

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

FOURTH SECTION

DECISION

Application no. 32486/22
Ioan-Sorin BUJOREAN against Romania
and 19 other applications
(see appended table)

The European Court of Human Rights (Fourth Section), sitting on 26 March 2026 as a Committee composed of:

Anne Louise Bormann*, President*,
Sebastian Răduleţu,
András Jakab*, judges*,

and Viktoriya Maradudina, *Acting Deputy Section Registrar,*

Having regard to the above applications against Romania 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 observations submitted by the respondent Government and the observations in reply submitted by the applicant,

Having deliberated, decides as follows:

FACTS AND PROCEDURE

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

The applicants' complaints under Article 3 of the Convention concerning the inadequate conditions of detention were communicated to the Romanian Government ("the Government").

THE LAW

A. Joinder of the applications

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

B. Complaints under Article 3 of the Convention (inadequate conditions of detention)

Having examined all the material before it, the Court considers that for the reasons stated below, the present applications are inadmissible.

The applicants complained principally of the inadequate conditions of their detention. They relied on Article 3 of the Convention.

The Government argued that the applicants had failed to exhaust the available effective remedies for their complaints about the inadequate conditions of their detention, as the complaint with the judge responsible for supervising the deprivation of liberty (*plângerea în fața judecătorului de supraveghere a privării de libertate*), provided for by Article 56 of Law no. 254/2013, had become an effective remedy for grievances similar to those of the applicants.

The Court recalls that in *Văscăuțanu v. Romania* (dec.), no. 10120/23, §§ 47–59, 18 November 2025, it held that the remedy, which consists of lodging a complaint with the judge responsible for supervising the deprivation of liberty (*plângerea în fața judecătorului de supraveghere a privării de libertate*), provided for by Article 56 of no. 254/2013, constituted, as of 6 April 2023, an effective remedy enabling individuals who allege that they are being held in inadequate conditions of detention to put an end to their situation that they denounced as being contrary to Article 3 of the Convention.

In light of all the material in its possession, the Court observes that the applicants, who allege that they are being held in inadequate conditions of detention, did not indicate that they pursued the available remedy before the domestic courts (see *Văscăuțanu*, cited above, § 65). Therefore, their applications must be dismissed for failure to exhaust domestic remedies.

The Government also invoked other grounds of inadmissibility to argue that the present applications must be rejected.

Since it has already upheld the Government's objection on the non-exhaustion of domestic remedies, the Court does not consider it necessary to examine further the other arguments raised by the Government.

In view of the above, the Court finds that the applicants' complaints concerning the periods set out in the appended table must be rejected for failure to exhaust the domestic remedy laid down in Article 56 of Law no. 254/2013, in accordance with Article 35 §§ 1 and 4 of the Convention.

For these reasons, the Court, unanimously,

Decides to join the applications;

Declares the applications inadmissible.

Done in English and notified in writing on 16 April 2026.

Viktoriya Maradudina Acting Deputy Registrar	Anne Louise Bormann President

APPENDIX

List of applications raising complaints under Article 3 of the Convention (inadequate conditions of detention)

No.	Application no. Date of introduction	Applicant's name Year of birth	Facility Start and end date Duration
1.	32486/22 31/10/2022	**Ioan-Sorin BUJOREAN** 1977	Botoşani, Iaşi, Arad, Oradea, Timişoara and Găeşti Prisons 23/07/2015 pending More than 10 year(s) and 6 month(s) and 28 day(s)
2.	33750/22 14/09/2022	**Cătălin-Nicolae CERBU** 1980	Baia Mare County Police Station, Gherla and Oradea Prisons 10/03/2021 pending More than 4 year(s) and 11 month(s) and 10 day(s)
3.	33939/22 07/09/2022	**Alexandru-Radu-Cristian MECLEŞ** 1997	Gherla and Oradea Prisons 26/06/2017 pending More than 8 year(s) and 7 month(s) and 25 day(s)
4.	34736/22 08/08/2022	**Adrian-Ionuţ VĂDUVA** 1988	Giurgiu and Jilava Prisons 24/12/2019 pending More than 6 year(s) and 1 month(s) and 27 day(s)
5.	35966/22 23/08/2022	**Robert SCHIFIRNEŢ** 1979	Arad, Codlea, Miercurea-Ciuc and Jilava Prisons 28/05/2003 pending More than 22 year(s) and 8 month(s) and 23 day(s)
6.	37264/22 30/08/2022	**Alexandru-Cătălin MOISE** 1993	Teleorman County Police Station, Giurgiu and Jilava Prisons 07/04/2018 pending More than 7 year(s) and 10 month(s) and 13 day(s)

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7.	37269/22 22/08/2022	**Virgil DOBRE** 1979	Craiova, Târgu Jiu and Pelendava Prisons 19/12/2019 pending More than 6 year(s) and 2 month(s) and 1 day(s)
8.	37285/22 29/08/2022	**Cornel BURCIU** 1984	Rahova and Craiova Prisons 11/12/2020 pending More than 5 year(s) and 2 month(s) and 9 day(s)
9.	38149/22 18/07/2022	**Titi Viorel POPA** 1983	Giurgiu and Mărgineni Prisons 01/12/2019 pending More than 6 year(s) and 2 month(s) and 19 day(s)
10.	38329/22 09/11/2022	**Irina-Ana PUȘCAȘ** 1987	Gherla Prison 08/10/2018 pending More than 7 year(s) and 4 month(s) and 12 day(s)
11.	38342/22 29/08/2022	**Gheorghe MARIAN** 1971	Poarta Albă, Jilava, Rahova, Focșani, Galați, Colibași, Slobozia, Tulcea, Iași, Arad Prisons; Buzău Arrest Center, Jilava, Rahova and Poarta Albă Prison Hospitals 22/01/2021 pending More than 5 year(s) and 29 day(s)
12.	38620/22 05/12/2022	**Ionuţ LINGURAR-PINTI** 1983	Arad, Aiud, Giurgiu, Mărgineni, Codlea, Miercurea Ciuc and Timișoara Prisons 01/01/2012 pending More than 14 year(s) and 1 month(s) and 19 day(s)
13.	38924/22 22/09/2022	**Gheorghe CHISĂLĂU** 1950	Bacău, Aiud, Botoșani and Vaslui Prisons 28/02/2022 pending More than 3 year(s) and 11 month(s) and 23 day(s)
14.	39529/22 12/09/2022	**Gheorghe-Daniel NEAGOE** 1985	Craiova and Aiud Prisons 13/08/2018 pending More than 7 year(s) and 6 month(s) and 7 day(s)

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15.	40659/22 06/12/2022	**Ovidiu NUNUCĂ** 1981	Iasi, Bacau and Botosani Prisons; Dej Prison Hospital 26/02/2018 pending More than 7 year(s) and 11 month(s) and 25 day(s)
16.	40744/22 01/10/2022	**Nicolae ADUMITROAIE** 1978	Arad and Iași Police Stations; Arad, Timișoara, Jilava, Rahova, Iași, Galați, Codlea, Bacău, Giurgiu, Focșani, Craiova, Slobozia, Botoșani; Mioveni Prison Hospital 11/11/1999 pending More than 26 year(s) and 3 month(s) and 9 day(s)
17.	40884/22 28/10/2022	**Gabriel-Antoniu BAKAI** 1976	Aiud Prison 01/01/2020 pending More than 6 year(s) and 1 month(s) and 19 day(s)
18.	48289/22 27/09/2022	**Mihai CÎMPINA** 1977	Poarta Albă, Tulcea, Deva and Jilava Prisons 28/09/2020 pending More than 5 year(s) and 4 month(s) and 23 day(s)
19.	48866/22 23/02/2023	**Ioan-Sorin OCNEAN** 1995	Gherla, Aiud and Deva Prisons 28/03/2020 pending More than 5 year(s) and 10 month(s) and 23 day(s)
20.	51864/22 26/04/2023	**Andrei-Cosmin ENE** 1993	Craiova and Pelendava Prisons 14/11/2019 pending More than 6 year(s) and 3 month(s) and 6 day(s)