



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

SECOND SECTION

CASE OF KISSNÉ FÖVENYI AND OTHERS v. HUNGARY

(Application no. 13854/25)

JUDGMENT

STRASBOURG

24 September 2026

This judgment is final but it may be subject to editorial revision.

In the case of Kissné Fövényi and Others v. Hungary,

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

Stéphane Pisani, *President*,

Juha Lavapuro,

Hugh Mercer, *judges*,

and Attila Teplán, *Acting Deputy Section Registrar*,

Having deliberated in private on 3 September 2026,

Delivers the following judgment, which was adopted on that date:

PROCEDURE

1. The case originated in an application against Hungary lodged with the Court under Article 34 of the Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms (“the Convention”) on 29 April 2025.

2. The applicants were represented by Mr P. Váczi, a lawyer practising in Győr.

3. The Hungarian Government (“the Government”) were given notice of the application.

THE FACTS

4. The list of applicants and the relevant details of the application are set out in the appended table.

5. The applicants complained of the excessive length of civil proceedings.

THE LAW

I. INADMISSIBLE COMPLAINTS

6. The Court notes that the applicants Józsefné Lőrincz and Gábor Szarka Kovács were not parties to the proceedings complained of. It follows that their complaints are incompatible *ratione personae* with the provisions of the Convention and must be rejected in application of Article 35 §§ 3 and 4 of the Convention.

II. ALLEGED VIOLATION OF ARTICLE 6 § 1 OF THE CONVENTION

7. The remaining applicants complained that the length of the civil proceedings in question had been incompatible with the “reasonable time” requirement. They relied on Article 6 § 1 of the Convention.

8. The Court reiterates that the reasonableness of the length of proceedings must be assessed in the light of the circumstances of the case and with reference to the following criteria: the complexity of the case, the

conduct of the applicants and the relevant authorities and what was at stake for the applicants in the dispute (see *Frydlender v. France* [GC], no. 30979/96, § 43, ECHR 2000-VII).

9. In the leading cases of *Gazsó v. Hungary*, no. 48322/12, 16 July 2015 and *Csatári and Others v. Hungary* [Committee], no. 18514/24, 20 May 2025, the Court already found a violation in respect of issues similar to those in the present case.

10. Having examined all the material submitted to it, the Court has not found any fact or argument capable of justifying the overall length of the proceedings at the national level. Having regard to its case-law on the subject, the Court considers that in the instant case the length of the proceedings was excessive and failed to meet the “reasonable time” requirement.

11. These complaints are therefore admissible and disclose a breach of Article 6 § 1 of the Convention.

III. APPLICATION OF ARTICLE 41 OF THE CONVENTION

12. Article 41 of the Convention provides:

“If the Court finds that there has been a violation of the Convention or the Protocols thereto, and if the internal law of the High Contracting Party concerned allows only partial reparation to be made, the Court shall, if necessary, afford just satisfaction to the injured party.”

13. Regard being had to the documents in its possession and to its case-law (see, in particular, *Csatári and Others*, cited above), the Court considers it reasonable to award the sums indicated in the appended table.

FOR THESE REASONS, THE COURT, UNANIMOUSLY,

1. *Declares* the complaints of Józsefné Lőrincz and Gábor Szarka Kovács inadmissible;
2. *Declares* the remainder of the application admissible;
3. *Holds* that this application discloses a breach of Article 6 § 1 of the Convention concerning the excessive length of civil proceedings;
4. *Holds*
 - (a) that the respondent State is to pay the applicants, within three months, the amount indicated in the appended table, to be converted into the currency of the respondent State at the rate applicable at the date of settlement;
 - (b) that from the expiry of the above-mentioned three months until settlement simple interest shall be payable on the above amount at a

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rate equal to the marginal lending rate of the European Central Bank during the default period plus three percentage points.

Done in English, and notified in writing on 24 September 2026, pursuant to Rule 77 §§ 2 and 3 of the Rules of Court.

Attila Teplán
Acting Deputy Registrar

Stéphane Pisani
President

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APPENDIX

Application raising complaints under Article 6 § 1 of the Convention
(excessive length of civil proceedings)

Application no. Date of introduction	Applicant's name Year of birth	Representative's name and location	Start of proceedings	End of proceedings	Total length Levels of jurisdiction	Amount awarded for pecuniary and non-pecuniary damage and costs and expenses per applicant (in euros) ¹
13854/25 29/04/2025 (76 applicants)	Zsuzsanna KISSNÉ FÖVENYI 1968 István ACSAI 1969 János ALANYI 1975 Sándorné ALFÖLDI 1961 László ASZTALOS 1945 Csaba BAKOS 1980 Ervinné BÁLINT 1954 Attila BALLA 1979 Gábor BALLA 1979 Józsefné BALOGH 1970 István BIERBAUER 1966	Váci Péter Győr	17/09/2014	pending	More than 10 year(s) and 10 month(s) and 9 day(s) 1 level(s) of jurisdiction	200

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

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	Sándorné BOGNÁR 1952 Norbertné BOGÓ 1973 Gézáné BORBÉLY 1947 János BUDAVÁRI 1966 Balázs EMMERLING 1984 Józsefné EMMERLING 1958 Tamás FARKAS 1987 János FEHÉR 1963 Anasztázia FERSCH 1986 Mihályné FODOR 1958 Géza FOGARASI 1976 Tamás FOGARASI 1973 Lászlóné FÜLEKI 1958 Viktor GYENEI 1986 Mihály HÁHN 1961 János HARTDÉGEN 1958 Ferenc HEITZMANN 1943					

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	Lászlóné HORNERGER 1949 Zsolt HORTOBÁGYI 1973 Lajosné HORVÁTH 1968 Tibor HORVÁTH 1986 Csilla HURINÉ CSÁSZÁR 1964 Lajos JAKAB 1976 Angéla KÁDÁRNÉ KISS 1982 Magdolna Erzsébet KÁDÁRNÉ KUZSEL 1953 István KASZÁS 1953 Lászlóné KATONA 1953 Sándor KATONA 1957 Dániel KOVÁCS 1985 József LÉGRÁDI 1961 Attila MEIDLINGER 1971 Sándor MEZŐ 1946 Mihály MIKLÓS 1980 Gyuláné NAGY 1956					

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	Lajos NAGY 1950 István OLÁH 1946 Zoltán OLÁH 1971 Gábor ÓSZ 1963 György PAPP 1951 István PAPP 1981 Zsolt PETTERMAN 1980 Lajosné ÓK 1941 Tamásné PÓK 1967 Irén PÖTÖR 1953 László PRIBÉK 1969 Ferenc PUSKÁS 1950 Katalin PUSKÁS 1976 István RADÓ 1954 János RÓTH 1965 Béla SCHEFFER 1960 Lászlóné SCHNEIDER 1940					

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	Sándor Lajos SIPOS 1963 József SZABÓ 1975 Nikolett SZABÓ 1986 Ferencné SZEKERES 1939 Tiborné SZENTMIKLÓSI 1980 Gézáné SZÚCS 1950 Gézáné TOMPAI 1944 László TÓTH 1963 Péter TRAMPÓ 1971 János UNFERDORBEN 1956 Jozsef VARGA 1970 Adél VINCZÉNÉ HORVÁTH 1967 János VÖRÖS 1968 Pálné ZÁTROCH 1951					