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IMPACT OF THE EUROPEAN CONVENTION ON HUMAN RIGHTS WEBSITE

www.coe.int/ECHR

This website illustrates how the human rights convention protects the rights of over 700 million Europeans. Using a wide range of examples, it shows how judgments from the European Court of Human Rights, and their implementation by national authorities, have changed the lives of people across the continent.

The website presents around 200 case studies together with dozens of explanatory videos, animations and testimonies from applicants.

The site is aimed at citizens, teachers, students, journalists, human rights defenders and public officials – in fact, anyone interested in the European Convention on Human Rights and its positive impact.

► Features dozens of video explainers, animations and testimony from applicants.



HUMAN RIGHTS EDUCATION FOR LEGAL PROFESSIONALS (HELP) ONLINE COURSES

<https://help.elearning.ext.coe.int/>

HELP is an educational platform primarily intended for legal professionals (judges, lawyers, prosecutors and other law professionals) and university students, but also open to anyone.

The online courses are interactive, visual and practical. They cover various human rights-related topics, reflecting the different areas of the Council of Europe's work.

The courses are of the highest quality as they have been developed together with top Council of Europe experts, including lawyers from the European Court of Human Rights. Partners including the EU Fundamental Rights Agency, the European Judicial Training Network and the Council of Bars and Law Societies of Europe (CCBE) also contribute their expertise.

- ▶ Online courses, free and open to anyone who creates an account, developed in English and translated into other languages, with more than 135 000 active users. Once a course has been completed, it is possible to print out a statement of accomplishment.



ECHR HUDOC DATABASE

<https://hudoc.echr.coe.int>

The HUDOC database provides access to the case-law of the Court (including Grand Chamber, Chamber and Committee judgments and decisions, communicated cases, advisory opinions and legal summaries), the European Commission of Human Rights (decisions and reports) and the Council of Europe's Committee of Ministers (resolutions).

- ▶ Updated continuously, interface in 8 languages, keyword and advanced search options, links to translations where available.



ECHR KNOWLEDGE SHARING PLATFORM (ECHR-KS)

<https://ks.echr.coe.int/>

This platform presents the latest analysis of case-law developments in a thematic manner, based on the articles of the European Convention on Human Rights and transversal themes. It is a comprehensive and up-to-date source of information.

- ▶ Available in English and French, updated weekly, navigation by topic and article.

ECHR ADMISSIBILITY GUIDE

<https://go.coe.int/mRfId>

This guide describes the conditions of admissibility which an application to the Court must meet. Practitioners and prospective applicants should study the guide carefully before deciding whether to bring a case.

- Regularly updated, available in numerous languages.



ECHR THEMATIC FACTSHEETS

<https://go.coe.int/nYw2V>

- 29 factsheets, organised by theme on the Court's case-law and pending cases
- A large number of translations in 15 languages



ECHR SELECTION OF KEY CASES

<https://go.coe.int/vRZKv>

Official selection of judgments, decisions and advisory opinions (around 30 a year) which make a significant contribution to the development, clarification or modification of the Court's case-law.

- Published annually, contains hyperlinks to the related HUDOC database entry and, since 2016, to relevant legal summaries.



ECHR "COUNTRY PROFILES"

<https://go.coe.int/YWLyV>

Statistics and noteworthy past or pending cases in respect of each of the 46 Council of Europe member states plus Russia.



HUDOC-EXEC DATABASE

<https://hudoc.exec.coe.int>

This search engine improves the visibility and transparency of the execution of judgments of the European Court of Human Rights. It provides access to information and documentation on all cases pending before the Committee of Ministers, as well as cases closed by a final resolution, via a single unified interface.

- Searches can be made using a multitude of search criteria such as State, date, status of execution, violation, theme, etc.



THE EUROPEAN CONVENTION ON HUMAN RIGHTS – PRINCIPLES AND LAW (2022)

<https://go.coe.int/VNDxS>

ISBN 978-92-871-9190-8, 408 pages, 49 €

An indispensable guide for university students, government officials and legal practitioners alike

The European Convention on Human Rights – Principles and law is the essential handbook for university students, government officials, lawyers and human rights advocates seeking a comprehensive and concise account of the case-law generated under the European Convention on Human Rights.

- Written by experts on the Convention (Authors: C. Buckley, K. Kamber; P. McCormick, D. J. Harris)
- Cites nearly 1 500 cases, providing links to each entry in the HUDOC database; identifies key challenges and current legal developments; provides suggestions for further reading



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