

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

SECOND SECTION

DECISION

Application no. 2366/25
Imréné BERNÁTH and Others against Hungary
and 4 other applications
(see appended table)

The European Court of Human Rights (Second Section), sitting on 9 April 2026 as a Committee composed of:

Stéphane Pisani*, President*,
Juha Lavapuro,
Hugh Mercer*, judges*,

and Attila Teplán, *Acting Deputy Section Registrar,*

Having regard to the above applications against Hungary lodged with the Court under Article 34 of the Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms ("the Convention") on the various dates indicated in the appended table,

Having regard to the declarations submitted by the respondent Government requesting the Court to strike the applications out of the list of cases, and the applicants' replies to these declarations,

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 civil proceedings were communicated to the Hungarian Government ("the Government").

After unsuccessful friendly-settlement negotiations, the Government submitted declarations with a view to resolving the issues raised by these complaints. They further requested the Court to strike out the applications.

The Government acknowledged the excessive length of civil proceedings. They offered to pay the applicants the amounts detailed in the appended table and invited the Court to strike the applications out of the list of cases in accordance with Article 37 § 1 (c) of the Convention. The amounts would be

converted into the currency of the respondent State at the rate applicable on the date of payment, and would 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 undertook 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 applicants informed the Court that they agreed to the terms of the declarations.

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 finds that, following the applicants' express agreement to the terms of the declaration made by the Government, the cases should be treated as a friendly settlement between the parties.

It therefore 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 the 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 May 2026.

Attila Teplán Acting Deputy Registrar	Stéphane Pisani President

APPENDIX

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

No.	Application no. Date of introduction	Applicant's name Year of birth	Representative's name and location	Date of receipt of Government's declaration	Date of receipt of applicant's acceptance	Amount awarded for pecuniary and non-pecuniary damage and costs and expenses per applicant (in euros)[1]
1.	2366/25 17/12/2024 (22 applicants)	**Imréné BERNÁTH** 1947 **Vilmosné BIHARI** 1948 **Ferencné BUDAI** 1938 **Lászlóné CSALÁDI** 1964 **Noémi Mariann ESKULICS** 1967 **Szilvia FARKASNÉ PRESZTER** 1979 **Nándor FORSTNER** 1950 **Sándor GULYÁS** 1952 **Zsanett HORVÁTH** 1988 **Gábor KISS** 1962 **Tibor KISS** 1962 **Beatrix KÖRMENDI** 1980 **Istvánné KOZMA** 1955	Váczi Péter Győr	16/02/2026	26/02/2026	200

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		Tamás LÓDERER 1952 **István MÁNDICS** 1951 **Jánosné MARKÓ** 1938 **Antal Andrásné MOLNÁR** 1964 **János NEMES** 1978 **József NYIKOS** 1949 **Tibor László RIBB** 1967 **Ferencné SIPOS** 1950 **Istvánné SZABÓ** 1943				
2.	6456/25 21/02/2025	**István STUMPF** 1950	Váczi Péter Győr	17/02/2026	19/02/2026	200
3.	9458/25 13/03/2025 (10 applicants)	**Sándor Lajos KERTÉSZ** 1945 **Sándor BALLA** 1948 **Ferenc BARABÁS** 1948 **Miklós BOGNÁR** 1954 **Sándor CSIZMADIA** 1944 **Győző IMRE** 1963	Váczi Péter Győr	09/12/2025	26/02/2026	200

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		László JAKAB 1948 **Zsolt KOVÁCS** 1970 **Gábor RUFF** 1954 **Jánosné TETZL** 1948				
4.	12619/25 16/04/2025	**János KAISER** 1959	Váczi Péter Győr	16/02/2026	26/02/2026	200
5.	12620/25 16/04/2025 (7 applicants)	**Mária SZÉP** 1957 **Lajos BALLA** 1951 **Jenő Lajos BERTALAN** 1950 **Ferencné BÍRÓ** 1951 **Árpád BOGNÁR** 1964 **Zsigmond NAGY** 1955 **Zoltán OTT** 1975	Váczi Péter Győr	08/12/2025	26/02/2026	200

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