

Annual Rule of Law Report - Council of Europe contribution



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Directorate General Human Rights and Rule of Law (DG I)

Germany

I Justice System

CEPEJ

The European Commission for the Efficiency of Justice (CEPEJ) regularly collects data on judicial systems concerning efficiency and quality of the justice system. In the framework of the CEPEJ Study for the EU Justice Scoreboard, CEPEJ prepares Country profiles annually, including [Germany](#).

The 2024 data have been collected, quality checked and sent to DG-JUST in the framework of the 2026 EU Justice Scoreboard. The publication of the country profiles based on 2024 data will depend on final acceptance of the CEPEJ Study by DG-JUST. The CEPEJ Secretariat (christel.schurrer@coe.int) remains at the disposal of European Commission for any question related to these data.

EXECUTION OF JUDGMENTS OF THE EUROPEAN COURT OF HUMAN RIGHTS

Official statistics on the execution of judgments of the European Court of Human Rights are published in the Committee of Ministers [Annual reports on the execution](#) (next edition to be published in March 2026). The Department for the Execution of Judgments can be consulted for any question on statistics: DGI-Execution@coe.int.

[Meng](#) (final on 16/05/2021) concerns a violation of the applicant's right to the determination of a criminal charge against her by an impartial tribunal due to the fact that the presiding judge of the Darmstadt Regional Court, which convicted her in 2014 for her husband's murder, had earlier sat in separate proceedings before the same court concerning her co-accused, G.S., which had resulted in a judgment making extensive factual findings and legal qualifications prejudging the applicant's guilt (violation of Article 6 § 1).

The case was closed for supervision on 3 September 2025 ([CM/ResDH\(2025\)188](#)) by the Committee of Ministers. As regards the general measures taken in the case it should be mentioned that the judgment was published and disseminated. Information about newly established domestic courts' case-law, notably from the Federal Supreme Court and the Federal Constitutional Court, shows that the requirements deriving from the Convention and the European Court's case-law are now adequately addressed by domestic courts.

II Anti-corruption framework

GRECO

[Second Compliance Report](#) (8 August 2025)

5th round: Preventing corruption and promoting integrity in central governments (top executive functions) and law enforcement agencies

III Media pluralism

N/A

IV Other institutional issues related to checks and balances

N/A