

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

FOURTH SECTION

DECISION

Application no. 33382/21
Ioan-Cristian SUCIU against Romania
and 19 other applications
(see appended table)

The European Court of Human Rights (Fourth Section), sitting on 26 March 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 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)

Having examined all the material before it, the Court considers that for the reasons stated below, the present applications are inadmissible.

The applicants complained principally of the inadequate conditions of their detention. They relied on Article 3 of the Convention.

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 applications must be dismissed for failure to exhaust domestic remedies.

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

For these reasons, the Court, unanimously,

Decides to join the applications;

Declares the applications inadmissible.

Done in English and notified in writing on 16 April 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	Facility Start and end date Duration
1.	33382/21 30/07/2021	**Ioan-Cristian SUCIU** 1984	Timiș County Police Station; Timișoara, Arad, Gherla and Aiud Prisons; Dej Prison Hospital 18/07/2016 pending More than 9 year(s) and 6 month(s) and 30 day(s)
2.	458/22 25/02/2022	**Marian-Gheorghiță AMARIEI** 1977	Miercurea-Ciuc, Aiud and Codlea Prisons 26/02/2021 pending More than 4 year(s) and 11 month(s) and 18 day(s)
3.	479/22 20/12/2021	**Bogdan ISTRATE** 1989	Mioveni Prison 29/09/2021 pending More than 4 year(s) and 4 month(s) and 15 day(s)
4.	783/22 14/03/2022	**Abdrabou Abdelnaser Ali MOHAMED** 1987	Târgoviște Police Station; Mărgineni and Giugiu Prisons 29/04/2019 pending More than 6 year(s) and 9 month(s) and 15 day(s)
5.	834/22 23/02/2022	**Lucian-Petrișor BADEA** 1987	Jilava, Poarta Albă, Mioveni, Drobeta-Turnu Severin, Timișoara and Giurgiu Prisons, Poarta Albă Prison Hospital 19/12/2019 pending More than 6 year(s) and 1 month(s) and 25 day(s)
6.	1081/22 15/02/2022	**Pavel TITTI** 1984	Arad, Oradea, Satu-Mare, Aiud, Jilava Prisons 13/03/2018 pending More than 7 year(s) and 11 month(s)

No.	Application no. Date of introduction	Applicant's name Year of birth	Facility Start and end date Duration
7.	4062/22 31/12/2021	**Petru NICĂI** 1981	Drobeta-Turnu Severin and Iaşi Prisons 13/02/2021 pending More than 5 year(s)
8.	4991/22 16/03/2022	**George BĂRBULESCU** 1986	Slobozia, Giurgiu, Tulcea Prisons; Jilava Prison Hospital 23/09/2018 pending More than 7 year(s) and 4 month(s) and 21 day(s)
9.	5654/22 04/02/2022	**Viorel-Gheorghe PÎRVULESCU** 1983	Poarta Albă and Slobozia Prisons 23/12/2019 pending More than 6 year(s) and 1 month(s) and 21 day(s)
10.	6776/22 03/05/2022	**Stefan HAMZA** 1985	Oradea, Satu Mare and Baia Mare Prisons 13/12/2018 pending More than 7 year(s) and 2 month(s)
11.	7114/22 08/03/2022	**Nicușor-Dumitru GEORGESCU** 1991	Giurgiu and Jilava Prisons 29/03/2012 pending More than 13 year(s) and 10 month(s) and 15 day(s)
12.	7536/22 05/07/2022	**Attila GYÖRFI** 1967	Satu Mare County Police Station, Oradea and Arad Prisons 30/11/2018 pending More than 7 year(s) and 2 month(s) and 14 day(s)
13.	7793/22 21/04/2022	**Anton GIURGIUCULESI** 1970	Aiud Prison 22/01/2021 pending More than 5 year(s) and 22 day(s)
14.	8611/22 18/03/2022	**Bobi MEREȘANU** 1991	Aiud and Codlea Prisons; Jilava Prison Hospital 16/12/2019 pending More than 6 year(s) and 2 month(s) and 1 day(s)

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15.	9184/22 25/07/2022	**Ovidiu RUSU** 1979	Botoşani, Iaşi, Craiova and Gherla Prisons 13/10/2011 pending More than 14 year(s) and 4 month(s) and 4 day(s)
16.	9262/22 10/03/2022	**Victor CĂLDĂRAR** 1989	Sibiu County Police Station; Aiud Prison 25/04/2012 to 23/07/2012 2 month(s) and 29 day(s) Giurgiu, Târgu Mureş and Deva Prisons 23/12/2019 pending More than 6 year(s) and 1 month(s) and 25 day(s)
17.	10966/22 15/03/2022	**Constantin CIUTĂ** 1972	Craiova, Giurgiu, Arad and Drobeta-Turnu Severin Prisons 19/12/2019 pending More than 6 year(s) and 1 month(s) and 29 day(s)
18.	11210/22 18/03/2022	**Marius-Daniel CAZACU** 1990	Rahova and Jilava Prisons 24/12/2019 pending More than 6 year(s) and 1 month(s) and 24 day(s)
19.	11297/22 27/04/2022	**Constantin BÎCĂ** 1958	Drobeta-Turnu Severin, Craiova Prisons 22/12/2019 pending More than 6 year(s) and 1 month(s) and 26 day(s)
20.	12303/22 10/06/2022	**Vasyl STOIKA** 1990	Oradea Prison 16/08/2021 pending More than 4 year(s) and 6 month(s) and 1 day(s)