



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

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FIRST SECTION

Application no. 19205/25
Gino RENATO
against Italy
lodged on 22 July 2025
communicated on 16 September 2026

SUBJECT MATTER OF THE CASE

The application concerns the length of the civil proceedings to determine whether the applicant's state of health was compatible with detention.

On 14 June 2024 the applicant, a 78-year-old Italian citizen, lodged a request with the Reggio Emilia supervisory judge for his detention to be replaced with house arrest, claiming that his state of health was incompatible with detention.

On 8 April 2025 the Reggio Emilia supervisory judge rejected the request and referred the case to the Bologna Supervisory Court.

On 9 June 2025 the applicant submitted an urgent motion to the Bologna Supervisory Court requesting a hearing, claiming that his health conditions had deteriorated, as detailed in a medical report dated 4 June 2025.

After the lodging of the present application, on 18 September 2025 the Bologna Supervisory Court granted the applicant house arrest for humanitarian reasons, on the grounds of his advanced age and serious health conditions, as well as his lack of recent manifestations of dangerousness.

The applicant complains under Article 6 of the Convention about the length of the proceedings before the supervisory judiciary.

QUESTIONS TO THE PARTIES

1. Did the applicant exhaust all effective domestic remedies to complain of the length of the proceedings before the supervisory jurisdictions, as required by Article 35 § 1 of the Convention?

2. Having regard to the importance of what was at stake for the applicant in the litigation (see *Oršuš and Others v. Croatia* [GC], no. 15766/03, § 108, ECHR 2010, and *Lupeni Greek Catholic Parish and Others v. Romania* [GC], no. 76943/11, § 143, 29 November 2016; see also, *mutatis mutandis* regarding the effectiveness of remedies concerning conditions of detention, *Longin v. Croatia*, no. 49268/10, § 41, 6 November 2012 and *Fenech v. Malta*, no. 19090/20, § 42, 1 March 2022), did the length of the proceedings in this case violate the “reasonable time” guarantee contained within Article 6 § 1 of the Convention?