

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

FOURTH SECTION

DECISION

Application no. 49346/21
Benone ZLATE against Romania
and 21 other applications
(see appended table)

The European Court of Human Rights (Fourth Section), sitting on 21 May 2026 as a Committee composed of:

Anne Louise Bormann*, President*,
András Jakab,
Corinna Wissels*, 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 11 June 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	Time-limit for submission of the response by the applicant	Date of the Court's registered letter	Date of receipt of the registered letter
1.	49346/21 28/10/2021	**Benone ZLATE** 1968	Vasilica Rusu Bogheștii de Sus	27/04/2022	26/03/2025	07/05/2025	13/11/2025	Received by the applicant on 03/12/2025
2.	21538/22 22/03/2023	**Valentin-Georgian ENCEA** 1994		04/05/2023	18/03/2025	29/04/2025	06/06/2025	Returned on 11/07/2025 by the Romanian post as the recipient had moved
3.	36040/22 25/11/2022	**Irinel-Marian BERBECE** 1981		08/01/2025	03/03/2025	14/04/2025	02/06/2025	Returned on 25/09/2025 by the Romanian post as recipient unknown
4.	36091/22 16/08/2022	**Marius-Andrei MACHEDON** 1991		25/03/2025	02/05/2025	13/06/2025	22/07/2025	Received by the applicant's father on 04/08/2025
5.	38614/22 04/10/2022	**Nicolae-Marcel DUMITRU** 1981		27/02/2024	02/05/2025	13/06/2025	22/07/2025	Received by the applicant on 05/08/2025
6.	39539/22 31/10/2022	**Sergiu-Aurelian TAMAŞ** 1988		06/11/2023	02/05/2025	13/06/2025	22/07/2025	Received on 04/08/2025, illegible signature
7.	40228/22 13/09/2022	**Dănuț HREȘCU** 1965		28/10/2022	02/05/2025	13/06/2025	22/07/2025	Returned on 06/10/2025 by the Romanian Post as the recipient had moved
8.	40431/22 12/08/2022	**Ioan GHERGHIN** 1974	Ionuț-Iulian Gherghin Daia Romana	29/11/2022	02/05/2025	13/06/2025	22/07/2025	Received on 05/08/2025, illegible signature

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9.	45101/22 04/11/2022	**Albert-Florian BALINT** 1987		09/11/2022	25/04/2025	06/06/2025	29/07/2025	Received by prison staff on 11/08/2025
10.	45122/22 12/10/2022	**Aurel SZABÓ** 1978		01/12/2022	18/03/2025	29/04/2025	06/06/2025	Received by prison staff on 20/06/2025
11.	46647/22 15/11/2022	**Sorin MAXIM** 1975		25/07/2024	02/05/2025	13/06/2025	22/07/2025	Received by prison staff on 06/08/2025
12.	46984/22 01/02/2023	**Dorian MARCOVICI** 1973		27/04/2023	18/06/2025	30/07/2025	19/12/2025	Received by the applicant on 31/12/2025
13.	48509/22 16/12/2022	**Săndel-Silviu MOCANU** 1980		03/01/2023	25/04/2025	06/06/2025	29/07/2025	Returned on 28/08/2025 by the Romanian post as recipient unknown
14.	48781/22 11/11/2022	**Timotei IONILĂ** 1996		21/11/2022	25/04/2025	06/06/2025	29/07/2025	Returned on 28/08/2025 by the Romanian post as the recipient had moved
15.	49075/22 07/10/2022	**Romeo BARBU** 1987		17/11/2022	18/06/2025	30/07/2025	19/12/2025	Returned on 29/01/2026 by the Romanian Post as the recipient had moved
16.	49130/22 07/11/2022	**Adrian-Vasile DEZMIREAN** 1982		13/12/2022	18/03/2025	29/04/2025	06/06/2025	Received by prisons staff on 23/06/2025
17.	49335/22 15/11/2022	**Ionel CIOCÎRLAN** 1980		03/11/2023	02/05/2025	13/06/2025	22/07/2025	Received by prison staff on 11/08/2025
18.	52162/22 07/12/2022	**Ioan AVRAM** 1975		31/01/2023	18/06/2025	30/07/2025	19/12/2025	Received by prison staff on 14/01/2026 and forwarded to the prison where the applicant had been transferred

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19.	52563/22 14/12/2022	**Aurel-Alexandru COŞERGAR** 1983		20/02/2023	02/05/2025	13/06/2025	22/07/2025	Returned on 15/09/2025 by the Romanian Post as unclaimed
20.	52592/22 12/12/2022	**Vasia-Nelu BERESCU** 1991		02/01/2023	18/03/2025	29/04/2025	06/06/2025	Received by prison staff on 18/06/2025
21.	53253/22 26/01/2023	**Valentin RADU** 1996		01/02/2023	03/03/2025	14/04/2025	02/06/2025	Returned on 22/08/2025 by the Bucharest-Rahova Prison after unsuccessful attempt to forward the letter to the applicant's address after his release
22.	53272/22 13/12/2022	**Resan BOLKVADZE** 1985		14/03/2023	02/05/2025	13/06/2025	22/07/2025	Returned on 25/09/2025 by the Georgian post as unclaimed