



Court elects two new Vice-Presidents of the Court and two new Section Presidents

The European Court of Human Rights has today elected two new Vice-Presidents of the Court – Judges **Georges Ravarani** (Luxembourg) and **Marko Bošnjak** (Slovenia). They will take up their duties on 1 November 2022.

The Court has also today elected two new Section Presidents – Judges **Pere Pastor Vilanova** (Andorra) and **Arnfinn Bårdsen** (Norway). They will also take up their duties on 1 November 2022.

[Judges' CVs](#)

Georges Ravarani

Born on 1 May 1954, in Luxembourg, Grand Duchy of Luxembourg
Master's degree in law, Grenoble University, France, 1977
Trainee lawyer, 1978-1980
Judge of the Luxembourg District Court, 1981-1992
Member of the Editorial Board of the quarterly law review *Pasicrisie luxembourgeoise*, since 1982
Founding member of the Luxembourg Human Rights Institute, Secretary of this foundation, 1982-2012
Lawyer, 1992-1996
President of the Luxembourg First Instance Administrative Court, 1997-2007
Member of the Grand Ducal Institute, since 2002
Guest lecturer (2006-2014), honorary lecturer (since 2015), Luxembourg University
President of the Association of the Councils of State and Supreme Administrative Jurisdictions of the European Union (ACA-Europe), 2008-2010
Vice-President of the Luxembourg Constitutional Court, 2008-2015
President of the Luxembourg Supreme Administrative Court, 2008-2015
Doctor of law, Luxembourg University, 2011
Judge of the European Court of Human Rights since 1 November 2015
President of Section since 13 September 2021.

Marko Bošnjak

Born on 12 March 1974 in Ljubljana, Slovenia
Graduated in Law, University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Law, 1996
Research assistant (1996-2002), research fellow (2002-2006), senior research fellow (2006-2008), at the Institute of Criminology, University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Law
Judicial traineeship at the Court of Appeal in Ljubljana, 1998-2000
Masters' degree, University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Law, 1999
State Judicial Exam, 2001
Ph.D. in Law, University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Law, 2002
Independent advisor (2002-2006), superior advisor (2006-2008) Constitutional Court of Slovenia
Assistant Professor for criminal law and criminology, University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Law, 2005-2015
Lecturer, Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Ljubljana, 2006-2012

Expert Member of the Council for Criminal Law, Ministry of Justice of Slovenia, 2008-2011
 Attorney specialised in criminal law, 2009-2016
 Associate Professor of criminal law, Head of the Criminal Law Department, European Law Faculty in Nova Gorica, Slovenia, since 2012
 Judge of the European Court of Human Rights since 30 May 2016
 Vice-President of Section from 15 May 2019 to 17 May 2021
 President of Section since 1 January 2022.

Pere Pastor Vilanova

Born on 29 November 1968, in Andorra la Vella, Principality of Andorra
 Master's Degree in Political Science, Toulouse Institute of Political Science, France, 1987-1990
 Master's Degree in Finance and Business Economics, Montpellier Business School, France, 1990-1992
 Master's Degree in Public Administration, National School of Administration, Paris, 1992-1994
 Technical Director of the Interior Ministry, Andorra, 1995-1998
 Judge of First Instance in charge of Administrative and Civil Litigation, Andorra, 1998-2011
 PhD Public Law, University of Toulouse 1, 1999-2002
 Member of the Bioethics Committee of the Council of Europe (DH-BIO), 2005-2015
 Lecturer at the University of Andorra and the University Toulouse 1, since 2005
 Judge of the Supreme Court of Andorra, 2011-2015
 Judge of the European Court of Human Rights since 1 November 2015.

Arnfinn Bårdsen

Born on 11 June 1966 in Stavanger, Norway
 Cand. jur., Faculty of Law, University of Bergen, 1992
 Assistant professor, associate professor and post-doc fellow, University of Bergen, 1992-2003
 Assistant Judge, Jæren District Court, 1994-1995
 Dr. jur., Faculty of Law, University of Bergen, 1999
 Judge, judge president/head of department and acting chief president at Gulating Court of Appeal, 2003-2008
 Justice at the Norwegian Supreme Court, 2008-2018
 Editor-in-chief, Norwegian Law Commentary, since 2010
 Judge of the European Court of Human Rights since 1 January 2019.

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