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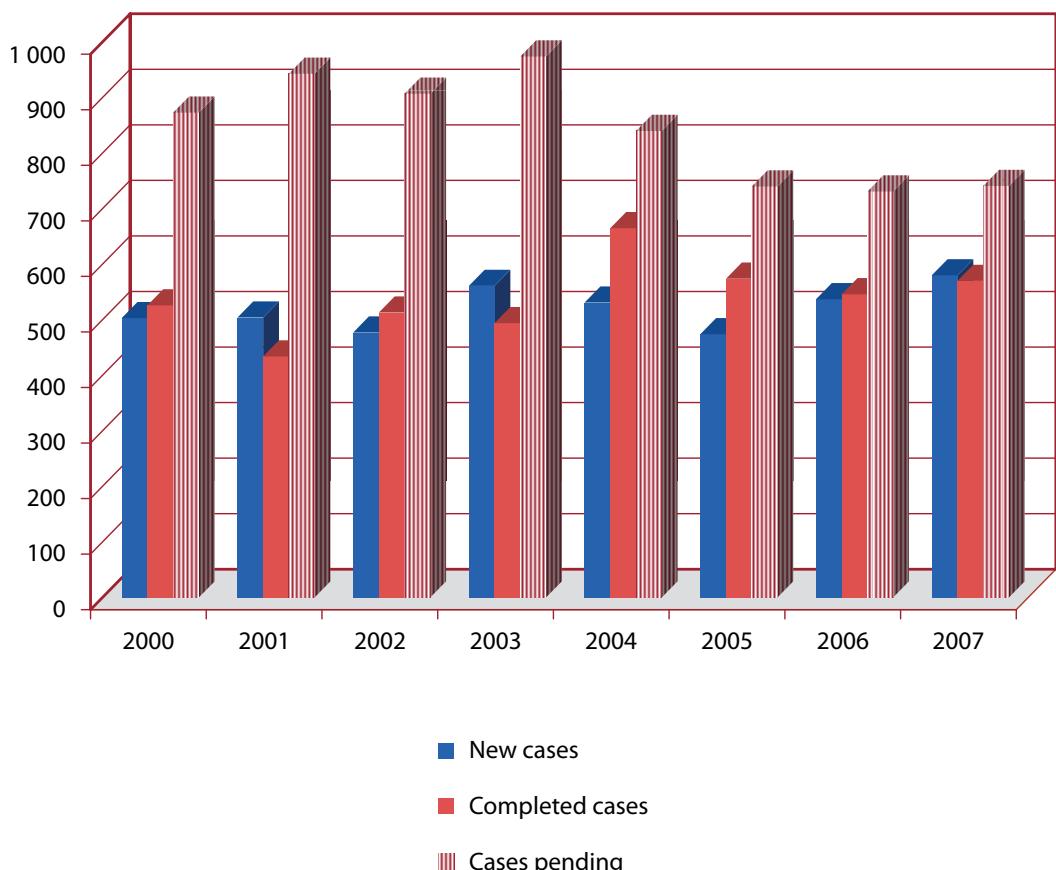
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1. General activity of the Court of Justice — New cases, completed cases, cases pending (2000–07) ⁽¹⁾

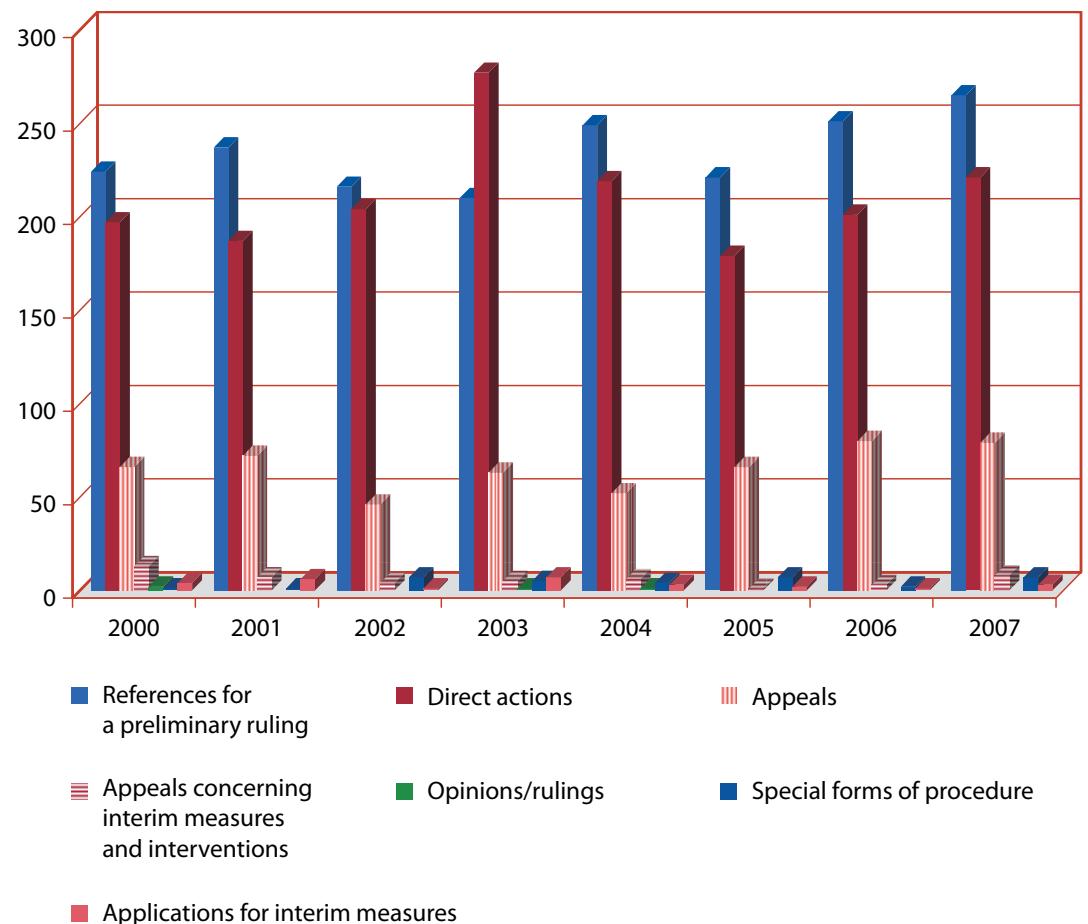


| | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 |
|-----------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| New cases | 503 | 504 | 477 | 561 | 531 | 474 | 537 | 580 |
| Completed cases | 526 | 434 | 513 | 494 | 665 | 574 | 546 | 570 |
| Cases pending | 873 | 943 | 907 | 974 | 840 | 740 | 731 | 741 |

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



2. New cases — Nature of proceedings (2000–07) ⁽¹⁾

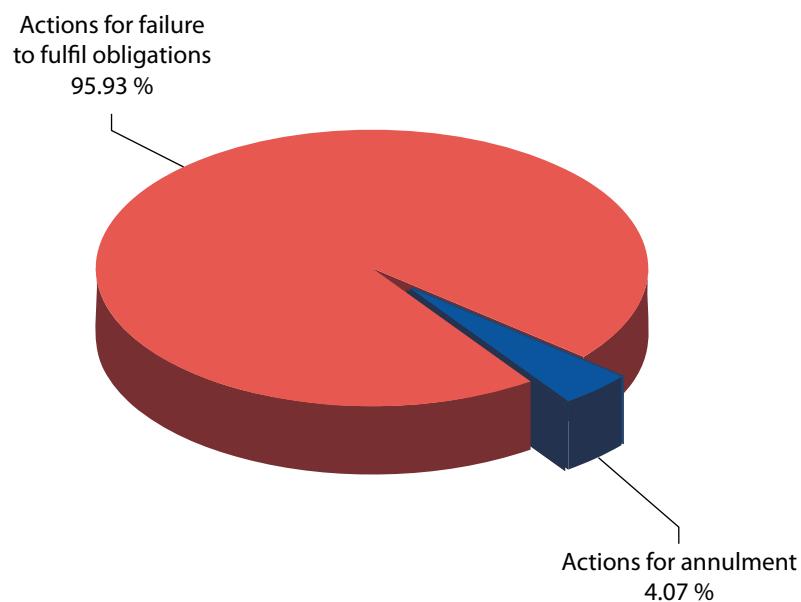


| | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 |
|---|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| References for a preliminary ruling | 224 | 237 | 216 | 210 | 249 | 221 | 251 | 265 |
| Direct actions | 197 | 187 | 204 | 277 | 219 | 179 | 201 | 221 |
| Appeals | 66 | 72 | 46 | 63 | 52 | 66 | 80 | 79 |
| Appeals concerning interim measures and interventions | 13 | 7 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 1 | 3 | 8 |
| Opinions/rulings | 2 | | | | 1 | 1 | | |
| Applications for interim measures | 1 | 1 | 7 | 5 | 4 | 7 | 2 | 7 |
| Total | 503 | 504 | 477 | 561 | 531 | 474 | 537 | 580 |
| Applications for interim measures | 4 | 6 | 1 | 7 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 3 |

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



3. *New cases — Direct actions — Type of action (2007) ⁽¹⁾*



| | |
|---|------------|
| Actions for annulment | 9 |
| Actions for failure to act | |
| Actions for damages | |
| Actions for failure to fulfil obligations | 212 |
| Total | 221 |

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



4. **New cases⁽¹⁾ — Subject- matter of the action (2007) ⁽²⁾**

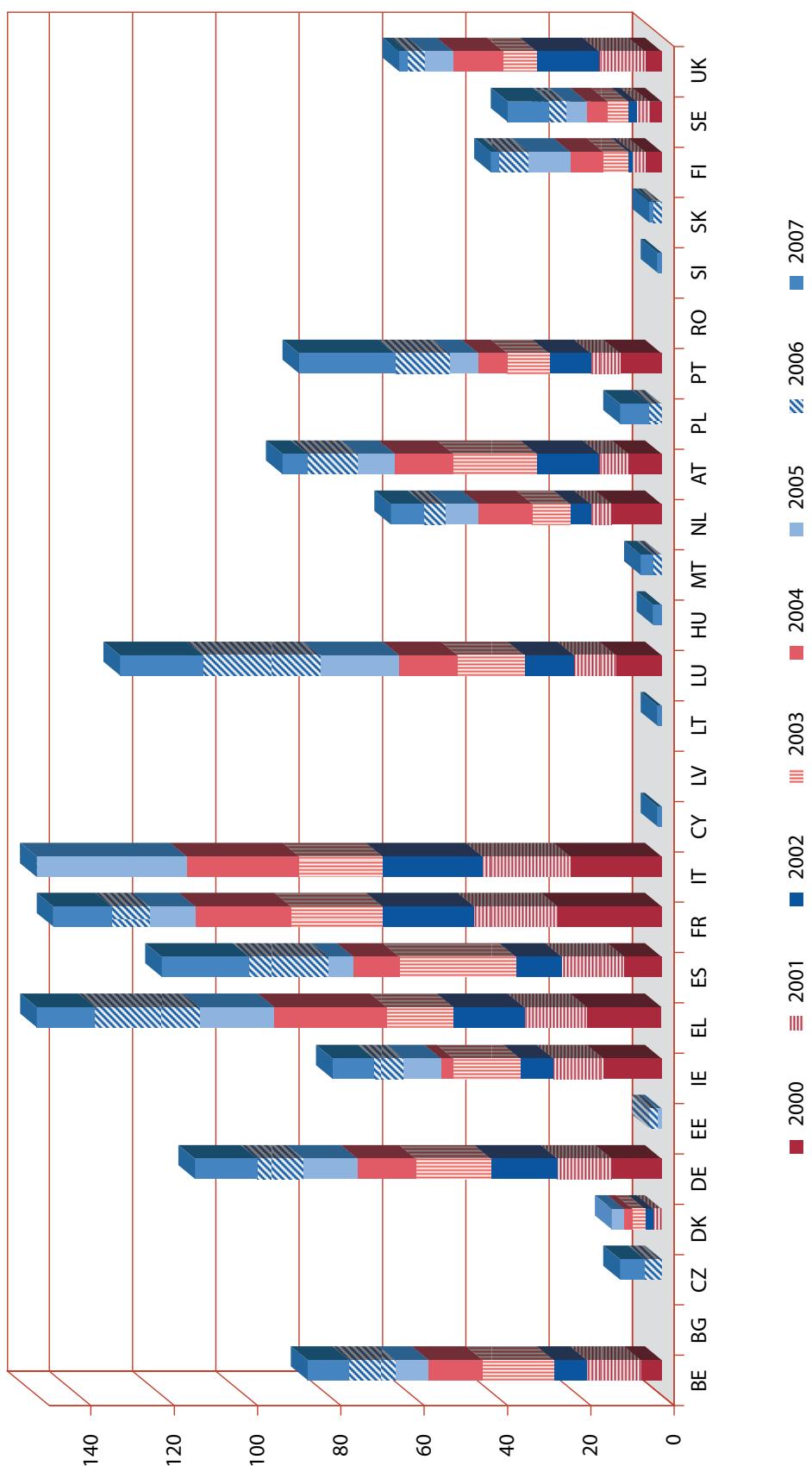
| | Direct actions | References for a preliminary ruling | Appeals | Appeals concerning interim measures and interventions | Total | Special forms of procedure |
|---|----------------|-------------------------------------|-----------|---|------------|----------------------------|
| Agriculture | 6 | 26 | | | 32 | |
| Approximation of laws | 35 | 25 | | | 60 | |
| Area of freedom, security and justice | 22 | 8 | | | 30 | |
| Brussels Convention | | 3 | | | 3 | |
| Common Customs Tariff | | 7 | 1 | | 8 | |
| Community own resources | 2 | | | | 2 | |
| Company law | 5 | 8 | 1 | | 14 | |
| Competition | 3 | 8 | 20 | | 31 | |
| Customs union | | 8 | 2 | | 10 | |
| Economic and monetary policy | | | 1 | | 1 | |
| Energy | 1 | 1 | | | 2 | |
| Environment and consumers | 38 | 15 | 5 | 2 | 60 | |
| European citizenship | | 2 | | | 2 | |
| External relations | 4 | 4 | 2 | | 10 | |
| Fisheries policy | 4 | 1 | | | 5 | |
| Free movement of capital | 1 | 6 | | | 7 | |
| Free movement of goods | 8 | 6 | 1 | | 15 | |
| Freedom of establishment | 10 | 14 | | | 24 | |
| Freedom of movement for persons | 11 | 17 | | | 28 | |
| Freedom to provide services | 2 | 3 | 1 | | 6 | |
| Industrial policy | 19 | 6 | | | 25 | |
| Intellectual property | 11 | 3 | 14 | | 28 | |
| Justice and home affairs | | 1 | | | 1 | |
| Law governing the institutions | 8 | 1 | 8 | 5 | 22 | |
| Principles of Community law | 1 | 2 | | | 3 | |
| Privileges and immunities | | 2 | | | 2 | |
| Regional policy | | | 3 | | 3 | |
| Research, information, education and statistics | 1 | | | | 1 | |
| Social policy | 10 | 32 | | | 42 | |
| Social security for migrant workers | | 2 | | | 2 | |
| Staff Regulations | | | 1 | | 1 | |
| State aid | 3 | 4 | 10 | 1 | 18 | |
| Taxation | 6 | 42 | | | 48 | |
| Transport | 10 | 5 | | | 15 | |
| EC Treaty | 221 | 262 | 70 | 8 | 561 | |
| EU Treaty | | | | | | |
| CS Treaty | | 1 | | | 1 | |
| EA Treaty | 1 | | 1 | | 2 | |
| Procedure | | | | | | 7 |
| Staff Regulations | | | 9 | | 9 | |
| Others | | | 9 | | 9 | 7 |
| Overall total | 222 | 263 | 80 | 8 | 573 | 7 |

(1) Taking no account of applications for interim measures.

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



5. New cases — Actions for failure of a Member State to fulfil its obligations (2000–07) (1)



| | BE | BG | CZ | DK | DE | EE | IE | EL | ES | FR | IT | CY | LV | LT | LU | HU | MT | NL | AT | PL | PT | RO | SI | SK | FI | SE | UK | Total |
|-------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|--------------------|-----------|--------------|
| 2000 | 5 | | | 12 | | 14 | 18 | 9 | 25 | 22 | | | 11 | | 12 | 8 | | 10 | | | | 4 | 3 | 4 | | 157 | | |
| 2001 | 13 | | | 2 | 13 | | 12 | 15 | 15 | 20 | 21 | | | 10 | | 5 | 7 | 7 | | | | 3 | 3 | 11 | | 157 | | |
| 2002 | 8 | | | 2 | 16 | | 8 | 17 | 11 | 22 | 24 | | | 12 | | 5 | 15 | 10 | | | | 1 | 2 | 15 | | 168 | | |
| 2003 | 17 | | | 3 | 18 | | 16 | 16 | 28 | 22 | 20 | | | 16 | | 9 | 20 | 10 | | | | 6 | 5 | 8 | | 214 | | |
| 2004 | 13 | | | 2 | 14 | | 3 | 27 | 11 | 23 | 27 | | | 14 | | 13 | 14 | 7 | | | | 8 | 5 | 12 | | 193 ⁽²⁾ | | |
| 2005 | 8 | | | 3 | 13 | 1 | 9 | 18 | 6 | 11 | 36 | | | 19 | | 8 | 9 | 7 | | | | 10 | 5 | 7 | | 170 | | |
| 2006 | 11 | | | 4 | 11 | 2 | 7 | 25 | 19 | 9 | 25 | | | 28 | | 2 | 5 | 12 | 3 | 13 | | 2 | 7 | 4 | | 193 | | |
| 2007 | 10 | 6 | | 15 | 10 | 26 | 21 | 14 | 23 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 20 | 2 | 3 | 8 | 6 | 7 | 23 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 10 | 2 | 212 | | | |

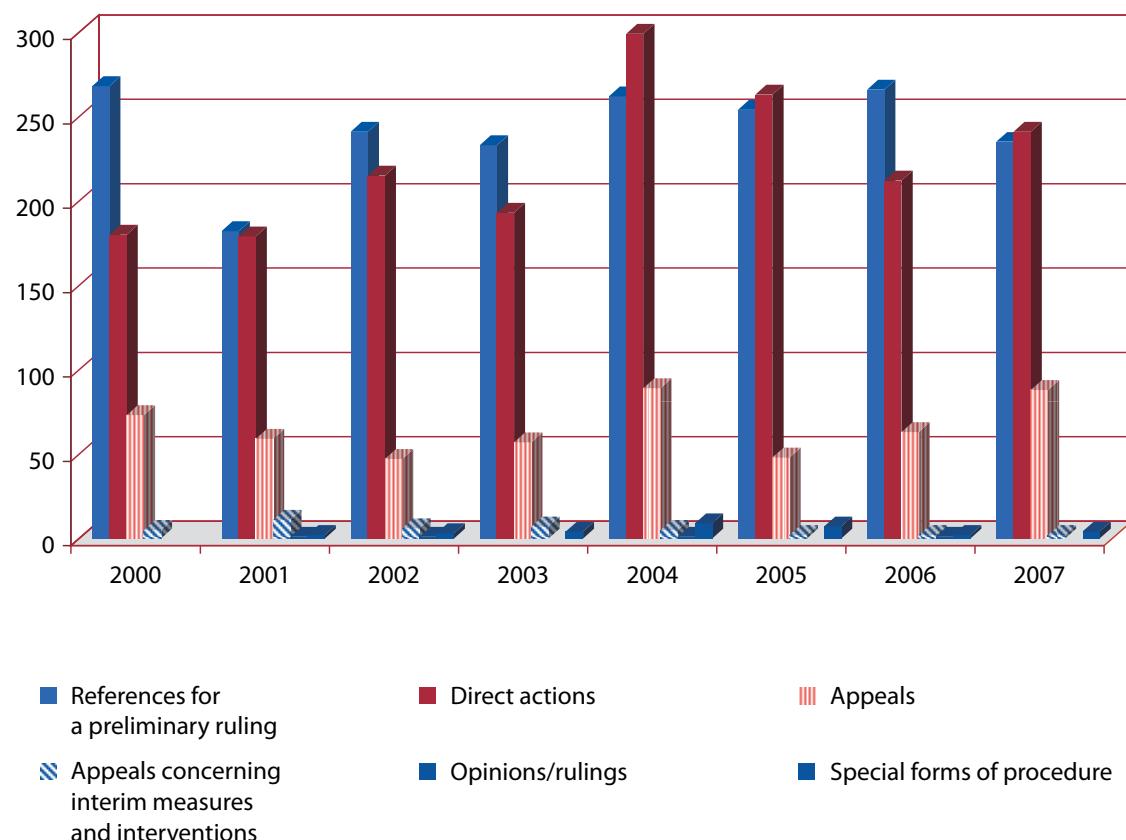
(1) The figures given (gross figures) represent the total number of cases, without account being taken of the joinder of cases on the ground of similarity (one case number = one case).

The actions covered are actions under Articles 93, 169, 170, 171 and 225 of the EC Treaty (now Articles 88 EC, 226 EC, 227 EC, 228 EC and 298 EC), Articles 141 EA, 142 EA and 143 EA and Article 88 CS.

(2) Including one action brought under Article 170 of the EC Treaty (now Article 227 EC).



6. Completed cases — Nature of proceedings (2000–07) ⁽¹⁾ ⁽²⁾



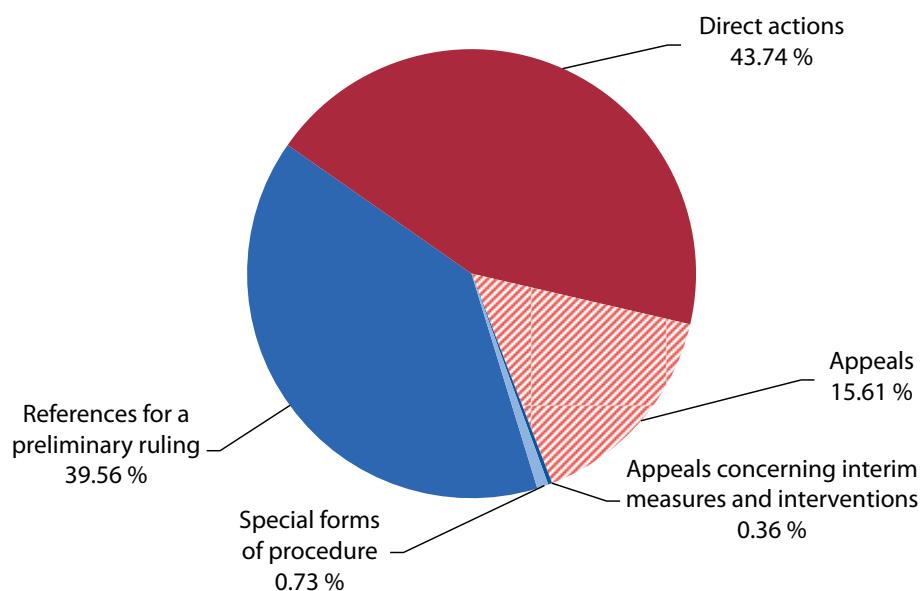
| | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 |
|---|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| References for a preliminary ruling | 268 | 182 | 241 | 233 | 262 | 254 | 266 | 235 |
| Direct actions | 180 | 179 | 215 | 193 | 299 | 263 | 212 | 241 |
| Appeals | 73 | 59 | 47 | 57 | 89 | 48 | 63 | 88 |
| Appeals concerning interim measures and interventions | 5 | 11 | 6 | 7 | 5 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Opinions/rulings | | 1 | 1 | | 1 | | 1 | |
| Special forms of procedure | | 2 | 3 | 4 | 9 | 7 | 2 | 4 |
| Total | 526 | 434 | 513 | 494 | 665 | 574 | 546 | 570 |

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



7. Completed cases — Judgments, orders, opinions (2007) ⁽¹⁾



| | Judgments | Non-interlocutory orders ⁽²⁾ | Interlocutory orders ⁽³⁾ | Other orders ⁽⁴⁾ | Opinions of the Court | Total |
|---|------------|---|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|------------|
| References for a preliminary ruling | 175 | 22 | | 21 | | 218 |
| Direct actions | 153 | 1 | | 87 | | 241 |
| Appeals | 50 | 32 | | 4 | | 86 |
| Appeals concerning interim measures and interventions | | | 2 | | | 2 |
| Opinions/rulings | | | | | | |
| Special forms of procedure | 1 | 2 | | 1 | | 4 |
| Total | 379 | 57 | 2 | 113 | 0 | 551 |

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

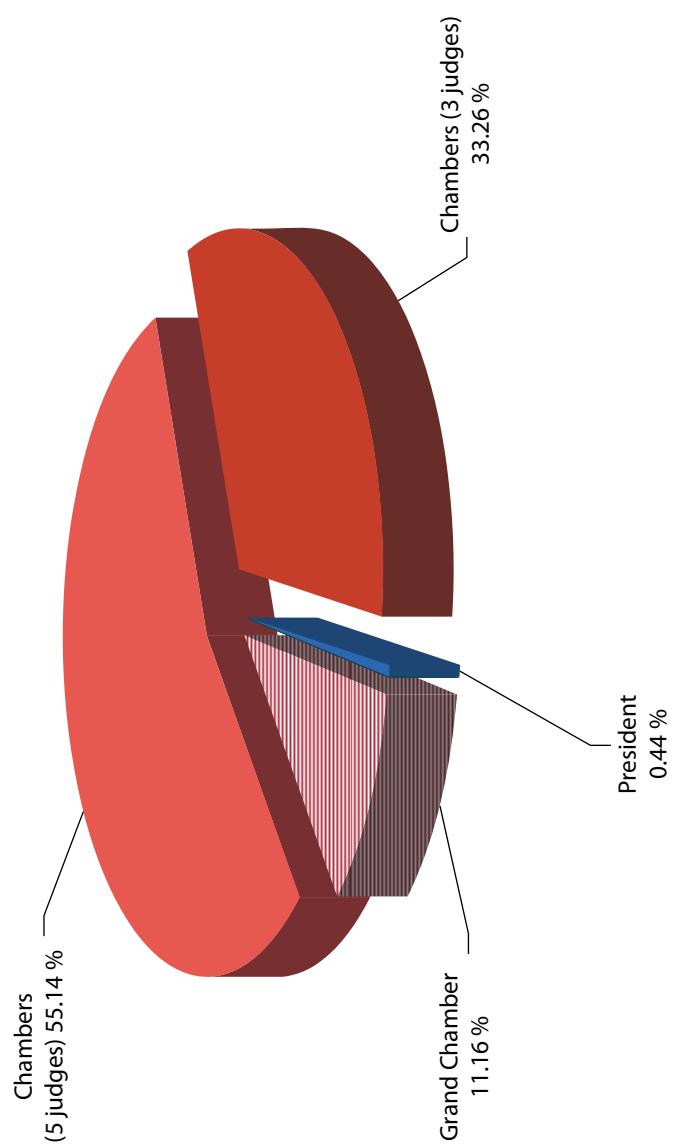
(2) Orders terminating proceedings by judicial determination (inadmissibility, manifest inadmissibility and so forth).

(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 EA and CS Treaties, or following an appeal against an order concerning interim measures or interventions.

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



8. Completed cases — Bench hearing action (2000–07) ⁽¹⁾



| | 2007 | | 2006 | | 2005 | | 2004 | | 2003 | | 2002 | | 2001 | | 2000 | | | |
|---------------------|--------------------|-----------|------------|------------|--------------------|------------|------------|-----------|--------------------|------------|------------|------------|--------------------|-----------|------------|------------|--------------------|------------|
| | Total | | Orders (2) | | Total | | Orders (2) | | Total | | Orders (2) | | Total | | Orders (2) | | Total | |
| | Judgments/opinions | | Orders (2) | | Judgments/opinions | | Orders (2) | | Judgments/opinions | | Orders (2) | | Judgments/opinions | | Orders (2) | | Judgments/opinions | |
| | Full Court | 6 | 37 | 33 | 2 | 35 | 27 | 4 | 31 | 48 | 2 | 50 | 21 | 21 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 |
| Small plenary (3) | 91 | 91 | 24 | 24 | 24 | 52 | 52 | 35 | 35 | 1 | 35 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Grand Chamber | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Chambers (5 judges) | 162 | 3 | 165 | 155 | 13 | 168 | 177 | 10 | 187 | 200 | 8 | 208 | 257 | 18 | 275 | 245 | 5 | 250 |
| Chambers (3 judges) | 50 | 40 | 90 | 59 | 42 | 101 | 60 | 27 | 87 | 51 | 27 | 78 | 113 | 61 | 174 | 103 | 51 | 154 |
| President | 4 | 4 | 11 | 11 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 7 | 7 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Total | 334 | 53 | 387 | 271 | 68 | 339 | 316 | 44 | 360 | 334 | 44 | 378 | 423 | 86 | 509 | 408 | 58 | 466 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 55 | 444 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 389 | 397 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 60 | 457 |

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

(3) Composition of the Court which existed before the entry into force of the Treaty of Nice.



9. Completed cases — Subject matter of the action (2000–07) ⁽¹⁾

| | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 |
|---|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Accession of new States | | | 1 | 2 | 2 | 1 | | 1 |
| Agriculture | 14 | 35 | 36 | 37 | 60 | 63 | 30 | 23 |
| Approximation of laws | | 15 | 23 | 34 | 33 | 41 | 19 | 22 |
| Arbitration clause | 1 | | | | | | | |
| Area of freedom, security and justice | | | | | 2 | 5 | 9 | 17 |
| Association of the Overseas Countries and Territories | 1 | | | | 1 | 2 | | |
| Brussels Convention | | 1 | 7 | 4 | 7 | 8 | 4 | 2 |
| Commercial policy | 15 | 7 | 1 | 4 | | 4 | 1 | 1 |
| Common Customs Tariff | | 7 | 7 | | 4 | 7 | 7 | 10 |
| Common foreign and security policy | | | | | | | | 4 |
| Community own resources | | 1 | 1 | 1 | | 2 | 6 | 3 |
| Company law | 4 | 8 | 6 | 17 | 16 | 24 | 10 | 16 |
| Competition | 20 | 16 | 13 | 13 | 29 | 17 | 30 | 17 |
| Customs union | | 3 | 3 | 8 | 12 | 9 | 9 | 12 |
| Economic and monetary policy | | | | | 2 | | | 1 |
| Energy | | | 1 | | 1 | 3 | 6 | 4 |
| Environment and consumers | 4 | 30 | 38 | 48 | 67 | 44 | 40 | 50 |
| European citizenship | 1 | 2 | | 1 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 2 |
| External relations | 4 | 9 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 8 | 11 | 9 |
| Fisheries policy | | 4 | 10 | 2 | 6 | 11 | 7 | 6 |
| Free movement of capital | | 2 | 24 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 4 | 13 |
| Free movement of goods | 5 | 8 | 7 | 19 | 17 | 11 | 8 | 14 |
| Freedom of establishment | | 5 | 8 | 13 | 14 | 5 | 21 | 19 |
| Freedom of movement for persons | 4 | 6 | 10 | 11 | 17 | 17 | 20 | 19 |
| Freedom to provide services | 1 | 13 | 13 | 15 | 23 | 11 | 17 | 23 |
| Industrial policy | | 3 | 4 | 4 | 11 | 11 | | 11 |
| Intellectual property | 7 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 20 | 5 | 19 | 21 |
| Justice and home affairs | | | | 3 | | | 2 | |
| Law governing the institutions | 19 | 8 | 2 | 12 | 13 | 16 | 15 | 6 |
| Principles of Community law | | 1 | 4 | 8 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 4 |
| Privileges and immunities | | | | 1 | | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Regional policy | 4 | 1 | 1 | | | 5 | | 7 |
| Research, information, education and statistics | 1 | | | | | | | |
| Social policy | 17 | 29 | 13 | 20 | 44 | 29 | 29 | 26 |
| Social security for migrant workers | | 11 | 12 | 5 | 6 | 10 | 7 | 7 |
| State aid | 17 | 9 | 15 | 21 | 21 | 23 | 23 | 9 |
| Taxation | | 37 | 22 | 26 | 28 | 34 | 55 | 44 |
| Transport | 2 | 11 | 25 | 6 | 11 | 16 | 9 | 6 |
| EC Treaty | 141 | 283 | 315 | 350 | 485 | 452 | 424 | 430 |
| EU Treaty | | | | | | 3 | 3 | 4 |
| CS Treaty | 3 | 4 | 4 | 15 | 1 | 3 | | 1 |
| EA Treaty | | | 3 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 1 |
| Privileges and immunities | | 1 | | 1 | 1 | | | |
| Procedure | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 8 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Staff Regulations | 97 | 16 | 11 | 7 | 12 | 6 | 9 | 17 |
| Others | 97 | 18 | 13 | 11 | 21 | 7 | 11 | 20 |
| Overall total | 241 | 305 | 335 | 378 | 509 | 466 | 442 | 456 |

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



10. Completed cases — Subject matter of the action (2007) ⁽¹⁾

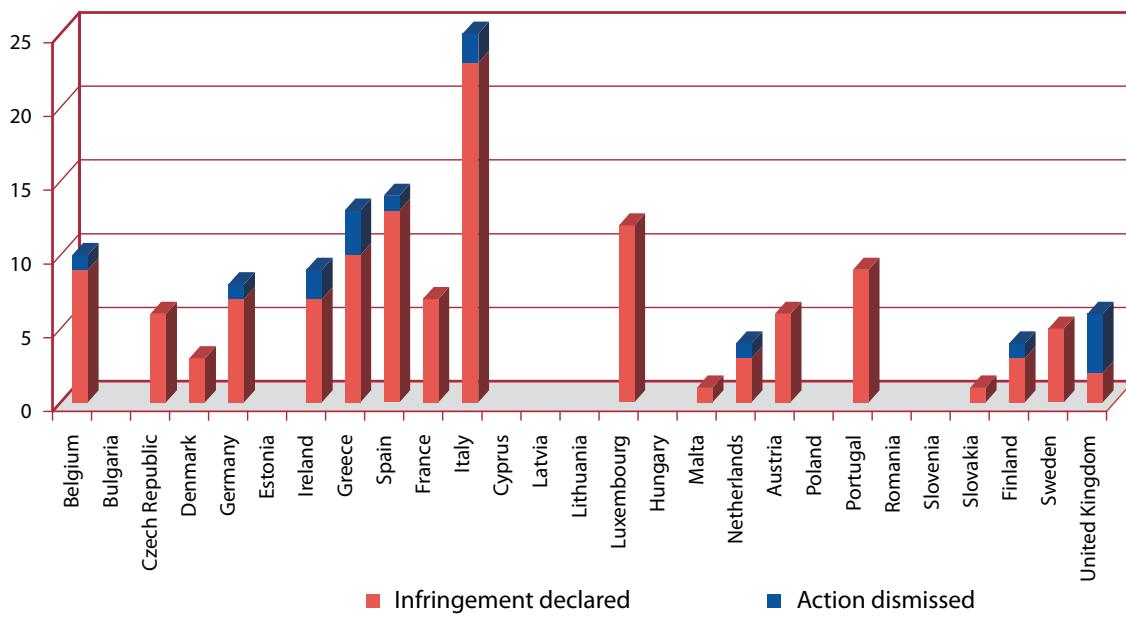
| | Judgments/ opinions | Orders ⁽²⁾ | Total |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|------------|
| Accession of new States | 1 | | 1 |
| Agriculture | 22 | 1 | 23 |
| Approximation of laws | 21 | 1 | 22 |
| Area of freedom, security and justice | 17 | | 17 |
| Brussels Convention | 2 | | 2 |
| Commercial policy | 1 | | 1 |
| Common Customs Tariff | 9 | 1 | 10 |
| Common foreign and security policy | 4 | | 4 |
| Community own resources | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Company law | 13 | 3 | 16 |
| Competition | 13 | 4 | 17 |
| Customs union | 10 | 2 | 12 |
| Economic and monetary policy | 1 | | 1 |
| Energy | 4 | | 4 |
| Environment and consumers | 47 | 3 | 50 |
| European citizenship | 2 | | 2 |
| External relations | 8 | 1 | 9 |
| Fisheries policy | 6 | | 6 |
| Free movement of capital | 10 | 3 | 13 |
| Free movement of goods | 13 | 1 | 14 |
| Freedom of establishment | 17 | 2 | 19 |
| Freedom of movement for persons | 15 | 4 | 19 |
| Freedom to provide services | 21 | 2 | 23 |
| Industrial policy | 11 | | 11 |
| Intellectual property | 13 | 8 | 21 |
| Law governing the institutions | 3 | 3 | 6 |
| Principles of Community law | 3 | 1 | 4 |
| Privileges and immunities | 1 | | 1 |
| Regional policy | 6 | 1 | 7 |
| Social policy | 25 | 1 | 26 |
| Social security for migrant workers | 5 | 2 | 7 |
| State aid | 7 | 2 | 9 |
| Taxation | 42 | 2 | 44 |
| Transport | 6 | | 6 |
| EC Treaty | 380 | 50 | 430 |
| EU Treaty | 4 | | 4 |
| CS Treaty | 1 | | 1 |
| EA Treaty | 1 | | 1 |
| Procedure | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Staff Regulations | 10 | 7 | 17 |
| Others | 11 | 9 | 20 |
| Overall total | 397 | 59 | 456 |

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



11. Completed cases — Judgments concerning failure of a Member State to fulfil its obligations: outcome (2007) ⁽¹⁾



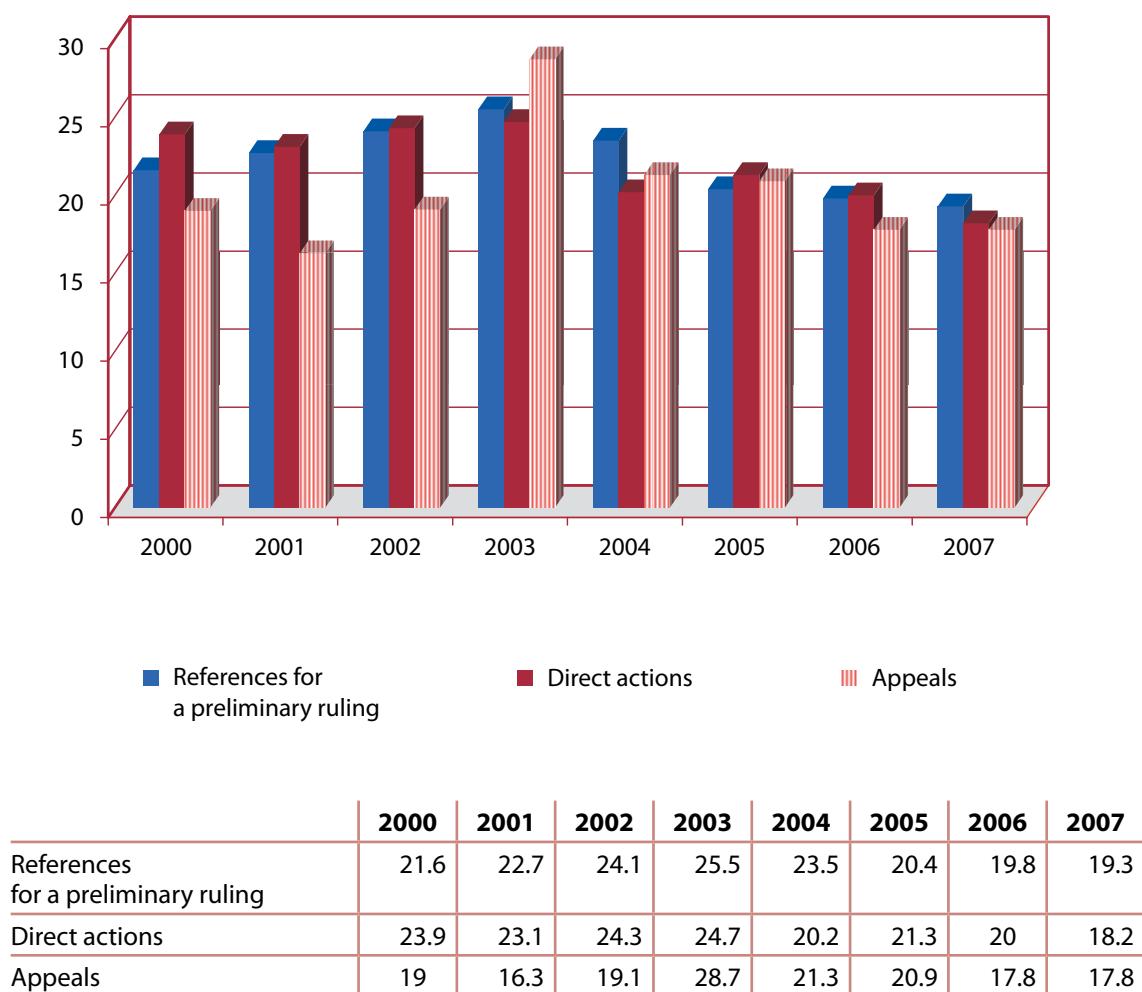
| | Infringement declared | Action dismissed | Total |
|----------------|-----------------------|------------------|------------|
| Belgium | 9 | 1 | 10 |
| Bulgaria | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Czech Republic | 6 | 0 | 6 |
| Denmark | 3 | 0 | 3 |
| Germany | 7 | 1 | 8 |
| Estonia | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Ireland | 7 | 2 | 9 |
| Greece | 10 | 3 | 13 |
| Spain | 13 | 1 | 14 |
| France | 7 | 0 | 7 |
| Italy | 23 | 2 | 25 |
| Cyprus | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Latvia | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Lithuania | 12 | 0 | 12 |
| Luxembourg | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Hungary | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Malta | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Netherlands | 3 | 1 | 4 |
| Austria | 6 | 0 | 6 |
| Poland | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Portugal | 9 | 0 | 9 |
| Romania | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Slovenia | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Slovakia | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Finland | 3 | 1 | 4 |
| Sweden | 5 | 0 | 5 |
| United Kingdom | 2 | 4 | 6 |
| Total | 127 | 16 | 143 |

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



12. Completed cases — Duration of proceedings (2000–07) ⁽¹⁾

(decisions by way of judgments and orders) ⁽²⁾



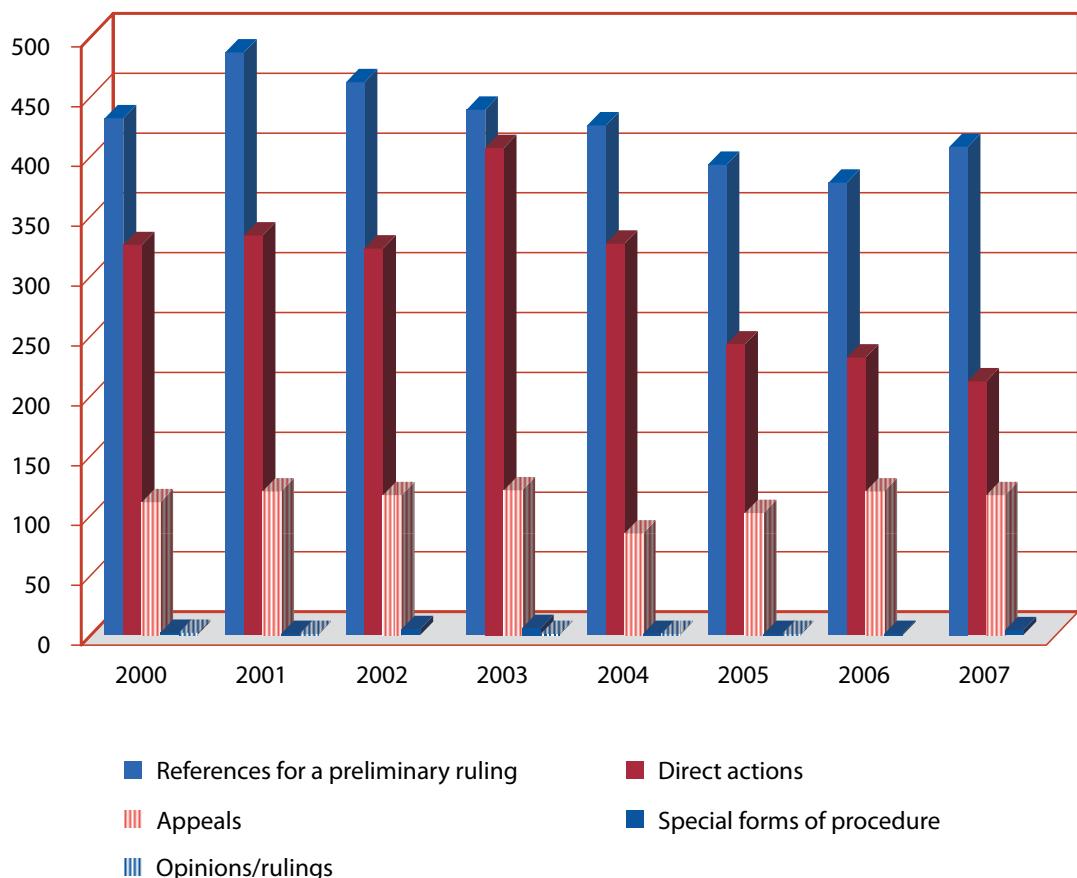
- ⁽¹⁾ The following types of cases are excluded from the calculation of the duration of proceedings: cases involving an interlocutory judgment or a measure of inquiry; opinions and rulings on agreements; special forms of procedure (namely taxation of costs, legal aid, application to set a judgment aside, 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, declaring that there is no need to give a decision or referral to the Court of First Instance.



13. Cases pending as at 31 December — Nature of proceedings (2000–07) ⁽¹⁾

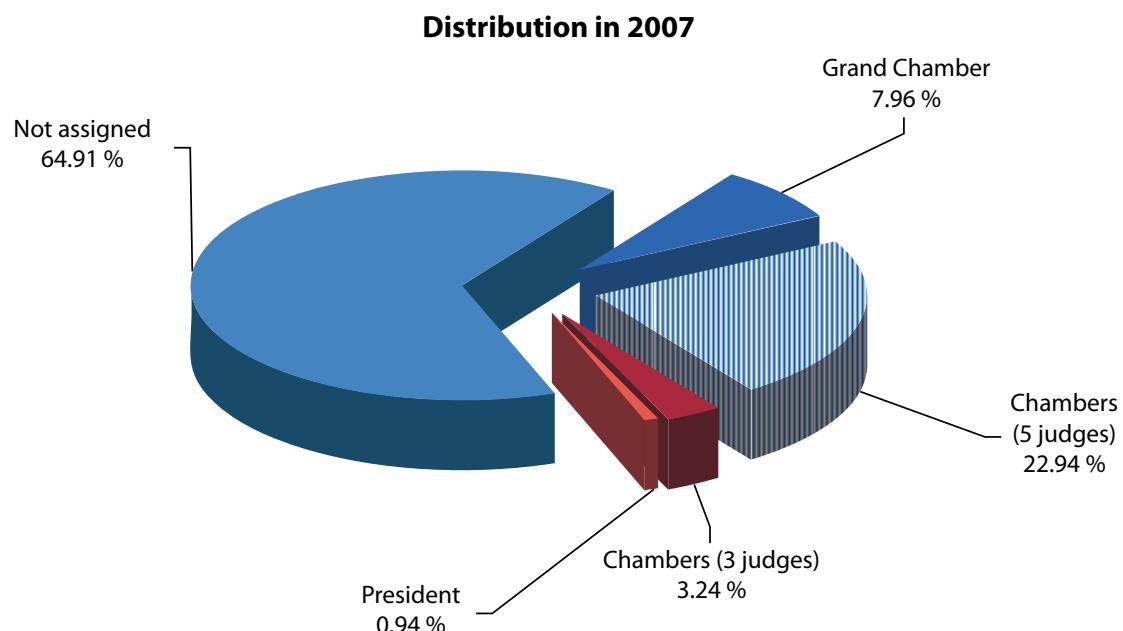


| | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 |
|-------------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| References for a preliminary ruling | 432 | 487 | 462 | 439 | 426 | 393 | 378 | 408 |
| Direct actions | 326 | 334 | 323 | 407 | 327 | 243 | 232 | 212 |
| Appeals | 111 | 120 | 117 | 121 | 85 | 102 | 120 | 117 |
| Special forms of procedure | 2 | 1 | 5 | 6 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| Opinions/rulings | 2 | 1 | | 1 | 1 | 1 | | |
| Total | 873 | 943 | 907 | 974 | 840 | 740 | 731 | 741 |

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



14. Cases pending as at 31 December — Bench hearing action (2007) ⁽¹⁾



| | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 |
|------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Not assigned | 634 | 602 | 546 | 690 | 547 | 437 | 490 | 481 |
| Full Court | 34 | 31 | 47 | 21 | 2 | 2 | | |
| Small plenary ⁽²⁾ | 26 | 66 | 36 | 1 | | | | |
| Grand Chamber | | | | 24 | 56 | 60 | 44 | 59 |
| Chambers (5 judges) | 129 | 199 | 234 | 195 | 177 | 212 | 171 | 170 |
| Chambers (3 judges) | 42 | 42 | 42 | 42 | 57 | 29 | 26 | 24 |
| President | 8 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 1 | | | 7 |
| Total | 873 | 943 | 907 | 974 | 840 | 740 | 731 | 741 |

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

(2) Composition of the Court which existed before the entry into force of the Treaty of Nice.



15. *Miscellaneous — Expedited and accelerated procedures (2000–07)*⁽¹⁾

| | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | Total |
|-------------------------------------|----------|-------------|----------|-------------|----------|-------------|----------|-------------|-----------|
| | Granted | Not granted | |
| Direct actions | | | | 1 | | 3 | 1 | 2 | 1 8 |
| References for a preliminary ruling | 1 | 1 | 5 | | 1 | 3 | 10 | 5 | 5 37 |
| Appeals | | | 2 | | 1 | 1 | | | 1 5 |
| Opinions of the Court | | | | | | 1 | | | 1 |
| Total | 1 | 1 | 7 | 2 | 1 | 7 | 1 | 13 | 51 |

⁽¹⁾ A case before the Court of Justice may be dealt with under such a procedure pursuant to the provisions of Articles 62a and 104a of the Rules of Procedure, as amended with effect from 1 July 2000.



16. *Miscellaneous — Proceedings for interim measures (2007)* ⁽¹⁾

| | New applications for interim measures | New appeals concerning interim measures and interventions | Outcome | | |
|---------------------------|--|---|-----------|---------|---|
| | | | Dismissed | Granted | Removed from the register or no need to give a decision |
| State aid | | 1 | 1 | | |
| Environment and consumers | 2 | 1 | 1 | | 2 |
| Total EC Treaty | 2 | 2 | 2 | | 2 |
| Others | | | | | |
| Overall total | 2 | 2 | 2 | | 2 |

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



17. General trend in the work of the Court (1952–2007) — New cases and judgments

| Year | New cases (¹) | | | | | Total | Applications for interim measures | Judgments (²) |
|------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------|---|--|-------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|
| | Direct actions (³) | References for a preliminary ruling | Appeals | Appeals concerning interim measures and interventions | | | | |
| 1953 | 4 | | | | | 4 | | |
| 1954 | 10 | | | | | 10 | | 2 |
| 1955 | 9 | | | | | 9 | 2 | 4 |
| 1956 | 11 | | | | | 11 | 2 | 6 |
| 1957 | 19 | | | | | 19 | 2 | 4 |
| 1958 | 43 | | | | | 43 | | 10 |
| 1959 | 47 | | | | | 47 | 5 | 13 |
| 1960 | 23 | | | | | 23 | 2 | 18 |
| 1961 | 25 | 1 | | | | 26 | 1 | 11 |
| 1962 | 30 | 5 | | | | 35 | 2 | 20 |
| 1963 | 99 | 6 | | | | 105 | 7 | 17 |
| 1964 | 49 | 6 | | | | 55 | 4 | 31 |
| 1965 | 55 | 7 | | | | 62 | 4 | 52 |
| 1966 | 30 | 1 | | | | 31 | 2 | 24 |
| 1967 | 14 | 23 | | | | 37 | | 24 |
| 1968 | 24 | 9 | | | | 33 | 1 | 27 |
| 1969 | 60 | 17 | | | | 77 | 2 | 30 |
| 1970 | 47 | 32 | | | | 79 | | 64 |
| 1971 | 59 | 37 | | | | 96 | 1 | 60 |
| 1972 | 42 | 40 | | | | 82 | 2 | 61 |
| 1973 | 131 | 61 | | | | 192 | 6 | 80 |
| 1974 | 63 | 39 | | | | 102 | 8 | 63 |
| 1975 | 62 | 69 | | | | 131 | 5 | 78 |
| 1976 | 52 | 75 | | | | 127 | 6 | 88 |
| 1977 | 74 | 84 | | | | 158 | 6 | 100 |
| 1978 | 147 | 123 | | | | 270 | 7 | 97 |
| 1979 | 1 218 | 106 | | | | 1 324 | 6 | 138 |
| 1980 | 180 | 99 | | | | 279 | 14 | 132 |
| 1981 | 214 | 108 | | | | 322 | 17 | 128 |
| 1982 | 217 | 129 | | | | 346 | 16 | 185 |
| 1983 | 199 | 98 | | | | 297 | 11 | 151 |
| 1984 | 183 | 129 | | | | 312 | 17 | 165 |

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| Year | New cases ⁽¹⁾ | | | | | Total | Applications for interim measures | Judgments ⁽²⁾ |
|---------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------|---|---------------|------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| | Direct actions ⁽³⁾ | References for a preliminary ruling | Appeals | Appeals concerning interim measures and interventions | | | | |
| 1985 | 294 | 139 | | | | 433 | 23 | 211 |
| 1986 | 238 | 91 | | | | 329 | 23 | 174 |
| 1987 | 251 | 144 | | | | 395 | 21 | 208 |
| 1988 | 193 | 179 | | | | 372 | 17 | 238 |
| 1989 | 244 | 139 | | | | 383 | 19 | 188 |
| 1990 ⁽⁴⁾ | 221 | 141 | 15 | 1 | | 378 | 12 | 193 |
| 1991 | 142 | 186 | 13 | 1 | | 342 | 9 | 204 |
| 1992 | 253 | 162 | 24 | 1 | | 440 | 5 | 210 |
| 1993 | 265 | 204 | 17 | | | 486 | 13 | 203 |
| 1994 | 128 | 203 | 12 | 1 | | 344 | 4 | 188 |
| 1995 | 109 | 251 | 46 | 2 | | 408 | 3 | 172 |
| 1996 | 132 | 256 | 25 | 3 | | 416 | 4 | 193 |
| 1997 | 169 | 239 | 30 | 5 | | 443 | 1 | 242 |
| 1998 | 147 | 264 | 66 | 4 | | 481 | 2 | 254 |
| 1999 | 214 | 255 | 68 | 4 | | 541 | 4 | 235 |
| 2000 | 199 | 224 | 66 | 13 | | 502 | 4 | 273 |
| 2001 | 187 | 237 | 72 | 7 | | 503 | 6 | 244 |
| 2002 | 204 | 216 | 46 | 4 | | 470 | 1 | 269 |
| 2003 | 278 | 210 | 63 | 5 | | 556 | 7 | 308 |
| 2004 | 220 | 249 | 52 | 6 | | 527 | 3 | 375 |
| 2005 | 179 | 221 | 66 | 1 | | 467 | 2 | 362 |
| 2006 | 201 | 251 | 80 | 3 | | 535 | 1 | 351 |
| 2007 | 221 | 265 | 79 | 8 | | 573 | 3 | 379 |
| Total | 8 129 | 6 030 | 840 | 69 | 15 068 | 345 | 7 557 | |

(¹) Gross figures; special forms of procedure are not included.

(²) Net figures.

(³) Including opinions of the Court.

(⁴) The Court of First Instance began operating in 1989.



**18. General trend in the work of the Court (1952-2007) — New references for a preliminary ruling
(by Member State per year)⁽¹⁾**

| | BE | BG | CZ | DK | DE | EE | IE | EL | ES | FR | IT | CY | LV | LT | LU | HU | MT | NL | AT | PL | PT | RO | SI | SK | FI | SE | UK | Benelux ⁽²⁾ | Total |
|------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|------------------------|-------|
| 1961 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 1 | | | | | | | | | 1 | |
| 1962 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 5 | | | | | | | | | 5 | |
| 1963 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 5 | | | | | | | | | 6 | |
| 1964 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 2 | | | | | | | | | 6 | |
| 1965 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 2 | | | | | | | | | 7 | |
| 1966 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 2 | | | | | | | | | 1 | |
| 1967 | 5 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 3 | | | | | | | | | 23 | |
| 1968 | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 4 | | | | | | | | | 9 | |
| 1969 | 4 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 11 | | | | | | | | | 17 | |
| 1970 | 4 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 21 | | | | | | | | | 32 | |
| 1971 | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 18 | | | | | | | | | 37 | |
| 1972 | 5 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 20 | | | | | | | | | 40 | |
| 1973 | 8 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 37 | | | | | | | | | 61 | |
| 1974 | 5 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 15 | | | | | | | | | 84 | |
| 1975 | 7 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 26 | | | | | | | | | 39 | |
| 1976 | 11 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 28 | 1 | | | | | | | | 69 | |
| 1977 | 16 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 1 | 30 | 2 | | | | | | | 75 | |
| 1978 | 7 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 46 | 1 | | | | | | | | 106 | |
| 1979 | 13 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 1 | 33 | 2 | | | | | | | 99 | |
| 1980 | 14 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 2 | 24 | 3 | | | | | | | 129 | |
| 1981 | 12 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 41 | 1 | | | | | | | | 129 | |
| 1982 | 10 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 1 | 36 | | | | | | | | 129 | |
| 1983 | 9 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 4 | 36 | 2 | | | | | | | 98 | |

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19. General trend in the work of the Court (1952–2007) — New references for a preliminary ruling (by Member State and by court or tribunal)

| | | | Total |
|-----------------------|--|------|--------------|
| Belgium | Cour de cassation | 69 | |
| | Cour d'arbitrage | 5 | |
| | Conseil d'État | 42 | |
| | Other courts or tribunals | 439 | 555 |
| Bulgaria | Софийски градски съд Търговско отделение | 1 | |
| | Other courts or tribunals | | 1 |
| Czech Republic | Nejvyššího soudu | | |
| | Nejvyšší správní soud | | |
| | Ústavní soud | | |
| | Other courts or tribunals | 6 | 6 |
| Denmark | Højesteret | 21 | |
| | Other courts or tribunals | 95 | 116 |
| Germany | Bundesgerichtshof | 110 | |
| | Bundesverwaltungsgericht | 79 | |
| | Bundesfinanzhof | 242 | |
| | Bundesarbeitsgericht | 17 | |
| | Bundessozialgericht | 72 | |
| | Staatsgerichtshof des Landes Hessen | 1 | |
| | Other courts or tribunals | 1080 | 1.601 |
| | | | |
| Estonia | Riigikohus | 1 | |
| | Other courts or tribunals | 1 | 2 |
| Ireland | Supreme Court | 17 | |
| | High Court | 15 | |
| | Other courts or tribunals | 18 | 50 |
| Greece | Άρειος Πάγος | 9 | |
| | Συμβούλιο της Επικρατείας | 28 | |
| | Other courts or tribunals | 88 | 125 |
| Spain | Tribunal Supremo | 20 | |
| | Audiencia Nacional | 1 | |
| | Juzgado Central de lo Penal | 7 | |
| | Other courts or tribunals | 166 | 194 |
| France | Cour de cassation | 76 | |
| | Conseil d'État | 40 | |
| | Other courts or tribunals | 627 | 743 |

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| | | Total |
|--------------------|--|--------------|
| Italy | Corte suprema di Cassazione | 94 |
| | Consiglio di Stato | 60 |
| | Other courts or tribunals | 785 |
| Cyprus | Ανώτατο Δικαστήριο | |
| | Other courts or tribunals | |
| Latvia | Augstākā tiesa | |
| | Satversmes tiesa | |
| | Other courts or tribunals | |
| Lithuania | Konstitucinis Teismas | 1 |
| | Lietuvos Aukščiausiasis Teismas | |
| | Lietuvos vyriausiasis administraciniis Teismas | 1 |
| | Other courts or tribunals | 2 |
| Lithuania | Cour supérieure de justice | 10 |
| | Conseil d'État | 13 |
| | Cour administrative | 7 |
| | Other courts or tribunals | 30 |
| Hungary | Legfelsőbb Bíróság | 1 |
| | Szegedi Ítélezőtáblá | 1 |
| | Other courts or tribunals | 9 |
| Malta | Constitutional Court | |
| | Qorti ta'l- Appel | |
| | Other courts or tribunals | |
| Netherlands | Raad van State | 54 |
| | Hoge Raad der Nederlanden | 157 |
| | Centrale Raad van Beroep | 46 |
| | College van Beroep voor het Bedrijfsleven | 134 |
| | Tariefcommissie | 34 |
| | Other courts or tribunals | 260 |
| Austria | Verfassungsgerichtshof | 4 |
| | Oberster Gerichtshof | 64 |
| | Oberster Patent- und Markensenat | 3 |
| | Bundesvergabeamt | 24 |
| | Verwaltungsgerichtshof | 52 |
| | Vergabekontrollsenat | 4 |
| | Other courts or tribunals | 157 |

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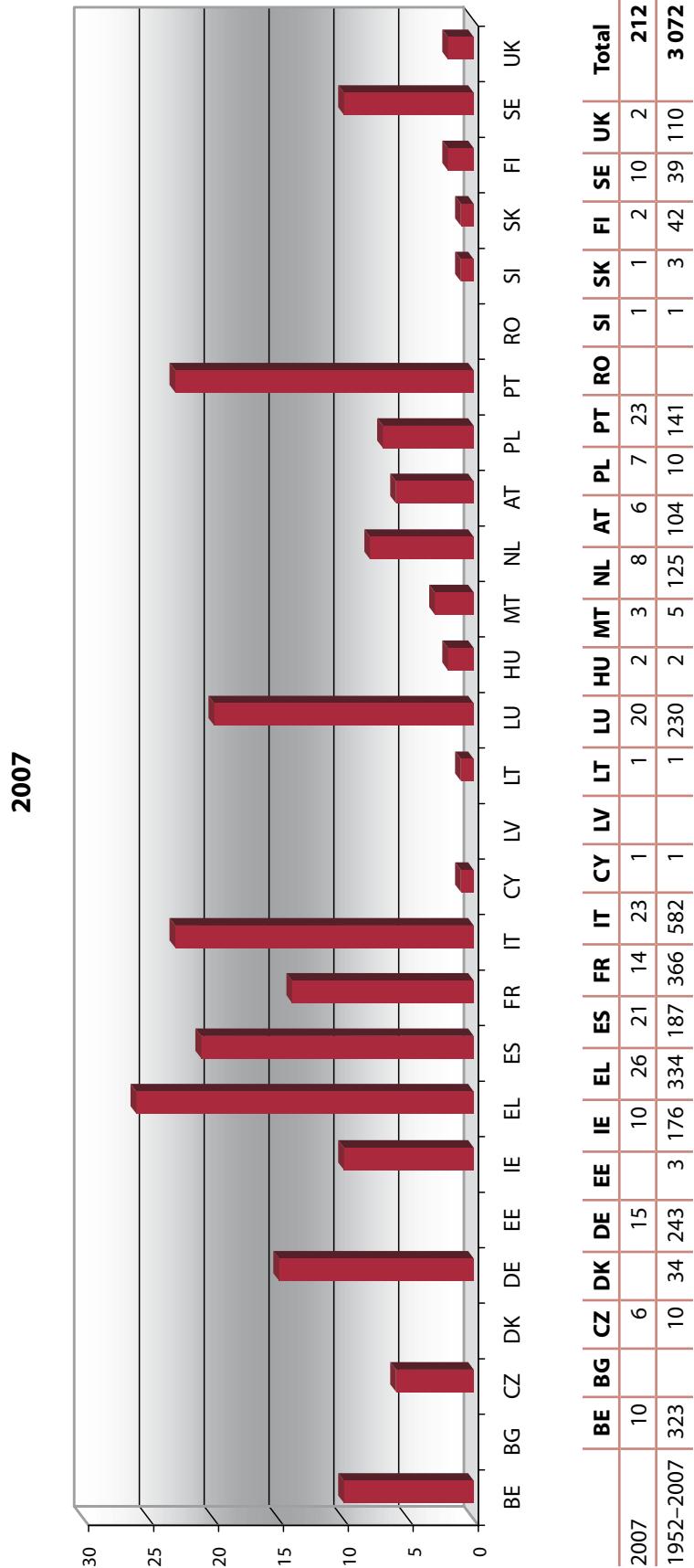


| | | | Total |
|-----------------------|---------------------------------|-----|--------------|
| Poland | Sąd Najwyższy | | |
| | Naczelnny Sąd Administracyjny | | |
| | Trybunał Konstytucyjny | | |
| | Other courts or tribunals | 10 | 10 |
| Portugal | Supremo Tribunal de Justiça | 1 | |
| | Supremo Tribunal Administrativo | 36 | |
| | Other courts or tribunals | 26 | 63 |
| Romania | Tribunal Dâmbovița | 1 | |
| | Other courts or tribunals | | 1 |
| Slovenia | Vrhovno sodišče | | |
| | Ustavno sodišče | | |
| | Other courts or tribunals | | |
| Slovakia | Ústavný Súd | | |
| | Najvyšší súd | 1 | |
| | Other courts or tribunals | 1 | 2 |
| Finland | Korkein hallinto-oikeus | 22 | |
| | Korkein oikeus | 8 | |
| | Other courts or tribunals | 22 | 52 |
| Sweden | Högsta Domstolen | 10 | |
| | Marknadsdomstolen | 4 | |
| | Regeringsrätten | 20 | |
| | Other courts or tribunals | 35 | 69 |
| United Kingdom | House of Lords | 36 | |
| | Court of Appeal | 42 | |
| | Other courts or tribunals | 356 | 434 |
| Benelux | Cour de justice/Gerechtshof (¹) | 1 | 1 |
| Total | | | 6 030 |

(¹) Case C-265/00 *Campina Melkunie*.



20. General trend in the work of the Court (1952-2007) — New actions for failure of a Member State to fulfil its obligations⁽¹⁾



The cases brought against Spain include an action under Article 170 of the EC Treaty (now Article 227 EC), brought by Belgium.

The cases brought against France include an action under Article 170 of the EC Treaty (now Article 227 EC), brought by Ireland.

The cases brought against the United Kingdom include three actions under Article 170 of the EC Treaty (now Article 227 EC), one brought by France and two by Spain.

(1) The actions covered are actions under Articles 88 EC, 226 EC, 227 EC, 228 EC and 298 EC, Articles 141 EA, 142 EA and 143 EA and Article 88 CS.