



Selected statistical data of the decision-making activity of the Constitutional Court: years 2019 and 2020

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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 2019 and 2020 are as follows:

2019 (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 (Judges: 13 of 13)	305
• from the end of the 3 rd term until 16 th April (Judges: 4 of 13)	389
• from 17 th April until 10 th October (Judges: 7 of 13)	1074
• from 10 th October until 31 st December (Judges: 13 of 13)	605
2. decided cases	1581
• until the end of the 3 rd term of office of the Constitutional Court (Judges: 13 of 13)	366
• from the end of the 3 rd term until 16 th April (Judges: 4 of 13)	118
• from 17 th April until 10 th October (Judges: 7 of 13)	552
• from 10 th October until 31 st December (Judges: 13 of 13)	545
3. pending cases	
• as of 31 st 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.

2020 (January 1st - December 31st 2020)

1. total number of submissions	2963
• from 1 st January until 31 st May <i>(Judges: 13 of 13)</i>	1187
• from 1 st June until 29 th September <i>(Judges: 12 of 13)</i>	1053
• from 30 th September until 31 st December <i>(Judges: 13 of 13)</i>	723
2. decided cases	2857
• from 1 st January until 31 st May <i>(Judges: 13 of 13)</i>	1168
• from 1 st June until 29 th September <i>(Judges: 12 of 13)</i>	955
• from 30 th September until 31 st December <i>(Judges: 13 of 13)</i>	734
3. pending cases	1596

Of the given number of pending cases as of 31st December 2020, the Plenum of the Constitutional Court had the competence to decide in 30.

After comparing the statistical data on the years 2019 and 2020 it can be stated that the **number of submission increased by almost 600 in 2020.**

Despite a significant increase of submissions and a four-month period (June - September 2020), during which the Plenum of the Constitutional Court was incomplete due to the resignation of a judge, the number of decided cases increased significantly - **the number of decided cases in 2020 increased by 1276 compared to 2019 .**

The number of decided cases in the competence of the Plenum of the Constitutional Court increased in 2020 by 9 compared to 2019.

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 **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**.

In **2020**, the Constitutional Court found a violation of the applicants' rights in **449² findings**, in **303 of which** it granted the applicants financial redress amounting to a total of **875 700 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 **312 cases, in 295 of which** it awarded the applicants financial redress amounting to a total of **867 300 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 **137 cases, in 3 of which** it awarded the applicants financial redress amounting to a total of **3 500 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 **6 cases, in 5 of which** it awarded the applicants financial redress amounting to a total of **4 900 Euros**.

It follows that of decided cases in 2020, the Constitutional Court found a violation of the applicants' rights in 449 cases, which increased the number of decisions by 264 compared to 2019. The applicants were awarded financial redress of 601,700 Euros more than last year.

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

² The Constitutional Court found a violation of Art. 48(2) and Art. 46 (1) of the Constitution in 6 cases; violation of Art. 17 and Art. 46 (1) of the Constitution in 2 cases; violation of other rights in 2 cases.