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

SECOND SECTION

DECISION

Application no. 20509/25
Norbert RÁCZ against Hungary
and 9 other applications
(see appended table)

The European Court of Human Rights (Second Section), sitting on 12 March 2026 as a Committee composed of:

Stéphane Pisani*, President*,
Juha Lavapuro,
Hugh Mercer*, judges*,

and Attila Teplán, *Acting Deputy Section Registrar,*

Having regard to the above applications against Hungary 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 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 criminal 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, signed by the parties, 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 converted into the currency of the respondent State at the rate applicable on the date of payment, and 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 2 April 2026.

Attila Teplán Acting Deputy Registrar	Stéphane Pisani President

APPENDIX

List of applications raising complaints under Article 6 § 1 of the Convention (excessive length of criminal proceedings)

No.	Application no. Date of introduction	Applicant's name Year of birth	Representative's name and location	Other complaints under well-established case-law	Date of receipt of Government's declaration	Date of receipt of Applicant's declaration	Amount awarded for pecuniary and non-pecuniary damage and costs and expenses per applicant (in euros)[1]
1.	20509/25 26/06/2025	**Norbert RÁCZ** 2001	Szabó Gábor Göd	Art. 13 - lack of any effective remedy in domestic law in respect of excessive length of criminal proceedings	03/02/2026	15/10/2025	3,300
2.	22248/25 11/07/2025	**Szabolcs PÁLDI** 1986	Szabó Gábor Göd	Art. 13 - lack of any effective remedy in domestic law in respect of excessive length of criminal proceedings	04/02/2026	16/01/2026	2,600
3.	23206/25 23/07/2025	**Norbert KOVÁCS** 1988	Kiss Dániel Bálint Budapest	Art. 13 - lack of any effective remedy in domestic law in respect of excessive length of criminal proceedings	09/02/2026	26/11/2025	1,700
4.	25233/25 04/08/2025	**Tamás PEREGI** 1982	Kiss Dániel Bálint Budapest	Art. 13 - lack of any effective remedy in domestic law in respect of excessive length of criminal proceedings	09/02/2026	01/12/2025	2,600
5.	25239/25 05/08/2025	**György MENDI** 2001	Kiss Dániel Bálint Budapest	Art. 13 - lack of any effective remedy in domestic law in respect of excessive length of criminal proceedings	04/02/2026	06/01/2026	3,300
6.	25420/25 08/08/2025	**Zoltán Béla MÉHI** 1989	Kiss Dalma Budapest		04/02/2026	22/01/2026	3,600

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7.	25428/25 12/08/2025	**Aladár VIDÁK** 1985	Csanádi Krisztián Szeged		04/02/2026	28/11/2025	2,300
8.	26330/25 12/08/2025	**Attila LAKATOS** 1966	Szabó Gábor Göd	Art. 13 - lack of any effective remedy in domestic law in respect of excessive length of criminal proceedings	04/02/2026	06/02/2026	2,600
9.	27813/25 30/08/2025	**Jenő RÁCZ-FODOR** 1954			04/02/2026	05/02/2026	6,800
10.	29099/25 10/09/2025	**Gusztáv RÉZMŰVES** 1967	Kiss Dániel Bálint Budapest	Art. 13 - lack of any effective remedy in domestic law in respect of excessive length of criminal proceedings	04/02/2026	15/01/2026	3,300

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