

## Statistics of judicial activity of the Court of Justice (2004)

**Caption:** Tables showing the general activity of the Court of Justice of the European Communities in 2004.

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**General activity of the Court of Justice**  
**Cases completed, new cases, cases pending (1999-2004)**

Cases completed, new cases, cases pending (1999-2004) (1)	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Cases completed	395	526	434	513	494	665
New cases	543	503	504	477	561	531
Cases pending	896	873	943	907	974	840

(1) The figures given (gross figures) represent the total number of cases, without account being taken of the joinder of cases on the grounds of similarity (one case number = one case).

### Nature of proceedings (1999-2004)

Nature of proceedings (1999-2004) (1) (2)	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
References for a preliminary ruling	192	268	182	241	233	262
Direct actions	141	180	179	215	193	299
Appeals	53	73	59	47	57	89
Appeals concerning interim measures and interventions	4	5	11	6	7	5
Opinions/Rulings				1	1	1
Special forms of procedure	5		2	3	4	9
Total	395	526	434	513	494	665

#### Completed cases.

(1) The figures given (gross figures) represent the total number of cases, without account being taken of the joinder of cases on the grounds of similarity (one case number = one case).

(2) The following are considered to be "special forms of procedure": taxation of costs (Article 74 of the Rules of Procedure); legal aid (Article 76 of the Rules of Procedure); application to set a judgment aside (Article 94 of the Rules of Procedure); third party proceedings (Article 97 of the Rules of Procedure); interpretation of a judgment (Article 102 of the Rules of Procedure); revision of a judgment (Article 98 of the Rules of Procedure); rectification of a judgment (Article 66 of the Rules of Procedure); attachment procedure (Protocol on Privileges and Immunities); cases concerning immunity (Protocol on Privileges and Immunities).

### Judgments, orders, opinions (2004)

Judgments, orders, opinions (2004) (1)	Judgments	Non-interlocutory orders (2)	Interlocutory orders (3)	Other orders (4)	Opinions	Total
References for a preliminary ruling	160	30		25		215
Direct actions	182	1	1	115		299
Appeals	33	34	1	6		74
Appeals concerning interim measures and interventions			5			5
Opinions/Rulings				1		1
Special forms of procedure		7		2		9
<b>Total</b>	<b>375</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>603</b>

#### Completed cases.

(1) The figures given (net figures) represent the number of cases, after joinder on the grounds of similarity (a set of joined cases = one case).

(2) Orders terminating proceedings by judicial determination (inadmissibility, manifest inadmissibility and so forth).

(3) Orders made following an application on the basis of Article 185 or 186 of the EC Treaty (now Articles 242 EC and 243 EC), Article 187 of the EC Treaty (now Article 244 EC) or the corresponding provisions of the EAEC and ECSC Treaties, or following an appeal against an order concerning interim measures or intervention.

(4) Orders terminating the case by removal from the register, declaration that there is no need to give a decision or referral to the Court of First Instance.

### Bench hearing actions (2004)

Bench hearing actions (2004) (1)	Judgments/Opinions	Orders (2)	Total
Full Court	21		21
Grand Chamber/Small Plenary	32	1	33
Chambers (5 judges)	257	18	275
Chambers (3 judges)	113	61	174
President		6	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>423</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>509</b>

Completed cases.

(1) The figures given (gross figures) represent the total number of cases, without account being taken of the joinder of cases on the grounds of similarity (one case number = one case).

(2) Orders terminating proceedings by judicial determination (other than those removing a case from the register, declaring that there is no need to give a decision or referring a case to the Court of First Instance).

### Subject-matter of the action (2004)

Subject-matter of the action (2004) (1)	Judgments/Opinions	Orders (2)	Total
Accession of new States		2	2
Agriculture	52	8	60
Approximation of laws	31	2	33
Area of freedom, security and justice		2	2
Association of the Overseas Countries and Territories		1	1
Brussels Convention	7		7
Commun Customs Tariff	3	1	4
Company law	14	2	16
Competition	22	7	29
Customs union	12		12
Economic and monetary policy	2		2
Energy	1		1
Environment and consumers	60	7	67
European citizenship	1		1
External relations	6	3	9
Fisheries policy	5	1	6
Free movement of capitals	4		4
Free movement of goods	17		17
Freedom of establishment	11	3	14
Freedom of movement for persons	15	2	17
Freedom to provide services	13	10	23
Industrial policy	11		11
Intellectual property	15	5	20
Law governing the institutions	9	4	13
Principles of Community law	3	1	4
Social policy	41	3	44
Social security for migrant workers	6		6
State aid	17	4	21
Taxation	26	2	28
Transport	11		11
EC Treaty	415	70	485
CS Treaty	1		1
EA Treaty	2		2
Privileges and immunities		1	1
Procedure		8	8
Staff Regulations	5	7	12
Others	5	16	21
<b>OVERALL TOTAL</b>	<b>423</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>509</b>

Completed cases.

(1) The figures given (gross figures) represent the total number of cases, without account being taken of the

joinder of cases on the grounds of similarity (one case number = one case).

(2) Orders terminating proceedings by judicial determination (other than those removing a case from the register, declaring that there is no need to give a decision or referring a case to the Court of First Instance).

### Proceedings for interim measures: outcome (2004)

Proceedings for interim measures: outcome (2004) (1)	Number of applications for interim measures	Number of appeals concerning interim measures and interventions	Outcome: Dismissed/Contested decision upheld	Outcome: Granted/Contested decision set aside
Accession of new States	1	1	2	
Approximation of laws		1	1	
Competition		1		1
Environment and consumers		2	2	
Transports	1			1
Total EC Treaty	2	5	5	2
EA Treaty				
Others				
<b>OVERALL TOTAL</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>

Completed cases.

(1) The figures given (net figures) represent the number of cases after joinder on the grounds of similarity (a set of joined cases = one case).



### Judgments concerning failure of a Member State to fulfil its obligations: outcome (2004)

Judgments concerning failure of a Member State to fulfil its obligations: outcome (2004) (1)	Infringement declared	Action dismissed	Total
Belgium	12		12
Czech Republic			
Denmark			
Germany	14	1	15
Estonia			
Greece	8	1	9
Spain	10	1	11
France	23	2	25
Ireland	6		6
Italy	16	1	17
Cyprus			
Latvia			
Lithuania			
Luxembourg	9	1	10
Hungary			
Malta			
Netherlands	7		7
Austria	15	1	16
Poland			
Portugal	6	1	7
Slovenia			
Slovakia			
Finland	4	1	5
Sweden	5	1	6
United Kingdom	9		9
Total	144	11	155

Completed cases.

(1) The figures given (net figures) represent the number of cases after joinder on the grounds of similarity (a set of joined cases = one case).

### Duration of proceedings (1999-2004)

Duration of proceedings (1999-2004) (1) (Decisions by way of judgments and orders) (2)	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
References for a preliminary ruling	21,2	21,6	22,7	24,1	25,5	23,5
Direct actions	23	23,9	23,1	24,3	24,7	20,2
Appeals	23	19	16,3	19,1	28,7	21,3

#### Completed cases.

(1) The following types of cases are excluded from the calculation of the duration of proceedings: cases involving an interlocutory judgment or a measure of inquiry; opinions and rulings on agreements; special forms of procedure (namely taxation of costs, legal aid, application to set a judgment aside, third party proceedings, interpretation of a judgment, revision of a judgment, rectification of a judgment, attachment procedure, cases concerning immunity); cases terminated by an order removing the case from the register, declaring that there is no need to give a decision or referring or transferring the case to the Court of First Instance; proceedings for interim measures and appeals concerning interim measures and interventions. The duration of proceedings is expressed in months and tenths of months.

(2) Other than orders terminating a case by removal from the register, declaration that there is no need to give a decision or referral to the Court of First Instance.