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

FOURTH SECTION

DECISION

Application no. 43481/18
Hermann METZKER against Romania
and 8 other applications
(see appended table)

The European Court of Human Rights (Fourth Section), sitting on 27 February 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 is set out in the appendix.

The applicants' complaints under Article 3 of the Convention concerning the inadequate conditions of detention 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 either were received by the applicants or were returned to the Court (see details in the appended table). There are no previous letters from the applicants informing the Court about a change of address.

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, the Court concludes that the applicants may be regarded as no longer wishing to pursue the applications (Article 37 § 1 (a) of the Convention). Furthermore, in accordance with Article 37 § 1 *in fine*, the Court finds no special circumstances regarding respect for human rights as defined in the Convention and the Protocols thereto which require 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.

Done in English and notified in writing on 20 March 2025.

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 response by the applicant	Date of the Court's registered letter	Date of receipt/return of the registered letter
1.	43481/18 06/09/2018	**Hermann METZKER** 1962	03/12/2018	17/05/2024	28/06/2024	25/09/2024	16/10/2024 Letter returned to the sender as the addressee "moved"
2.	7032/20 28/05/2020	**Petrică MILITARU** 1979	27/11/2023	17/05/2024	28/06/2024	25/09/2024	02/10/2024 Illegible signature
3.	7185/20 24/02/2020	**Marius BADEA** 1984	21/06/2021	26/03/2024 07/06/2024	07/05/2024 19/07/2024	11/09/2024	22/10/2024 Letter returned to the sender as "unclaimed"
4.	37832/20 16/02/2021	**Bogdan-Iulian ŞTIRBU** 1994	26/07/2021	26/03/2024	07/05/.2024	12/06/2024	27/06/2024 Illegible signature
5.	4413/21 11/02/2021	**Ion CORNEA** 1978	15/04/2021	24/10/2023	21/11/2023	26/07/2024	Handed over on 07/08/2024 (according to information on the website of the Romanian Post)
6.	12419/21 23/03/2021	**Mircea Alexandru POPA** 1989	27/04/2021	26/09/2023	24/10/2023	25/07/2024	02/08/2024 Illegible signature
7.	30246/21 08/06/2021	**Attila KEDVES** 1972	27/07/2021	02/10/2023	30/10/2023	25/07/2024	Handed over on 14/08/2024 (according to information on the website of the Romanian Post)

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8.	42444/21 09/02/2022	**Adrian-Marian CALISTRU** 1999	30/03/2022	26/09/2023	24/10/2023	25/07/2024	30/08/2024 Letter returned to the sender as "unclaimed"
9.	60386/21 02/03/2022	**Hariton-Valentin MUTU** 1993	31/05/2022	26/09/2023	24/10/2023	25/07/2024	02/08/2024 Letter returned to the sender as the addressee "moved"