31st 2018:

1. total number of submissions	2568
2. decided cases	2810
3. pending cases	
• as of 31 st December 2017	995
• as of 31 st December 2018	753

II. January 1st - December 31st 2019

1. total number of submissions	2373
• until the end of the 3 rd term of office of the Constitutional Court <i>(Judges: 13 of 13)</i>	305
• from the end of the 3 rd term until 16 th April <i>(Judges: 4 of 13)</i>	389
• from 17 th April until 10 th October <i>(Judges: 7 of 13)</i>	1074
• from 10 th October until 31 st December <i>(Judges: 13 of 13)</i>	605
2. decided cases	1581
• until the end of the 3 rd term of office of the Constitutional Court <i>(Judges: 13 of 13)</i>	366
• from the end of the 3 rd term until 16 th April <i>(Judges: 4 of 13)</i>	118
• from 17 th April until 10 th October <i>(Judges: 7 of 13)</i>	552

- from 10th October until 31st December 545
(Judges: 13 of 13)

3. pending cases

- as of 31st December 2018 753
- **as of 31st December 2019** **1490**

Of the given number of pending cases as of 31st December 2019, the Plenum of the Constitutional Court had the competence to decide in 39.

After comparing the statistical data on the years 2018 and 2019 it can be stated that the number of submission decreased by almost 200 in 2019, the number of decided cases decreased by more than 1 200 and the number of pending cases almost doubled (2018 - 753, 2019 - 1490).

These data are related to the incompleteness of the Plenum after the end of the third term of office of the Constitutional Court (end of term of office of 9 judges) and in the so-called interim period (17th February to 16th April 2019), only 4 judges carried out their office. After the appointment of new judges including the President and Vice-President (17th April to 10th October 2020), the Plenum consisted of only 7 judges. The Plenum of the Constitutional Court was completed on 10th October 2019, which means the Constitutional Court carried out its activities with an incomplete Plenum for almost eight months.

The Constitutional Court regularly publishes statistical overviews of decisions in which it has decided on violation of the applicants' fundamental right to trial without undue delay pursuant to Art. 48(2) of the Constitution of the Slovak Republic ("Constitution") and the right to trial within reasonable time pursuant to Art. 6 (1) of the European Convention on Human Rights ("Convention"); overviews of decisions in which it has decided on violation of the applicants' right to judicial and other legal protection under Art. 46(1) of the Constitution and the right to a fair trial pursuant to Art. 6(1) of the Convention; and overviews of decisions in which it has decided on violation of the right to personal liberty under Art. 17 of the Constitution and the right to freedom and security pursuant to Art. 5 of the Convention.

In 2018, the Constitutional Court found a violation of the applicants' rights in **400 findings**, in **263 of which** it granted the applicants financial redress amounting to a total of **623 700 Euros**:

- the Constitutional Court found a violation of the right to trial without undue delays according to Art. 48(2) of the Constitution and the right to trial within reasonable time pursuant to Art. 6 (1) of the Convention in **268 cases**, **in 255 of which** it awarded the applicants financial redress amounting to a total of **617 700 Euros**;
- the Constitutional Court found a violation of the right to judicial and other legal protection under Art. 46(1) of the Constitution and the right to a fair trial pursuant to Art. 6(1) of the Convention in **117 cases**, in **2 of which** it awarded the applicants financial redress amounting to a total of **1 500 Euros**;

- the Constitutional Court found a violation of the right to personal liberty under Art. 17 of the Constitution and the right to freedom and security pursuant to Art. 5 of the Convention **in 15 cases, in 6 of which** it awarded the applicants financial redress amounting to a total of **4 500 Euros**.

In **2019**, the Constitutional Court found a violation of the applicants' rights in **185¹ findings**, in **118 of which** it granted the applicants financial redress amounting to a total of **274 000 Euros**:

- the Constitutional Court found a violation of the right to trial without undue delays according to Art. 48(2) of the Constitution and the right to trial within reasonable time pursuant to Art. 6 (1) of the Convention in **120 cases, in 114 of which** it awarded the applicants financial redress amounting to a total of **271 000 Euros**;
- the Constitutional Court found a violation of the right to judicial and other legal protection under Art. 46(1) of the Constitution and the right to a fair trial pursuant to Art. 6(1) of the Convention in **61 cases, in 2 of which** it awarded the applicants financial redress amounting to a total of **2 000 Euros**;
- the Constitutional Court found a violation of the right to personal liberty under Art. 17 of the Constitution and the right to freedom and security pursuant to Art. 5 of the Convention **in 5 cases, in 2 of which** it awarded the applicants financial redress amounting to a total of **1 000 Euros**.

¹ The Constitutional Court found a violation of Art. 48(2) and Art. 46 (1) of the Constitution in one case.