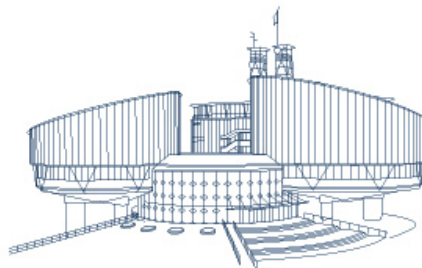


## PRESS RELEASE

### THE COURT ELECTS TWO SECTION PRESIDENTS

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The European Court of Human Rights has today elected two Section Presidents, Judges [Frédéric Krenc](#) (Belgium) and [Mykola Gnatovskyy](#) (Ukraine).

Today the European Court of Human Rights held elections to replace two Section Presidents, namely Judges [Lado Chanturia](#) (Georgia) and [Ioannis Ktistakis](#) (Greece), who had reached the end of their two-year mandate as Section Presidents.

The plenary of the European Court elected [Frédéric Krenc](#) (Belgium) and [Mykola Gnatovskyy](#) (Ukraine).

The Court is led by its President, [Mattias Guyomar](#) (France), and is organised into five Sections, each headed by a Section President, two of whom also serve as Vice-Presidents of the Court. For the composition of the Court, please see [here](#).

Section Presidents are members of the Court's Bureau, which assists the President in carrying out his or her function in directing the work and administration of the Court (Rule 9A of the Court's [Rules of Court](#)).

Judges Krenc and Gnatovskyy will take up their duties on 1 November 2026 for a two-year term.

[Judges' CVs](#)

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