

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

FOURTH SECTION

DECISION

Application no. 31471/13
Zsolt PETŐ against Hungary
and 5 other applications
(see appended table)

The European Court of Human Rights (Fourth Section), sitting on 15 June 2017 as a Committee composed of:

Vincent A. De Gaetano, *President,*
Georges Ravarani,
Marko Bošnjak, *judges,*

and Liv Tigerstedt, *Acting Deputy Section Registrar,*

Having regard to the above applications lodged on the various dates indicated in the appended table,

Having regard to the formal declarations accepting a friendly settlement of the cases,

Having deliberated, decides as follows:

FACTS AND PROCEDURE

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

The applicants' complaints under Article 6 § 1 of the Convention concerning the excessive length of civil proceedings were communicated to the Hungarian Government ("the Government"). In some of the applications, complaints based on the same facts were also communicated under other provisions of the Convention.

The Court received friendly-settlement declarations under which the applicants agreed to waive any further claims against Hungary in respect of the facts giving rise to these applications, subject to an undertaking by the Government to pay them the amounts detailed in the appended table. These amounts will be payable within three months from the date of notification of the Court's decision. In the event of failure to pay these amounts within the

above-mentioned three-month period, the Government undertake to pay simple interest on them, from the expiry of that period until settlement, at a rate equal to the marginal lending rate of the European Central Bank during the default period plus three percentage points.

The payment will constitute the final resolution of the cases.

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.

The Court takes note of the friendly settlement reached between the parties. It is satisfied that the settlement is based on respect for human rights as defined in the Convention and the Protocols thereto and finds no reasons to justify a 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 in accordance with Article 39 of the Convention.

Done in English and notified in writing on 6 July 2017.

Liv Tigerstedt	Vincent A. De Gaetano
Acting Deputy Registrar	President

APPENDIX

No.	Application no. Date of introduction	Applicant name Date of birth	Representative name and location	Other complaints under well-established case-law	Date of receipt of Government declaration	Date of receipt of Applicant's declaration	Amount awarded for pecuniary and non-pecuniary damage and costs and expenses per applicant/household (in euros)[i]
1.	31471/13 06/05/2013	**Zsolt Pető** 19/03/1980	Litresits András Budapest		15/05/2017	11/05/2017	2,000
2.	39209/13 03/06/2013	**ZODA-INKER Kft**	Ernszt János Budapest	Art. 13 - lack of any effective remedy in domestic law in respect of excessive length of civil proceedings -	18/04/2017	15/05/2017	5,000
3.	42474/13 13/06/2013	**Erzsébet Derflinger** 21/07/1956	Grád András Gusztáv Budapest		05/05/2017	13/02/2017	6,000
4.	43185/13 28/06/2013	**Gyula Szekér** 26/05/1960			05/05/2017	01/03/2017	2,000
5.	45126/13 10/07/2013	**Krisztina Kluge-Kövesi** 28/05/1969	Anda Péter Budapest	Art. 13 - lack of any effective remedy in domestic law in respect of excessive length of civil proceedings –	15/05/2017	07/03/2017	6,500
6.	54822/13 21/08/2013	**Éva Heródek** 02/03/1954	Czugler Péter Budapest		15/05/2017	15/02/2017	7,000

[i]. Plus any tax that may be chargeable to the applicants.