



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

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THIRD SECTION

Application no. 2899/26
Zorica MARJANOVIĆ SLAVKOVIĆ
against Serbia
lodged on 24 December 2025
communicated on 24 August 2026

SUBJECT MATTER OF THE CASE

The application concerns the reasonableness and duration of the applicant's pre-trial detention. By an order of the Novi Sad High Court of 23 November 2024, the applicant was placed in detention on remand. Her detention was subsequently extended on several occasions and remained in force until 17 June 2025, when it was replaced by house arrest. Between 20 December 2024 and 20 June 2025, the applicant lodged seven constitutional appeals with the Constitutional Court of Serbia challenging each of the detention orders. It appears that all those appeals are still pending before the Constitutional Court.

Relying on Article 5 § 1 (c), 5 § 3 and 5 § 4 of the Convention, the applicant complains that both the initial detention order and the subsequent decisions extending her detention were incompatible with the guarantees of that provision, in that they were repetitive in nature, relied on stereotyped reasoning and failed to provide sufficient and relevant reasons justifying her continued deprivation of liberty.

QUESTIONS TO THE PARTIES

1. In view of the fact that the applicant lodged her application with the Court before the Constitutional Court had ruled on her constitutional appeals, has she exhausted all effective domestic remedies, as required by Article 35 § 1 of the Convention (see *Radonjić and Romić v. Serbia*, no. 43674/16, §§ 82-102, 4 April 2023)?

2. Assuming that domestic remedies have been exhausted, was the applicant's pre-trial detention in compliance with the guarantees of Article 5 of the Convention? In particular, was the length of the applicant's pre-trial detention in breach of the "reasonable time" requirement of Article 5 § 3 of the Convention and/or the reasoning offered by the domestic courts therefore in breach of Article 5 § 3 of the Convention (see *Labita v. Italy* [GC], no. 26772/95, §§ 152-53, ECHR 2000-IV; *Stevan Petrović v. Serbia*, nos. 6097/16 and 28999/19, §§ 141-45, 20 April 2021; *Maassen v. the Netherlands*, no. 10982/15, § 57, 9 February 2021; and *Letellier v. France*, 26 June 1991, § 51, Series A no. 207)?