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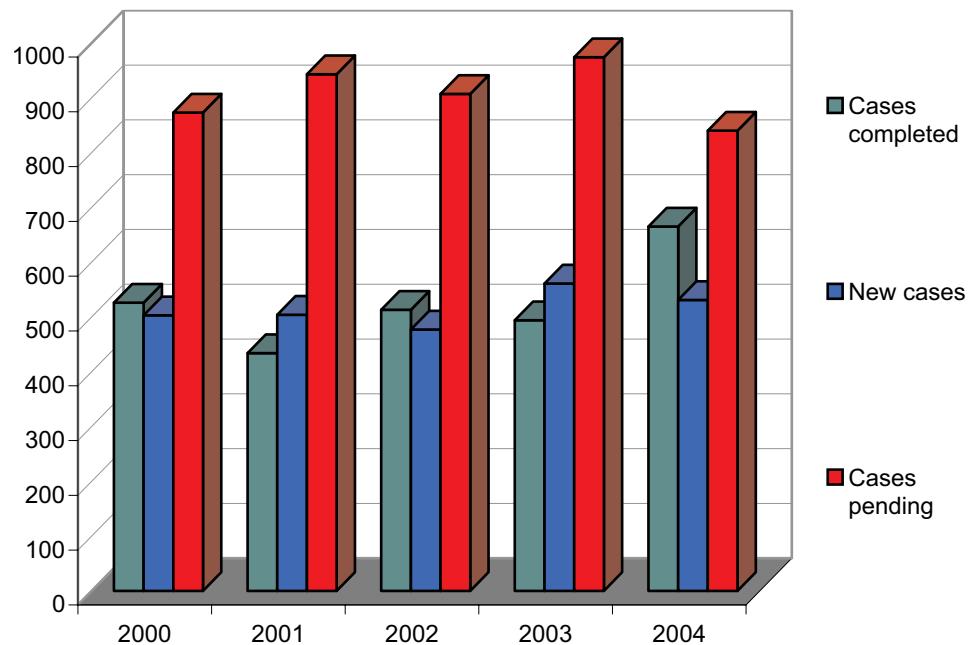
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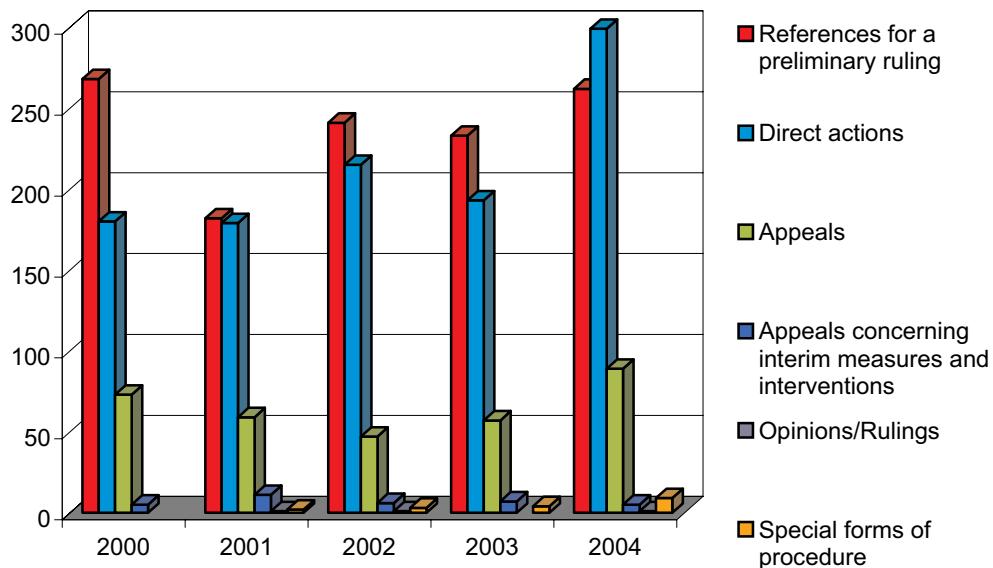
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General activity of the Court**1. Cases completed, new cases, cases pending (2000-2004)¹**

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Cases completed	526	434	513	494	665
New cases	503	504	477	561	531
Cases pending	873	943	907	974	840

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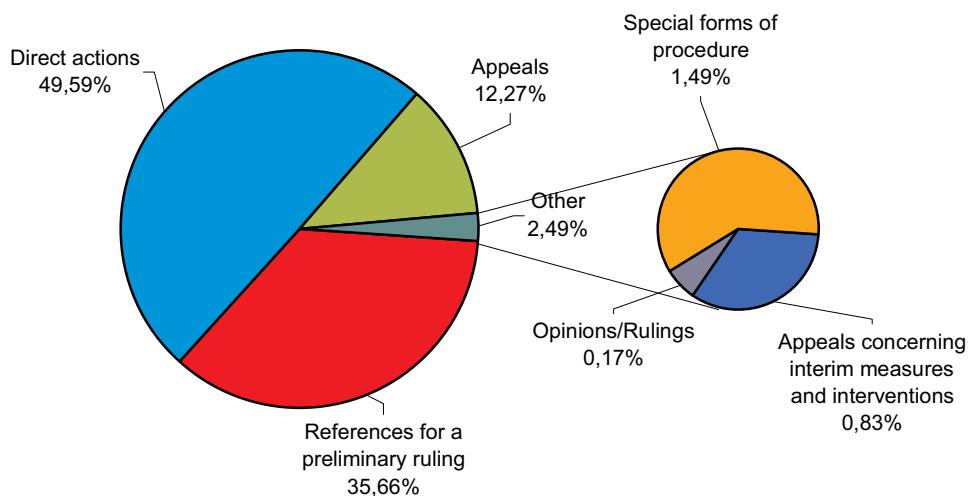
Cases completed**2. Nature of proceedings (2000-2004)^{1 2}**

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

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).

3. Completed cases – 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
Total	375	72	7	149	0	603

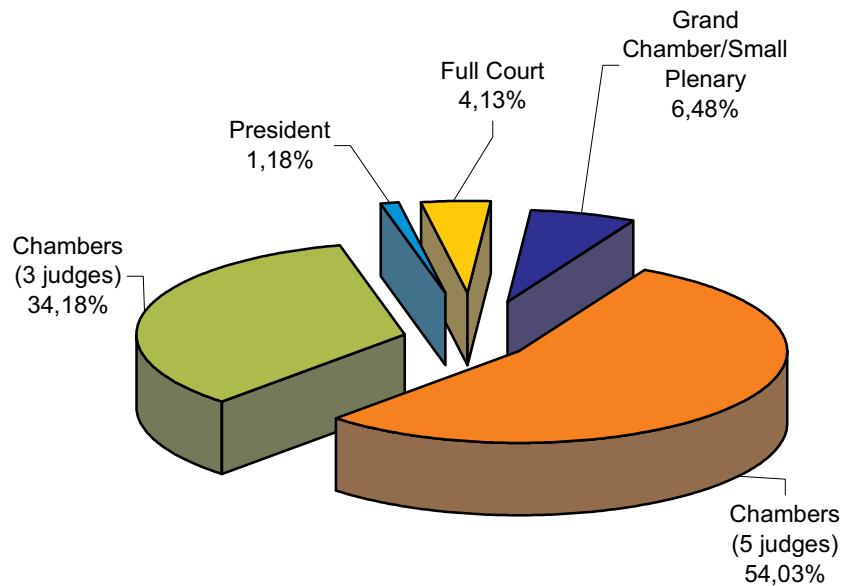
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² Orders terminating proceedings by judicial determination (inadmissibility, manifest inadmissibility and so forth).

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.

4. Completed cases – 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
Total	423	86	509

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).

5. Completed cases – 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
Common 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 capital	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
OVERALL TOTAL	423	86	509

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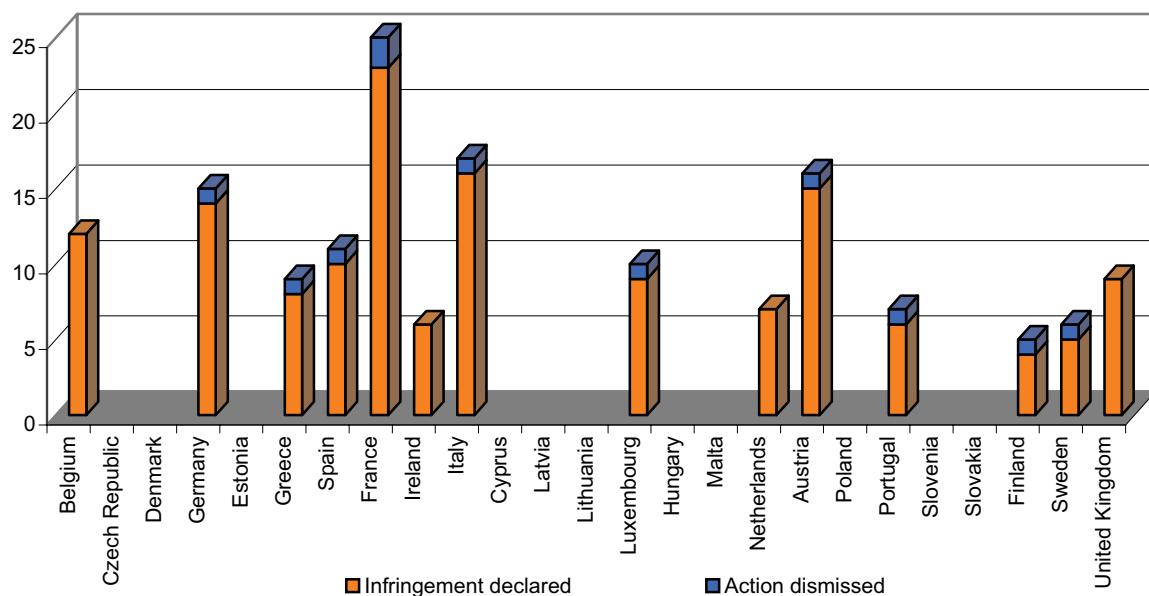
² Orders terminating proceedings by judicial determination (other than those removing a case from the register, declaring that there is no need to give a decision or referring a case to the Court of First Instance).

6. Proceedings for interim measures: outcome (2004)¹

	Number of applications for interim measures	Number of appeals concerning interim measures and interventions	Dismissed/ Contested decision upheld	Granted/Contested decision set aside	Outcome
Accession of new States	1	1	2		
Approximation of laws		1	1		
Competition		1		1	
Environment and consumers		2	2		
Transport	1			1	
Total EC Treaty	2	5	5	2	
EA Treaty					
Others					
OVERALL TOTAL	2	5	5	2	

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7. Completed cases – Judgments concerning failure of a Member State to fulfil its obligations: outcome (2004)¹

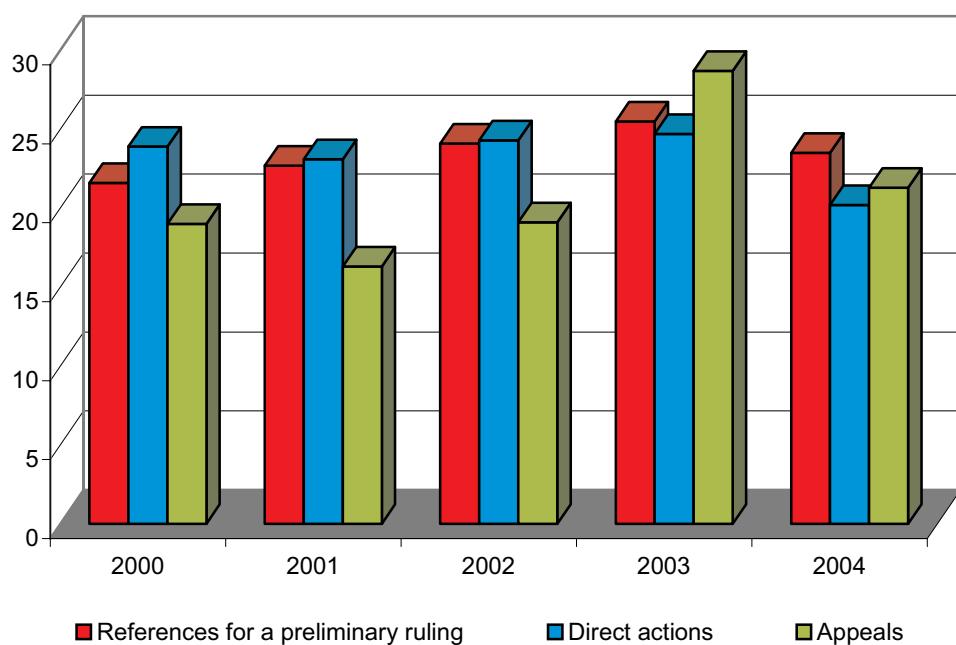


	Infringement declared	Action dismissed	Total
Belgium	12	0	12
Czech Republic	0	0	0
Denmark	0	0	0
Germany	14	1	15
Estonia	0	0	0
Greece	8	1	9
Spain	10	1	11
France	23	2	25
Ireland	6	0	6
Italy	16	1	17
Cyprus	0	0	0
Latvia	0	0	0
Lithuania	0	0	0
Luxembourg	9	1	10
Hungary	0	0	0
Malta	0	0	0
Netherlands	7	0	7
Austria	15	1	16
Poland	0	0	0
Portugal	6	0	6
Slovenia	0	0	0
Slovakia	0	0	0
Finland	4	1	5
Sweden	5	0	5
United Kingdom	9	0	9
Total	144	11	155

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).

8. Completed cases – Duration of proceedings (2000-2004)¹

(Decisions by way of judgments and orders)²

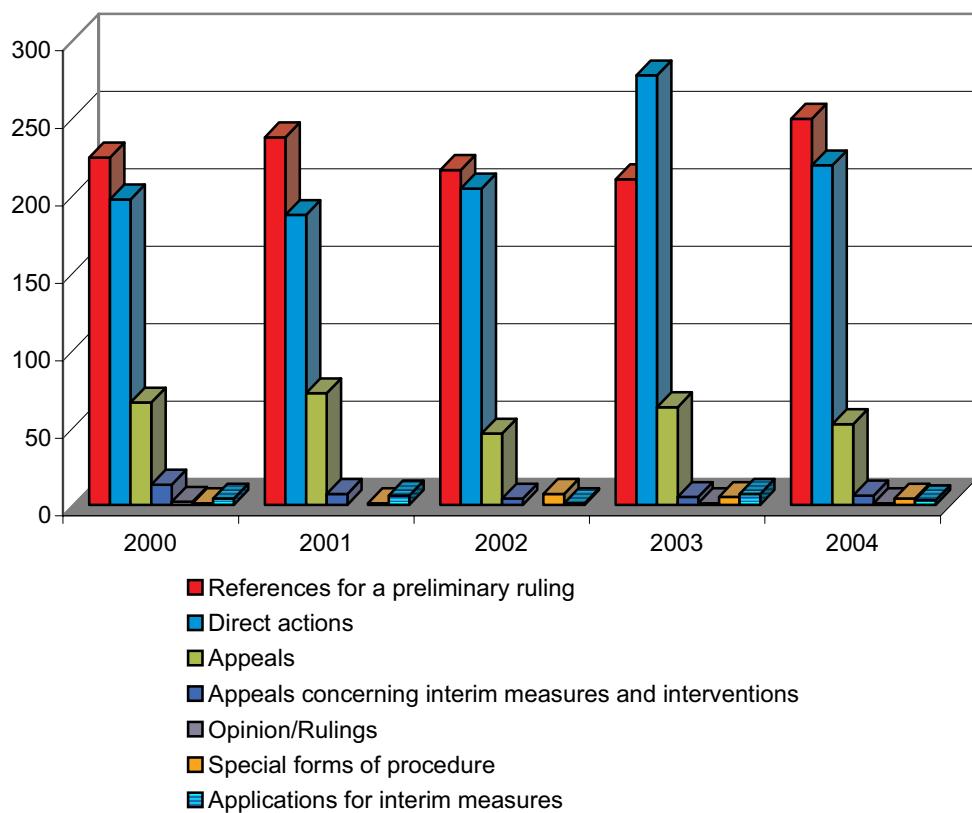


	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
References for a preliminary ruling	21,6	22,7	24,1	25,5	23,5
Direct actions	23,9	23,1	24,3	24,7	20,2
Appeals	19	16,3	19,1	28,7	21,3

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.

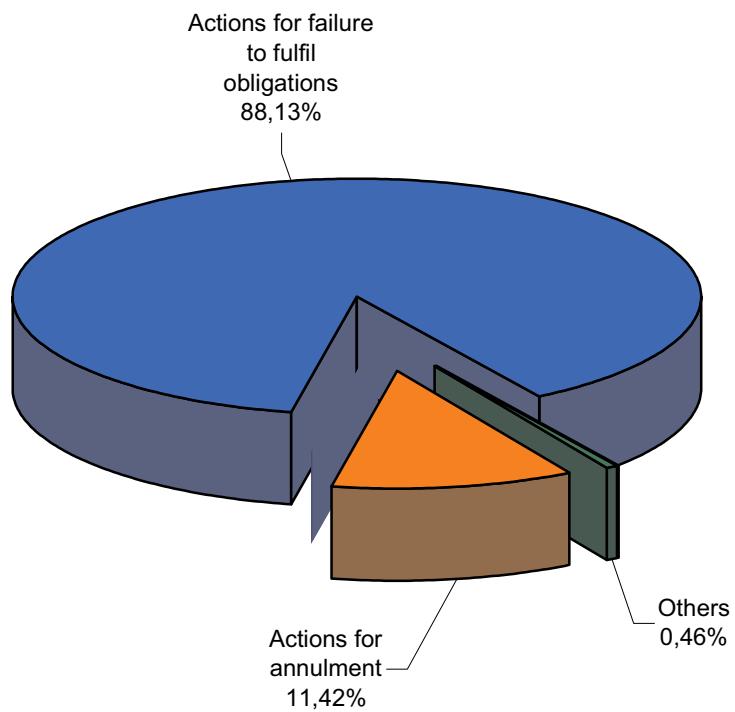
² Other than orders terminating a case by removal from the register, declaration that there is no need to give a decision or referral to the Court of First Instance.

New cases**9. Nature of proceedings (2000-2004)¹**

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
References for a preliminary ruling	224	237	216	210	249
Direct actions	197	187	204	277	219
Appeals	66	72	46	63	52
Appeals concerning interim measures and interventions	13	7	4	5	6
Opinion/Rulings	2			1	1
Special forms of procedure	1	1	7	5	4
Total	503	504	477	561	531
Applications for interim measures	4	6	1	7	3

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).

10. New cases – Direct actions – Type of action (2004)¹



Actions for annulment	25
Actions for failure to act	
Actions for damages	
Actions for failure to fulfil obligations	193
Actions on arbitration clauses	
Others	1
Total	219

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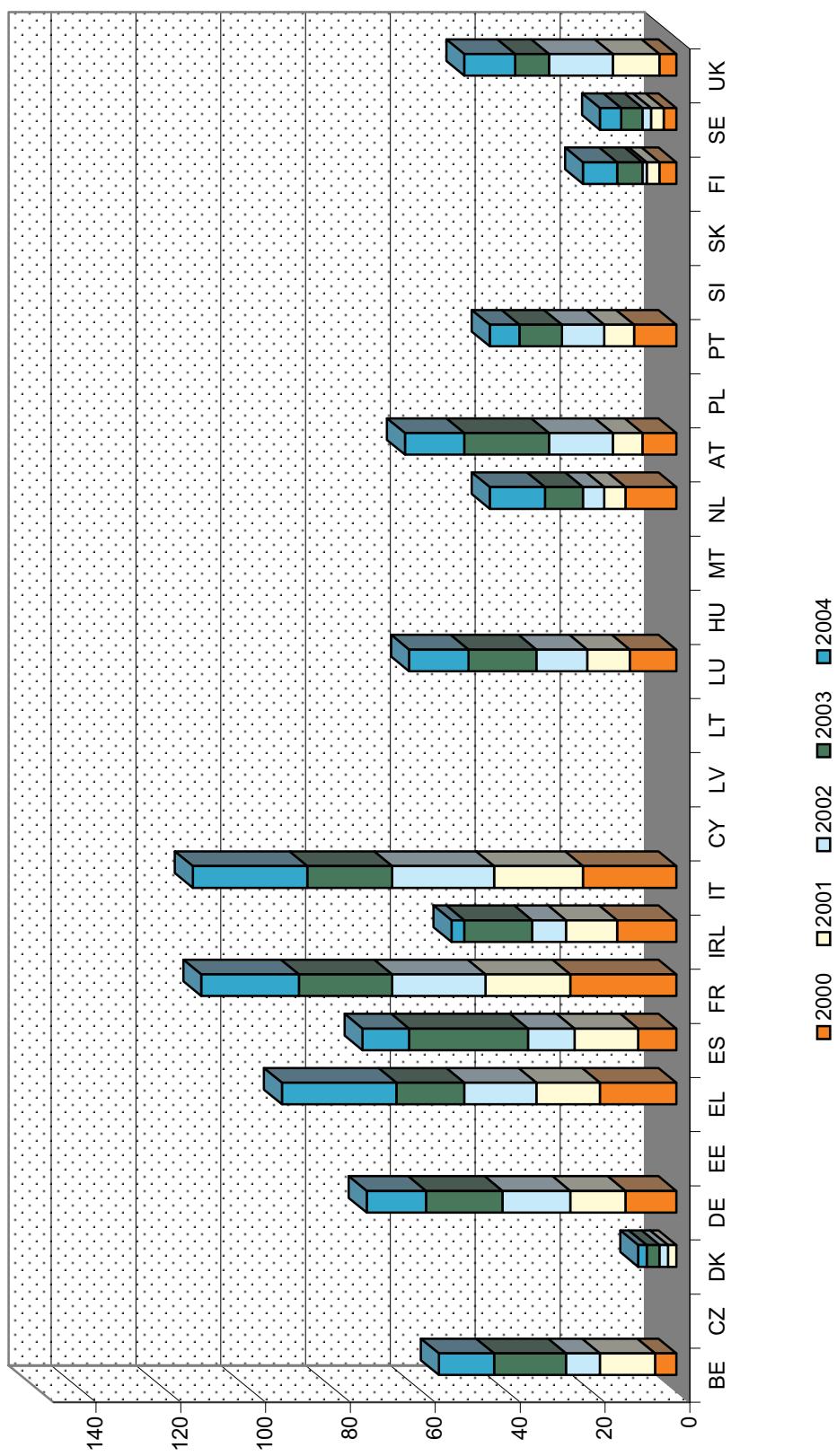
11. New cases¹ – Subject-matter of the action (2004)²

	Direct actions	References for a preliminary ruling	Appeals	Appeals concerning interim measures	Total	Special forms of procedure
Accession of new States	2		1	1	4	
Agriculture	22	27	1		50	
Approximation of laws	26	12	2	1	41	
Area of freedom, security and justice	7	5			12	
Brussels Convention		3			3	
Commercial policy		1			1	
Common foreign and security policy			2		2	
Commun Customs Tariff		6	1		7	
Community own resources	2	2			4	
Company law	12	13			25	
Competiton	5	9	18	1	33	
Customs union		6			6	
Economic and monetary policy	1				1	
Energy	2				2	
Environment and consumers	40	6		2	48	
European citizenship		4			4	
External relations	1	6	1		8	1
Fisheries policy	7	1			8	
Free movement of capital	1	8			9	
Free movement of goods	2	10			12	
Freedom of establishment	5	11			16	
Freedom of movement for persons	11	12			23	
Freedom to provide services	12	15	1		28	
Industrial policy	11	1			12	
Intellectual property		1	7		8	
Law governing the institutions	7		6	1	14	
Principles of Community law		2			2	
Privileges and immunities	1	1			2	
Regional policy	2		1		3	
Social policy	17	18			35	
Social security for migrant workers		5			5	
State aid	2	19	3		24	
Taxation	3	37			40	
Transport	17	4			21	
EC Treaty	218	245	44	6	513	1
EU Treaty		2			2	
CS Treaty			1		1	
EA Treaty	1	2			3	
Privileges and immunities						1
Procedure			2		2	3
Staff Regulations			5		5	
Others			7		7	4
OVERALL TOTAL	219	249	52	6	526	5

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 grounds of similarity (one case number = one case).

12. New cases – Actions for failure of a Member State to fulfil its obligations (2000-2004)¹

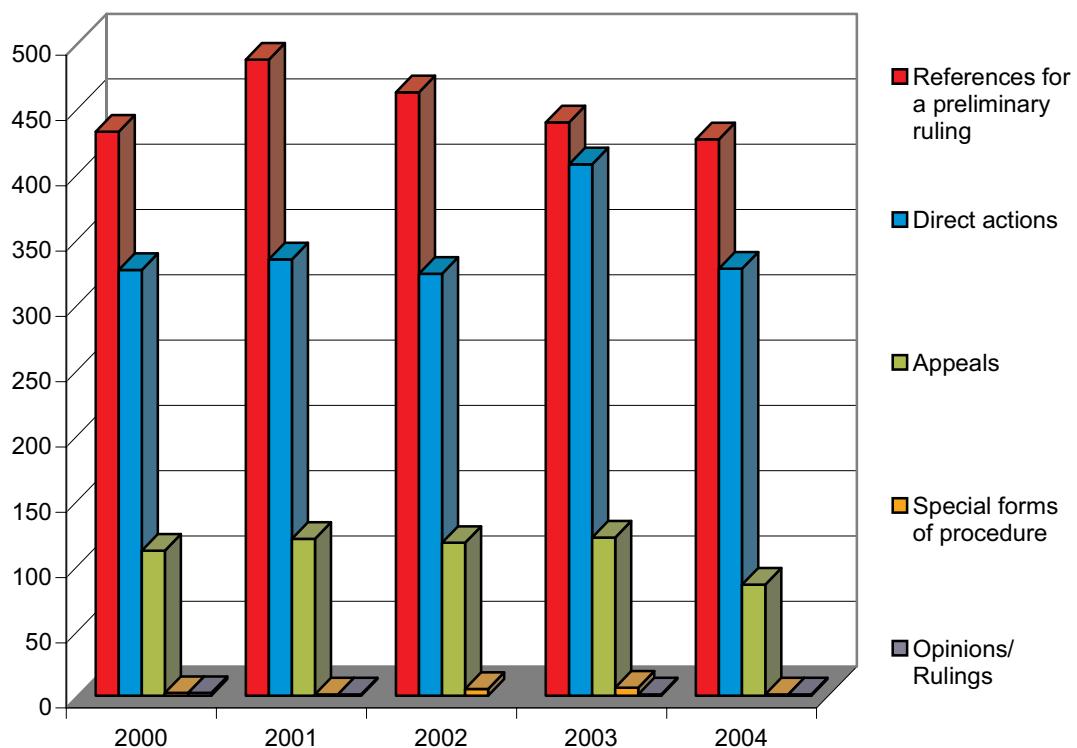


	BE	CZ	DK	DE	EE	EL	ES	FR	IRL	IT	CY	LV	LT	LU	HU	MAT	NL	AT	PL	PT	SI	SK	FI	SE	UK	TOTAL ²
2000	5			12		18	9	25	14	22				11			12	8	10				4	3	4	157
2001	13			2	13	15	15	20	12	21				10			5	7	7				3	3	11	157
2002	8			2	16	17	11	22	8	24				12			5	15	10				1	2	15	168
2003	17			3	18	16	28	22	16	20				16			9	20	10				6	5	8	214
2004	13			2	14	27	11	23	3	27				14			13	14	7				8	5	12	193

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).

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.

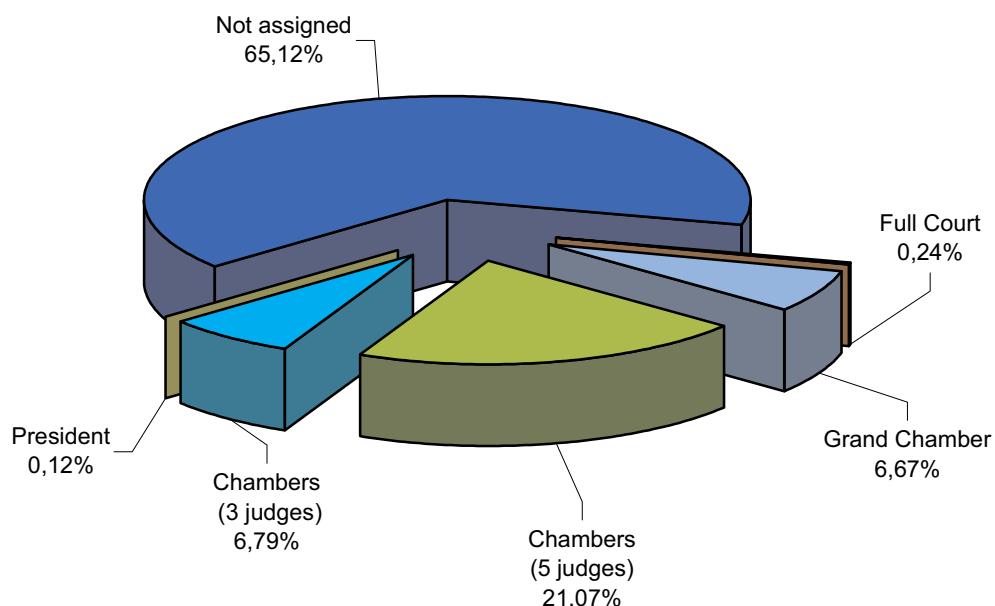
² Of which one action was brought under Article 170 of the EC Treaty (now Article 227 EC).

Cases pending as at 31 December**13. Nature of proceedings (2000-2004)¹**

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
References for a preliminary ruling	432	487	462	439	426
Direct actions	326	334	323	407	327
Appeals	111	120	117	121	85
Special forms of procedure	2	1	5	6	1
Opinions/ Rulings	2	1		1	1
Total	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).

14. Cases pending as at 31 December – Bench hearing actions (2004)¹



	Direct actions	References for a preliminary ruling	Appeals	Other proceedings	Total
Not assigned	236	256	55		547
Full Court	1			1	2
Grand Chamber	10	34	12		56
Chambers (5 judges)	49	113	14	1	177
Chambers (3 judges)	31	23	3		57
President			1		1
Total	327	426	85	2	840

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General trend in the work of the Court (1952-2004)**15. New cases and judgments**

Year	New cases ¹					Judgments ²
	Direct actions ³	References for a preliminary ruling	Appeals	Appeals concerning interim measures and interventions	Total	
1953	4				4	
1954	10				10	2
1955	9				9	4
1956	11				11	6
1957	19				19	4
1958	43				43	10
1959	47				47	13
1960	23				23	18
1961	25	1			26	11
1962	30	5			35	20
1963	99	6			105	17
1964	49	6			55	31
1965	55	7			62	52
1966	30	1			31	24
1967	14	23			37	24
1968	24	9			33	27
1969	60	17			77	30
1970	47	32			79	64
1971	59	37			96	60
1972	42	40			82	61
1973	131	61			192	80
1974	63	39			102	63
1975	62	69			131	78
1976	52	75			127	88
1977	74	84			158	100
1978	147	123			270	97
1979	1218	106			1324	138
1980	180	99			279	132
1981	214	108			322	128
1982	217	129			346	185
1983	199	98			297	151
1984	183	129			312	165
1985	294	139			433	211
1986	238	91			329	174
1987	251	144			395	208
1988	193	179			372	238
1989	244	139			383	188
1990 ⁴	221	141	15	1	378	193
1991	142	186	13	1	342	204
1992	253	162	24	1	440	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
Total	7528	5293	615	57	13493	339	6465

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

² Net figures.

³ Including opinions of the Court.

⁴ Since 1990 staff cases have been brought before the Court of First Instance.

16. General trend in the work of the Court (1952-2004) –¹
 New references for a preliminary ruling (by Member State per year)

	BE	CZ	DK	DE	EE	EL	ES	FR	IRL	IT	CY	LV	LT	LU	HU	MT	NL	AT	PL	PT	SI	SK	FI	SE	UK	Benelux	Total
1961																										1	5
1962																										5	6
1963																										6	6
1964																										7	7
1965																										1	1
1966																										23	23
1967	5		11																							9	9
1968	1		4																							17	17
1969	4		11																							32	32
1970	4		21																							37	37
1971	1		18																							40	40
1972	5		20																							61	61
1973	8		37																							39	39
1974	5		15																							69	69
1975	7		1	26																						1	1
1976	11		28																							75	75
1977	16		1	30																						84	84
1978	7		3	46																						123	123
1979	13		1	33																						106	106
1980	14		2	24																						99	99
1981	12		1	41																						108	108
1982	10		1	36																						129	129
1983	9		4	36																						98	98
1984	13		2	38																						129	129
1985	13		40																							139	139
1986	13		4	18																						91	91
1987	15		5	32																						144	144
1988	30		4	34																						16	16
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	BE	CZ	DK	DE	EE	EL	ES	FR	IRL	IT	CY	LV	LT	LU	HU	MT	NL	AT	PL	PT	SI	SK	FI	SE	UK	Benelux	Total
																										2	
1989	13	2	47	2	2	28	1	10			1		18			1								14		139	
1990	17	5	34	2	6	21	4	25			4		9			2								12		141	
1991	19	2	54	3	5	29	2	36			2		17			3								14		186	
1992	16	3	62	1	5	15	22			1		18			1									18		162	
1993	22	7	57	5	7	22	1	24			1		43			3								12		204	
1994	19	4	44	13	36	2	46			1		13			1									24		203	
1995	14	8	51	10	10	43	3	58			2		19			2								6		251	
1996	30	4	66	4	6	24	70			2		10			6									3		256	
1997	19	7	46	2	9	10	1	50			3		24			35								6		239	
1998	12	7	49	5	55	16	3	39			2		21			7								2		264	
1999	13	3	49	3	4	17	2	43			4		23			56								4		255	
2000	15	3	47	3	5	12	2	50			12		31			8								5		224	
2001	10	5	53	4	4	15	1	40			2		14			57								3		237	
2002	18	8	59	7	3	8		37			4		12			31								7		216	
2003	18	3	43	4	8	9	2	45			4		28			15								4		210	
2004	24	4	50	18	8	21	1	48			1		2			28								4		249	
Total	495	104	1414	92	153	676	45	844			57		610			55								38		396	
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¹ Article 177 of the EC Treaty (now Article 234 EC), Article 35 (1) EU, Article 41 CS, Article 150 EA, 1971 Protocol.

² Case C-265/00 Campina Melkunie.

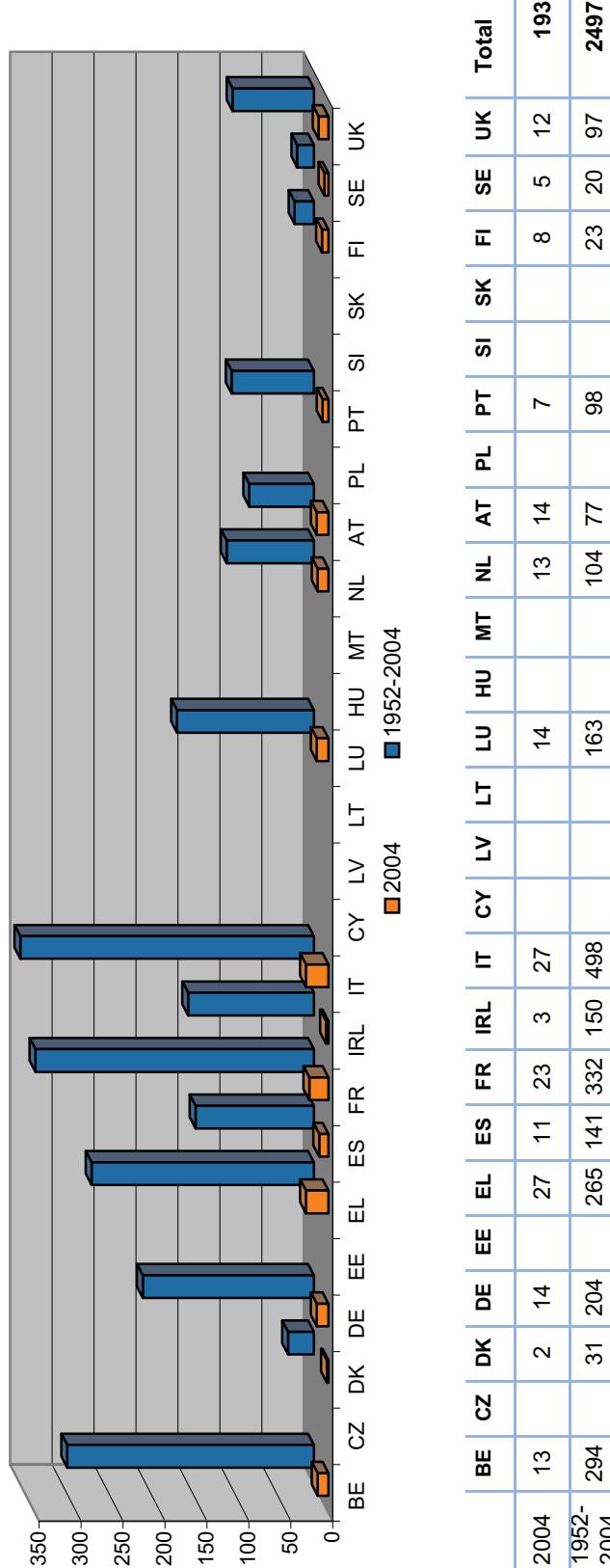
**17. General trend in the work of the Court (1952-2004) –
New references for a preliminary ruling (by Member State and by court or
tribunal)**

				Total			
Belgium		Cour de cassation	61				
		Cour d'arbitrage	2				
		Conseil d'État	35				
		Other courts or tribunals	397				495
Czech Republic		Nejvyššího soudu					
		Nejvyšší správní soud					
		Ústavní soud					
		Other courts or tribunals					
Denmark		Højesteret	19				
		Other courts or tribunals	85				104
Germany		Bundesgerichtshof	89				
		Bundesverwaltungsgericht	65				
		Bundesfinanzhof	219				
		Bundesarbeitsgericht	16				
		Bundessozialgericht	69				
		Staatsgerichtshof des Landes Hessen	1				
		Other courts or tribunals	955				1414
Estonia		Riigikohus					
		Other courts or tribunals					
Greece		Άρειος Πάγος	4				
		Συμβούλιο της Επικρατείας	21				
		Other courts or tribunals	67				92
Spain		Tribunal Supremo	12				
		Audiencia Nacional	1				
		Juzgado Central de lo Penal	7				
		Other courts or tribunals	133				153
France		Cour de cassation	70				
		Conseil d'État	28				
		Other courts or tribunals	578				676
Ireland		Supreme Court	14				
		High Court	15				
		Other courts or tribunals	16				45
Italy		Corte suprema di Cassazione	82				
		Consiglio di Stato	48				
		Other courts or tribunals	714				844
Cyprus		Ανώτατο Δικαστήριο					
		Other courts or tribunals					
Latvia		Augstākā tiesa					
		Satversmes tiesa					
		Other courts or tribunals					
Lithuania		Konstitucinis Teismas					
		Lietuvos Auksciausiasis					
		Vyriausiasis administraciniis Teismas					
		Other courts or tribunals					
Luxembourg		Cour supérieure de justice	10				
		Conseil d'État	13				
		Cour administrative	5				
		Other courts or tribunals	29				57
Hungary		Legfelsőbb Bíróság					
		Other courts or tribunals	2				2
Malta		Constitutional Court					
		Court of Appeal					
		Other courts or tribunals					
Netherlands		Raad van State	45				
		Hoge Raad der Nederlanden	131				
		Centrale Raad van Beroep	42				
		College van Beroep voor het Bedrijfsleven	118				
		Tarieffcommissie	34				
		Other courts or tribunals	240				610

Austria	Verfassungsgerichtshof Oberster Gerichtshof Bundesvergabeamt Verwaltungsgerichtshof Vergabekontrollsenat Other courts or tribunals	4 53 23 42 3 136	261
Poland	Sad Najwyższy Naczelnego Sądu Administracyjnego Trybunał Konstytucyjny Other courts or tribunals		
Portugal	Supremo Tribunal Administrativo Other courts or tribunals	31 24	55
Slovenia	Vrhovno sodišče Vstavno sodišče Other courts or tribunals		
Slovakia	Ústavný Súd Najvyšší súd Other courts or tribunals		
Finland	Korkein hallinto-oikeus Korkein oikeus Other courts or tribunals	12 7 19	38
Sweden	Högsta Domstolen Marknadsdomstolen Regeringsrätten Other courts or tribunals	5 3 15 27	50
United Kingdom	House of Lords Court of Appeal Other courts or tribunals	31 31 334	396
Benelux	Cour de justice/Gerechtshof ¹	1	1
Total			5293

¹ Case C-265/00 Campina Melkunie.

**18. General trend in the work of the Court (1952-2004) –
New actions for failure of a Member State to fulfil its obligations¹**



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 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.