

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

FOURTH SECTION

DECISION

Application no. 52700/20
Gabriel MIHALCEA against Romania
and 21 other applications
(see appended table)

The European Court of Human Rights (Fourth Section), sitting on 9 April 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 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 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 to the Registry's letter.

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) and that no extension of time had been requested. The applicants' attention was 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 either received by the applicants or the applicants' relatives or by the prison's authorities (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 13 May 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	Representative's name and location	Date of the applicant's last letter to the Court	Date of sending Government's observations to the applicant	Date of 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.	52700/20 11/01/2021	**Gabriel MIHALCEA** 1997		19/03/2024	05/09/2024	17/10/2024	12/08/2025	Returned as "recipient moved from address" on 03/10/2025
2.	26677/21 06/07/2021	**Florea ALESU** 1966		06/07/2021	28/08/2024	09/10/2024	24/10/2024	31/10/2024
3.	29404/21 11/08/2021	**Dănuţ-Ionuţ FERARU** 1992		03/11/2021	18/03/2025	29/04/2025	29/07/2025	21/08/2025
4.	30033/21 13/07/2021	**Paul POPA** 1983		13/07/2021	28/08/2024	09/10/2024	24/10/2024	31/10/2024
5.	37966/21 09/09/2021	**Bogdan CONSTANTIN** 1988		13/10/2021	28/08/2024	09/10/2024	24/10/2024	04/11/2024
6.	44479/21 27/08/2021	**Victor-Liviu BARDAI** 1990		23/12/2021	28/08/2024	09/10/2024	24/10/2024	01/11/2024
7.	50308/21 10/11/2021	**Costel GEANTÎC** 1968		25/07/2024	28/08/2024	09/10/2024	24/10/2024	04/11/2024
8.	60384/21 17/01/2022	**Adrian BERCA** 1975		17/01/2022	28/08/2024	09/10/2024	24/10/2024	31/10/2024

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9.	12728/22 30/08/2022	**Marius MUSTAŢĂ** 1987		30/08/2022	26/02/2025	09/04/2025	25/06/2025	Returned as "recipient moved from address" on 06/08/2025
10.	18134/22 08/08/2022	**Ionuţ PAŢACHIA** 1985		02/12/2024	25/04/2025	06/06/2025	29/07/2025	11/08/2025
11.	18958/22 06/06/2022	**Vasile CRINU** 1990		06/06/2022	28/01/2025	11/03/2025	01/07/2025	14/07/2025
12.	20176/22 24/05/2022	**Claudiu POSPAI** 1990		27/06/2022	28/01/2025	11/03/2025	06/05/2025	Returned as "recipient moved from address" on 12/06/2025
13.	20253/22 24/05/2022	**Constantin Florin ONESCU** 1994		13/07/2022	28/01/2025	11/03/2025	06/05/2025	27/05/2025
14.	20260/22 14/05/2022	**Gheorghe GANEA** 1980		14/05/2022	25/04/2025	06/06/2025	29/07/2025	Returned as "recipient moved from address" on 04/09/2025
15.	21469/22 30/05/2022	**Nicolae-Vivi ANGHEL** 1980		30/05/2022	28/01/2025	11/03/2025	06/05/2025	27/05/2025
16.	21599/22 06/07/2022	**Alexandru CĂULEA** 1993		07/12/2022	28/01/2025	11/03/2025	01/07/2025	11/07/2025
17.	21620/22 31/03/2022	**Pavel-Gabriel CONDURACHI** 1993	Condurachi Neculai-Cătălin Iasi	05/07/2022	28/01/2025	11/03/2025	06/05/2025	29/05/2025
18.	22560/22 03/06/2022	**Iosif BERKI** 1978		12/05/2023	25/04/2025	06/06/2025	29/07/2025	Returned as "recipient moved from address" on 15/09/2025

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19.	22980/22 31/05/2022	**Vasile ICHIM** 1966		21/11/2022	28/01/2025	11/03/2025	06/05/2025	Returned as "incomplete address" on 25/06/2025
20.	25417/22 13/05/2022	**Vasile TOMA** 1993		19/07/2022	28/01/2025	11/03/2025	06/05/2025	28/05/2025
21.	28676/22 18/08/2022	**George-Cristian DEDU** 1986		19/09/2022	25/04/2025	06/06/2025	29/07/2025	Returned as "recipient moved from address" on 04/09/2025
22.	29096/22 18/07/2022	**Valentin GHEORGHE** 1974		18/07/2022	26/02/2025	09/04/2025	28/04/2025	20/05/2025