

EUROPEAN COURT OF HUMAN RIGHTS
COUR EUROPÉENNE DES DROITS DE L'HOMME

FIRST SECTION

DECISION

Application no. 466/21
Attila BENKÓ
against Hungary
and 9 other applications
(see appended table)

The European Court of Human Rights (First Section), sitting on 9 December 2021 as a Committee composed of:

Erik Wennerström, *President,*
Lorraine Schembri Orland,
Ioannis Ktistakis, *judges,*

and Attila Teplán, *Acting Deputy Section Registrar,*

Having regard to the above applications lodged on the various dates indicated in the appended table,

Having regard to the formal declarations accepting a friendly settlement of the cases,

Having deliberated, decides as follows:

FACTS AND PROCEDURE

The list of applicants and their representatives is set out in the appended table.

The applicants' complaints under Article 6 § 1 of the Convention concerning the excessive length of criminal proceedings were communicated to the Hungarian Government ("the Government"). In some of the applications, complaints based on the same facts were also communicated under other provisions of the Convention.

The Court received the friendly-settlement declarations, signed by the parties, under which the applicants agreed to waive any further claims against Hungary in respect of the facts giving rise to these applications, subject to an undertaking by the Government to pay them the amounts detailed in the appended table. These amounts will be converted into the currency of the respondent State at the rate applicable on the date of payment, and will be payable within three months from the date of notification of the Court's

decision. In the event of failure to pay these amounts within the above-mentioned three-month period, the Government undertake to pay simple interest on them, from the expiry of that period until settlement, at a rate equal to the marginal lending rate of the European Central Bank during the default period plus three percentage points.

The payment will constitute the final resolution of the cases.

THE LAW

Having regard to the similar subject matter of the applications, the Court finds it appropriate to examine them jointly in a single decision.

The Court takes note of the friendly settlement reached between the parties. It is satisfied that the settlement is based on respect for human rights as defined in the Convention and the Protocols thereto and finds no reasons to justify a continued examination of the applications.

In view of the above, it is appropriate to strike the cases out of the list.

For these reasons, the Court, unanimously,

Decides to join the applications;

Decides to strike the applications out of its list of cases in accordance with Article 39 of the Convention.

Done in English and notified in writing on 13 January 2022.

Attila Teplán Acting Deputy Registrar	Erik Wennerström President

APPENDIX

List of applications raising complaints under Article 6 § 1 of the Convention (excessive length of criminal proceedings)

No.	Application no. Date of introduction	Applicant's name Year of birth	Representative's name and location	Other complaints under well-established case-law	Date of receipt of Government's declaration	Date of receipt of Applicant's declaration	Amount awarded for pecuniary and non-pecuniary damage and costs and expenses per applicant (in euros)[1]
1.	466/21 25/11/2020	**Attila BENKÓ** 1971	Magyar György Csaba Gyula		16/09/2021	02/08/2021	6,500
2.	9301/21 25/01/2021	**Dominika BALOGH** 1977	Kiss Dominika Szilvia Budapest	Art. 13 - lack of any effective remedy in domestic law in respect of excessive length of criminal proceedings	16/09/2021	25/06/2021	7,300
3.	17307/21 19/03/2021	**Géza Ferenc DREXLER** 1976	Bihari István Budapest		07/09/2021	13/09/2021	7,300
4.	17312/21 19/03/2021	**Tamás MAHLER** 1970	Bihari István Budapest		07/09/2021	15/09/2021	7,300
5.	17316/21 19/03/2021	**Nikola Gabriella MAHLERNÉ JANKOVICS** 1976	Bihari István Budapest		29/09/2021	14/09/2021	7,300
6.	17330/21 17/03/2021	**József András ERDEI** 1978	Tímár Mátyás Nagykőrös		25/10/2021	30/08/2021	3,300
7.	17837/21 26/03/2021	**Csaba VASAS** 1973	Fekete S. Tamás Budapest		26/10/2021	25/10/2021	7,800
8.	21288/21 13/04/2021	**Maximilian SHEFFIELD** 1983	Kiss Dániel Bálint Budapest	Art. 13 - lack of any effective remedy in domestic law in respect of excessive length of criminal proceedings	14/10/2021	12/07/2021	5,200
9.	22938/21 08/04/2021	**Krisztina Terézia FODOR** 1975	Timár Mátyás Sándor Nagykőrös		25/10/2021	17/09/2021	3,900
10.	26829/21 07/05/2021	**István GUTTYÁN** 1979	Visontai Csongor Budapest		12/10/2021	02/09/2021	5,200

[1] Plus any tax that may be chargeable to the applicants.