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

FOURTH SECTION

DECISION

Application no. 10197/22
Marin BUZATU against Romania
and 9 other applications
(see appended table)

The European Court of Human Rights (Fourth Section), sitting on 18 December 2025 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 lodged on the various dates indicated in the appended table,

Having deliberated, decides as follows:

FACTS AND PROCEDURE

The list of the applicants and the relevant details are set out in the appendix.

The applicants' complaints under Article 3 of the Convention concerning the inadequate conditions of detention and the lack of any effective remedy in domestic law, were communicated to the Romanian Government, who submitted observations on the admissibility and merits. The observations were forwarded to the applicants, who were invited to submit their own observations (see the appended table for the relevant dates). No reply was received by the Court.

By letters sent by registered post, the applicants were notified that the time allowed for the submission of their observations had expired (see the appended table for the relevant dates). The applicants' attention was further drawn to Article 37 § 1 (a) of the Convention, which provides that the Court may strike an application out of its list of cases where the circumstances lead to the conclusion that the applicant does not intend to pursue the application.

No reply to these letters has been received by the Court. The registered letters were received by the applicants or the applicants' relatives (see details in the appended table).

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.

In the light of the foregoing, and in the absence of any special circumstances regarding respect for the rights guaranteed by the Convention and the Protocols thereto, the Court, in accordance with Article 37 § 1 (a) of the Convention, considers that it is no longer justified to continue the examination of the applications.

Accordingly, the cases should be struck 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.

Done in English and notified in writing on 29 January 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	Date of the applicant's last letter to the Court	Date of sending Government's observations to the applicant	Time-limit for submission of the response by the applicant	Date of the Court's registered letter	Date of receipt of the registered letter
1.	10197/22 15/03/2022	**Marin BUZATU** 1970	20/04/2022	31/03/2025	12/05/2025	25/07/2025	08/08/2025 Signed for receipt by the Pelendava prison's authorities
2.	11372/22 18/03/2022	**Fănel-Pantelie SAFTA** 1978	25/11/2024	31/03/2025	12/05/2025	25/07/2025	14/08/2025 Signed for receipt by the Craiova prison's authorities
3.	11378/22 07/06/2022	**Ionuț-Neculai GUZU** 1992	01/07/2022	31/03/2025	12/05/2025	25/07/2025	08/08/2025 Signed for receipt by the applicant
4.	11393/22 28/03/2022	**Ciprian-Ionuț CIOBANU** 1979	02/05/2022	31/03/2025	12/05/2025	25/07/2025	07/08/2025 Signed for receipt by the applicant
5.	13062/22 30/03/2022	**Petru SZŐCSI** 1967	23/05/2022	31/03/2025	12/05/2025	25/07/2025	08/08/2025 Illegible signature

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6.	13300/22 12/07/2022	**Florin HELMEGEANU** 1981	19/07/2022	31/03/2025	12/05/2025	25/07/2025	07/08/2025 Signed for receipt by the applicant
7.	16826/22 10/05/2022	**Mihai VARGA** 1974	27/06/2022	31/03/2025	12/05/2025	25/07/2025	07/08/2025 Signed for receipt by a relative of the applicant
8.	19908/22 23/05/2022	**Florin-Dumitru NIȚĂ** 1991	18/02/2025	31/03/2025	12/05/2025	25/07/2025	08/08/2025 Signed for receipt by the Vaslui prison's authorities
9.	25834/22 06/07/2022	**Valentin MURGULEȚ** 1988	15/07/2022	31/03/2025	12/05/2025	25/07/2025	12/08/2025 Signed for receipt by a relative of the applicant
10.	32214/22 26/07/2022	**Petre IȘTOC** 1962	21/10/2024	31/03/2025	12/05/2025	25/07/2025	14/08/2025 Illegible signature