

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

FOURTH SECTION

DECISION

Application no. 41170/16
Florian-Valentin GRIGORE against Romania
and 22 other applications
(see appended table)

The European Court of Human Rights (Fourth Section), sitting on 21 May 2026 as a Committee composed of:

Anne Louise Bormann*, President*,
András Jakab,
Corinna Wissels*, 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) during periods indicated in the appended table

Having examined all the material before it, the Court considers that for the reasons stated below, the present complaints raised under Article 3 of the Convention about the applicants' detention in allegedly inadequate conditions during the periods indicated in the appended table are inadmissible.

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 Law 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 complaints in that regard must be dismissed for failure to exhaust domestic remedies.

The Government also invoked other grounds of inadmissibility to argue that the present complaints 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 any 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.

## C. Remaining complaints

The applicant in application no. 47626/16 also raised other complaints under Article 3 of the Convention, in relation to previous periods of detention.

The Court has examined the application and considers that, in the light of all the material in its possession and in so far as the matters complained of are within its competence, these complaints either do not meet the admissibility criteria set out in Articles 34 and 35 of the Convention or do not disclose any appearance of a violation of the rights and freedoms enshrined in the Convention or the Protocols thereto.

It follows that this part of the application must be rejected in accordance with Article 35 § 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 11 June 2026.

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| Viktoriya Maradudina<br>Acting Deputy Registrar | Anne Louise Bormann<br>President |

# APPENDIX

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

| No. | Application no.<br>Date of introduction | Applicant's name<br>Year of birth | Representative's name and location | Facility<br>Start and end date<br>Duration |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | 41170/16<br>12/08/2016 | **Florian-Valentin GRIGORE**<br>1985 | | Mărgineni and Rahova Prisons<br>23/12/2019<br>pending<br>More than 6 year(s) and 1 month(s) and 20 day(s) |
| 2. | 47626/16<br>19/09/2016 | **Nicuşor-Gabriel CODREANU**<br>1988 | Codreanu Gheorghina<br>Braila | Focşani, Galaţi, Brăila, and Tulcea Prisons<br>23/12/2019<br>pending<br>More than 6 year(s) and 1 month(s) and 20 day(s) |
| 3. | 67391/16<br>28/12/2016 | **Danilă AKNAI**<br>1963 | | Cluj-Napoca County Police Station; Jilava Prison Hospital; Gherla, Rahova and Aiud Prisons<br>27/06/2011 to<br>23/07/2012<br>1 year(s) and 27 day(s)<br><br>Aiud Prison<br>23/12/2019<br>pending<br>More than 6 year(s) and 1 month(s) and 20 day(s) |
| 4. | 9822/20<br>11/03/2020 | **Sali APTULA**<br>1961 | | Poarta Albă, Tulcea, Slobozia and Mioveni (Colibaşi) Prisons<br>08/07/2008<br>pending<br>More than 17 year(s) and 7 month(s) and 4 day(s) |

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| 5. | 10783/20<br>07/04/2020 | **Ion-Valentin COMĂNESCU**<br>1980 | | Dolj County Police Station; Craiova, Gherla, Mărgineni and Giurgiu Prisons<br>01/09/2017<br>pending<br>More than 8 year(s) and 5 month(s) and 11 day(s) |
| 6. | 15724/20<br>04/05/2020 | **Emil COŞTEAN**<br>1990 | | Arad Prison<br>23/12/2019<br>pending<br>More than 6 year(s) and 1 month(s) and 20 day(s) |
| 7. | 50938/20<br>15/03/2021 | **Cristian PAUL**<br>1981 | | Bacău, Rahova, Giurgiu, Iaşi, Poarta Albă, Arad and Vaslui Prisons; Jilava Prison Hospital<br>16/03/2010<br>pending<br>More than 15 year(s) and 10 month(s) and 27 day(s) |
| 8. | 52977/20<br>11/01/2021 | **Cristian-Florentin HENDRE**<br>1976 | | Gherla and Oradea Prisons<br>12/06/2020<br>pending<br>More than 5 year(s) and 8 month(s) |
| 9. | 13130/21<br>31/05/2021 | **Vasile PARASCHIV**<br>1980 | | Focşani, Poarta Albă and Slobozia Prisons<br>23/12/2019<br>pending<br>More than 6 year(s) and 1 month(s) and 20 day(s) |
| 10. | 13167/21<br>30/03/2021 | **Gheorghe-Roman COPIL**<br>1970 | | Timişoara, Arad and Deva Prisons<br>28/10/2018<br>pending<br>More than 7 year(s) and 3 month(s) and 15 day(s) |
| 11. | 13789/21<br>20/04/2021 | **Cristian-Mihai CARDOŞ**<br>1998 | | Baia Mare County Police Station; Gherla and Oradea Prisons<br>08/03/2020<br>pending<br>More than 5 year(s) and 11 month(s) and 4 day(s) |

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| 12. | 41368/21<br>24/09/2021 | **Florin-Marcel CSIKI**<br>1991 | | Arad County Police Station and Arad Prison<br>17/07/2015<br>pending<br>More than 10 year(s) and 6 month(s) and 27 day(s) |
| 13. | 44930/21<br>25/09/2021 | **Cornel GROȘANU**<br>1960 | | Bucharest - Rahova, Ploiești, Giurgiu and Bucharest - Jilava Prisons; Bucharest - Jilava Prison Hospital<br>23/12/2019<br>pending<br>More than 6 year(s) and 1 month(s) and 21 day(s) |
| 14. | 45603/21<br>08/10/2021 | **Valentin-Claudiu COAJE**<br>1992 | | Bucharest - Jilava, Găești and Giurgiu Prisons<br>23/12/2019<br>pending<br>More than 6 year(s) and 1 month(s) and 21 day(s) |
| 15. | 45830/21<br>02/09/2021 | **Ștefan ROMAN**<br>1979 | | Oradea Prison<br>05/03/2018<br>pending<br>More than 7 year(s) and 11 month(s) and 8 day(s) |
| 16. | 46895/21<br>07/10/2021 | **Flaviu-Mihai CONTRAȘ**<br>1990 | | Oradea Prison<br>07/01/2020<br>pending<br>More than 6 year(s) and 1 month(s) and 6 day(s) |
| 17. | 50740/21<br>15/11/2021 | **Marian BOTEZATU**<br>1982 | | Gherla and Galați Prisons<br>24/12/2019<br>pending<br>More than 6 year(s) and 1 month(s) and 20 day(s) |
| 18. | 51314/21<br>09/11/2021 | **Cătălin-Eugen MICU**<br>1973 | | Giurgiu and Gherla Prisons<br>29/07/2017<br>pending<br>More than 8 year(s) and 6 month(s) and 15 day(s) |

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| 19. | 57371/21<br>21/12/2021 | **Florin-Adrian STOICA**<br>1994 | | Codlea, Miercurea Ciuc and Aiud Prisons<br>21/01/2018<br>pending<br>More than 8 year(s) and 23 day(s) |
| 20. | 57990/21<br>05/04/2022 | **Gerard-Alexandru AVRAMESCU**<br>1968 | | Focșani, Drobeta-Turnu-Severin, Târgu-Jiu Prisons<br>01/01/2020<br>pending<br>More than 6 year(s) and 1 month(s) and 12 day(s) |
| 21. | 7107/22<br>21/02/2022 | **Viorel PAHONIE**<br>1975 | | Drobeta Turnu Severin and Craiova Prisons<br>19/12/2019<br>pending<br>More than 4 year(s) and 2 month(s) and 25 day(s) |
| 22. | 39428/22<br>05/08/2022 | **Florin BOCA**<br>1987 | | Craiova, Arad, Giurgiu and Colibași Prisons<br>10/12/2008<br>pending<br>More than 17 year(s) and 2 month(s) and 10 day(s) |
| 23. | 39446/22<br>21/09/2022 | **Traian PUȘCAȘ**<br>1985 | | Gherla Prison<br>08/10/2018<br>pending<br>More than 7 year(s) and 4 month(s) and 12 day(s) |