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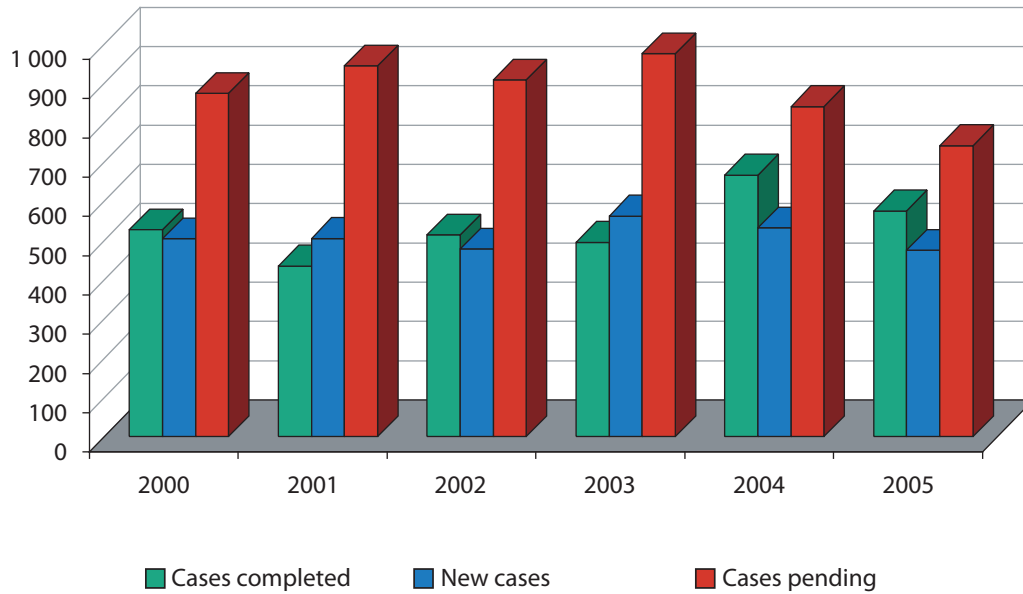
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General activity of the Court of Justice

1. Cases completed, new cases, cases pending (2000–05) ⁽¹⁾

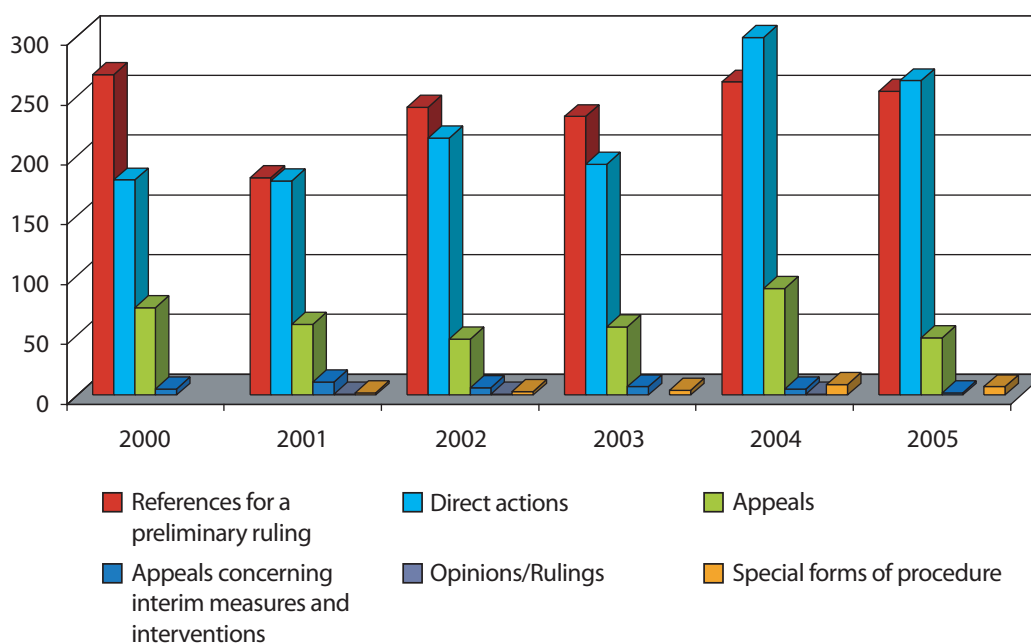


	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Cases completed	526	434	513	494	665	574
New cases	503	504	477	561	531	474
Cases pending	873	943	907	974	840	740

⁽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).

Cases completed

2. Nature of proceedings (2000–05) ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾

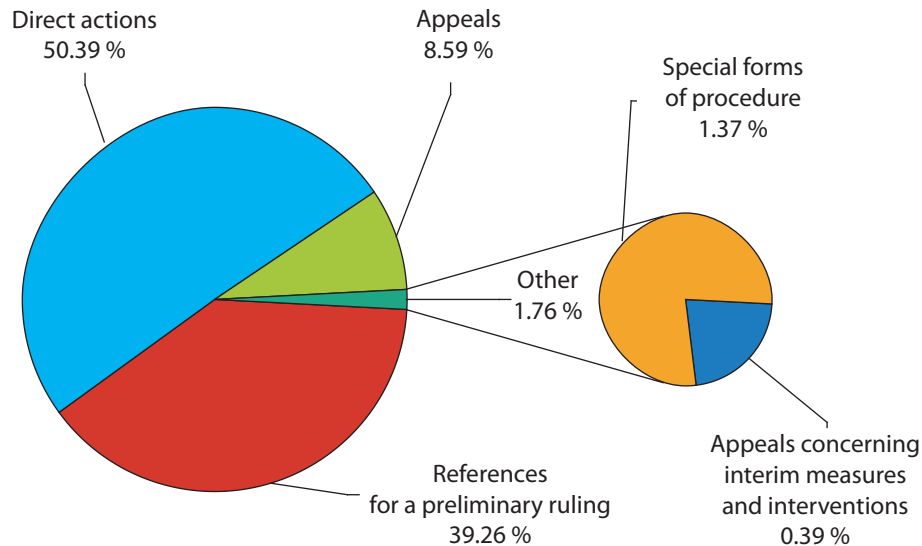


	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
References for a preliminary ruling	268	182	241	233	262	254
Direct actions	180	179	215	193	299	263
Appeals	73	59	47	57	89	48
Appeals concerning interim measures and interventions	5	11	6	7	5	2
Opinions/Rulings		1	1		1	
Special forms of procedure		2	3	4	9	7
Total	526	434	513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

⁽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. Judgments, orders, opinions (2005)(¹)



	Judgments	Non-interlocutory orders ⁽²⁾	Interlocutory orders ⁽³⁾	Other orders ⁽⁴⁾	Opinions of the Court	Total
References for a preliminary ruling	164	19		18		201
Direct actions	177		1	80		258
Appeals	21	19	3	1		44
Appeals concerning interim measures and interventions			2			2
Opinions/Rulings						
Special forms of procedure		1		6		7
Total	362	39	6	105	0	512

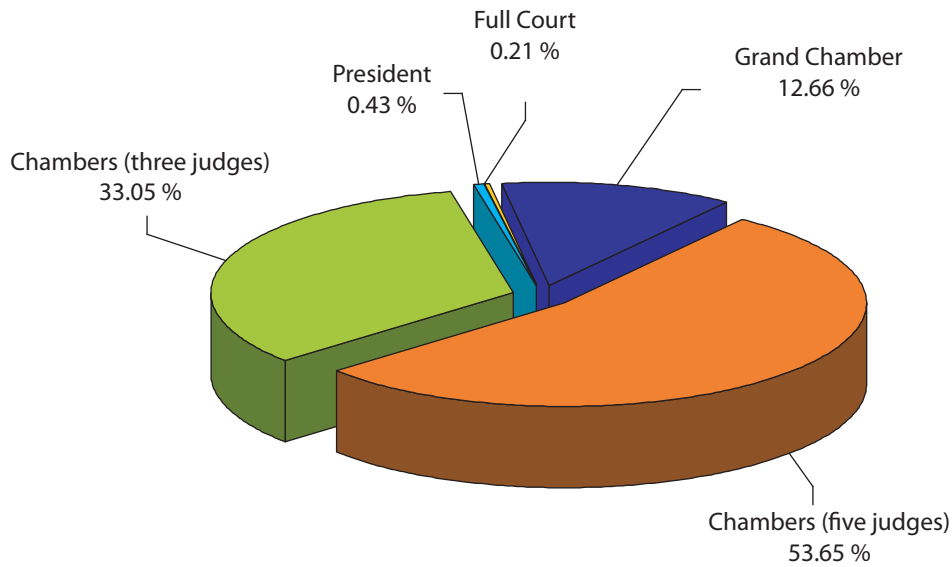
(¹) The figures given (net figures) represent the number of cases after joinder on the grounds of similarity (a set of joined cases = one case).

(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 EA and CS 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. Bench hearing actions (2005) ⁽¹⁾



	Judgments/ Opinions	Orders ⁽²⁾	Total
Full Court	1		1
Grand Chamber	59		59
Chambers (five judges)	245	5	250
Chambers (three judges)	103	51	154
President		2	2
Total	408	58	466

⁽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. Subject matter of the action (2005) ⁽¹⁾

	Judgments/ Opinions	Orders ⁽²⁾	Total
Accession of new States	1		1
Agriculture	41	22	63
Approximation of laws	38	3	41
Area of freedom, security and justice	5		5
Association of the overseas countries and territories	2		2
Brussels Convention	8		8
Commercial policy	4		4
Common Customs Tariff	5	2	7
Community own resources	2		2
Company law	24		24
Competition	14	3	17
Customs union	8	1	9
Energy	3		3
Environment and consumers	42	2	44
European citizenship	2		2
External relations	7	1	8
Fisheries policy	11		11
Free movement of capital	5		5
Free movement of goods	9	2	11
Freedom of establishment	4	1	5
Freedom of movement for persons	15	2	17
Freedom to provide services	9	2	11
Industrial policy	11		11
Intellectual property	3	2	5
Law governing the institutions	10	6	16
Principles of Community law	1	1	2
Privileges and immunities	1		1
Regional policy	5		5
Social policy	26	3	29
Social security for migrant workers	10		10
State aid	22	1	23
Taxation	34		34
Transport	16		16
EC Treaty	398	54	452
EU Treaty	3		3
CS Treaty	3		3
EA Treaty	1		1
Privileges and immunities			
Procedure		1	1
Staff Regulations	3	3	6
Others	3	4	7
OVERALL TOTAL	408	58	466

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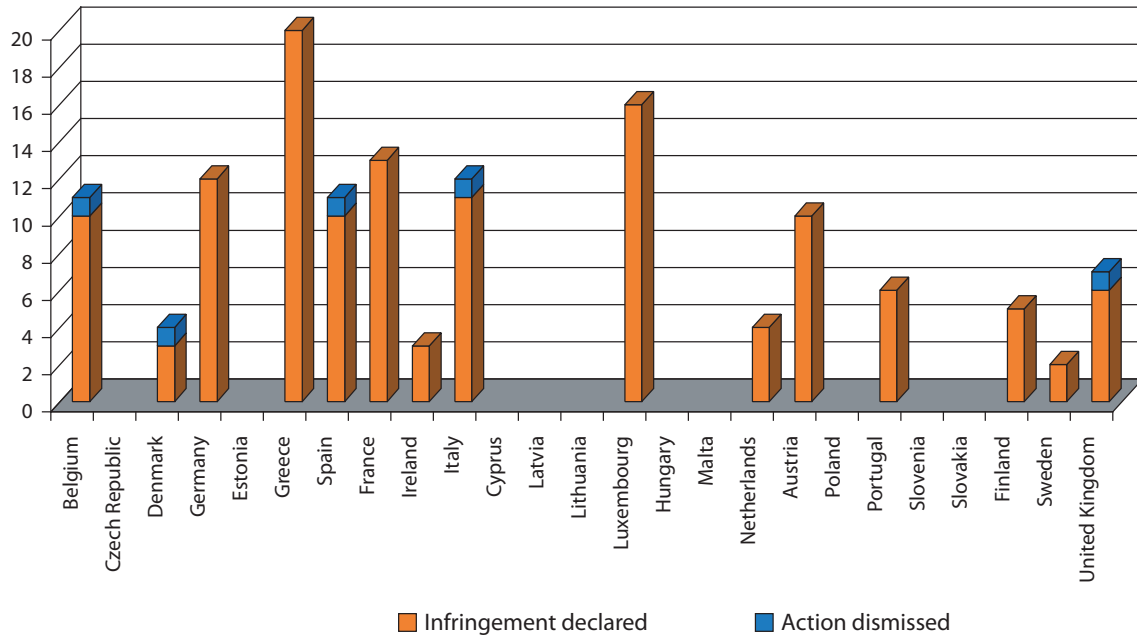
⁽²⁾ Orders terminating proceedings by judicial determination (other than those removing a case from the register, declaring that there is no need to give a decision or referring a case to the Court of First Instance).

6. Proceedings for interim measures: outcome (2005) ⁽¹⁾

	Number of applications for interim measures	Number of appeals concerning interim measures and interventions	Outcome	
			Dismissed/Contested decision upheld	Granted/Contested decision set aside
Agriculture	2		2	
Environment and consumers	1		2	
Law governing the institutions		1	1	
State aid	1	1	1	
Total EC Treaty	4	2	6	
EA Treaty				
Others				
OVERALL TOTAL	4	2	6	

(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).

7. Judgments concerning failure of a Member State to fulfil its obligations: outcome (2005) ⁽¹⁾

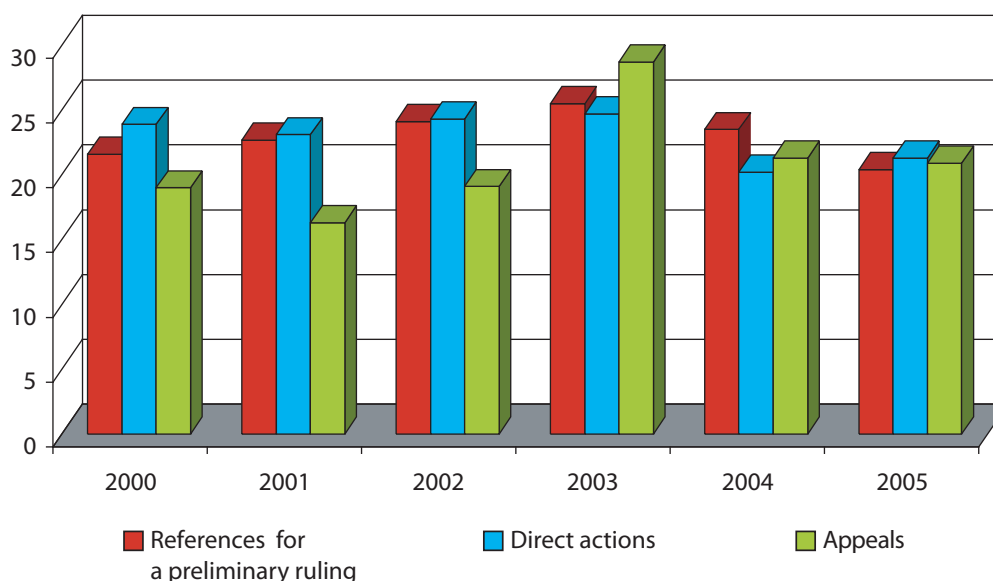


	Infringement declared	Action dismissed	Total
Belgium	10	1	11
Czech Republic			
Denmark	3	1	4
Germany	12		12
Estonia			
Greece	20		20
Spain	10	1	11
France	13		13
Ireland	3		3
Italy	11	1	12
Cyprus			
Latvia			
Lithuania			
Luxembourg	16		16
Hungary			
Malta			
Netherlands	4		4
Austria	10		10
Poland			
Portugal	6		6
Slovenia			
Slovakia			
Finland	5		5
Sweden	2		2
United Kingdom	6	1	7
Total	131	5	136

⁽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).

8. Duration of proceedings (2000–05) ⁽¹⁾

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



	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
References for a preliminary ruling	21.6	22.7	24.1	25.5	23.5	20.4
Direct actions	23.9	23.1	24.3	24.7	20.2	21.3
Appeals	19	16.3	19.1	28.7	21.3	20.9

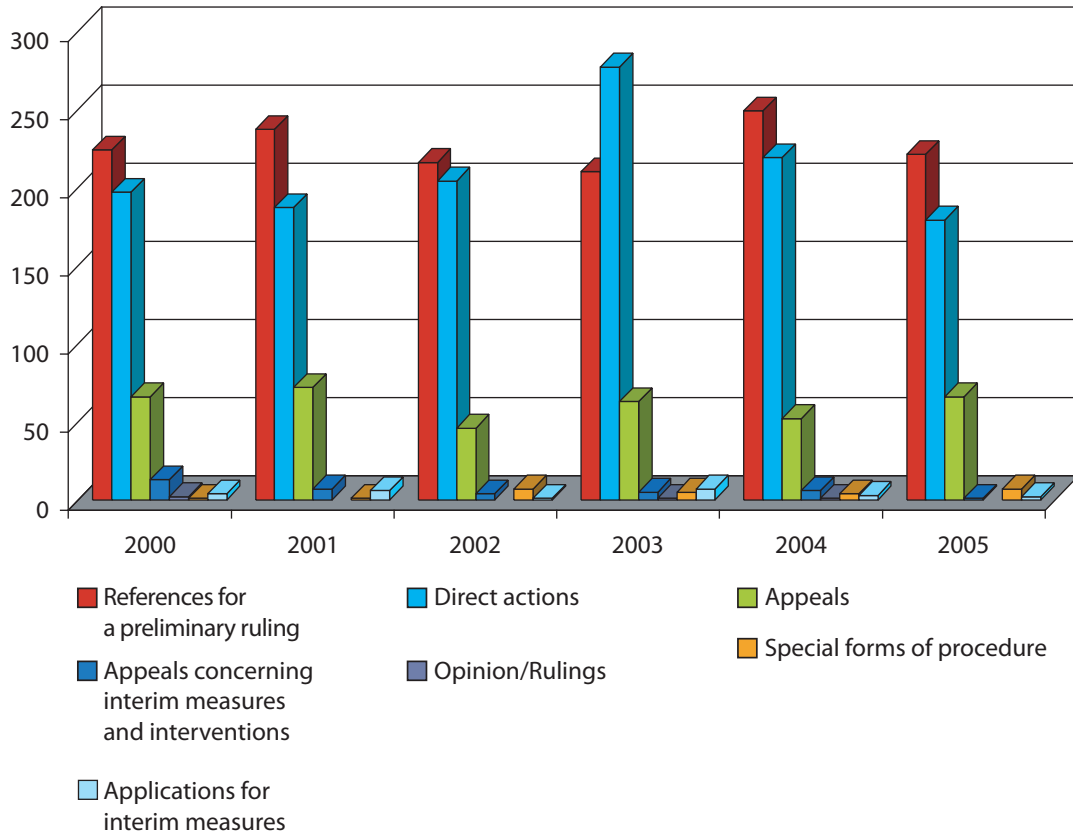
⁽¹⁾ The following types of cases are excluded from the calculation of the duration of proceedings: cases involving an interlocutory judgment or a measure of inquiry; opinions and rulings on agreements; special forms of procedure (namely taxation of costs, legal aid, application to set a judgment aside, 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

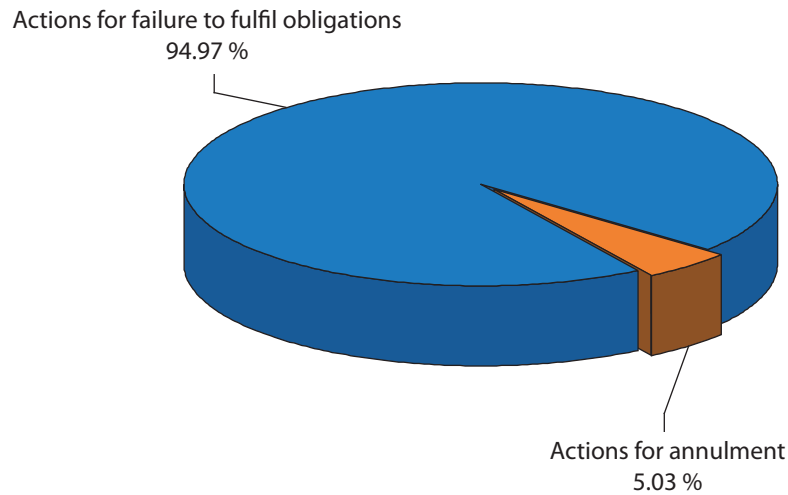
9. Nature of proceedings (2000–05) ⁽¹⁾



	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
References for a preliminary ruling	224	237	216	210	249	221
Direct actions	197	187	204	277	219	179
Appeals	66	72	46	63	52	66
Appeals concerning interim measures and interventions	13	7	4	5	6	1
Opinion/Rulings	2			1	1	
Special forms of procedure	1	1	7	5	4	7
Total	503	504	477	561	531	474
Applications for interim measures	4	6	1	7	3	2

(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. Direct actions — Type of action (2005) (1)



Actions for annulment	9
Actions for failure to act	
Actions for damages	
Actions for failure to fulfil obligations	170
Total	179

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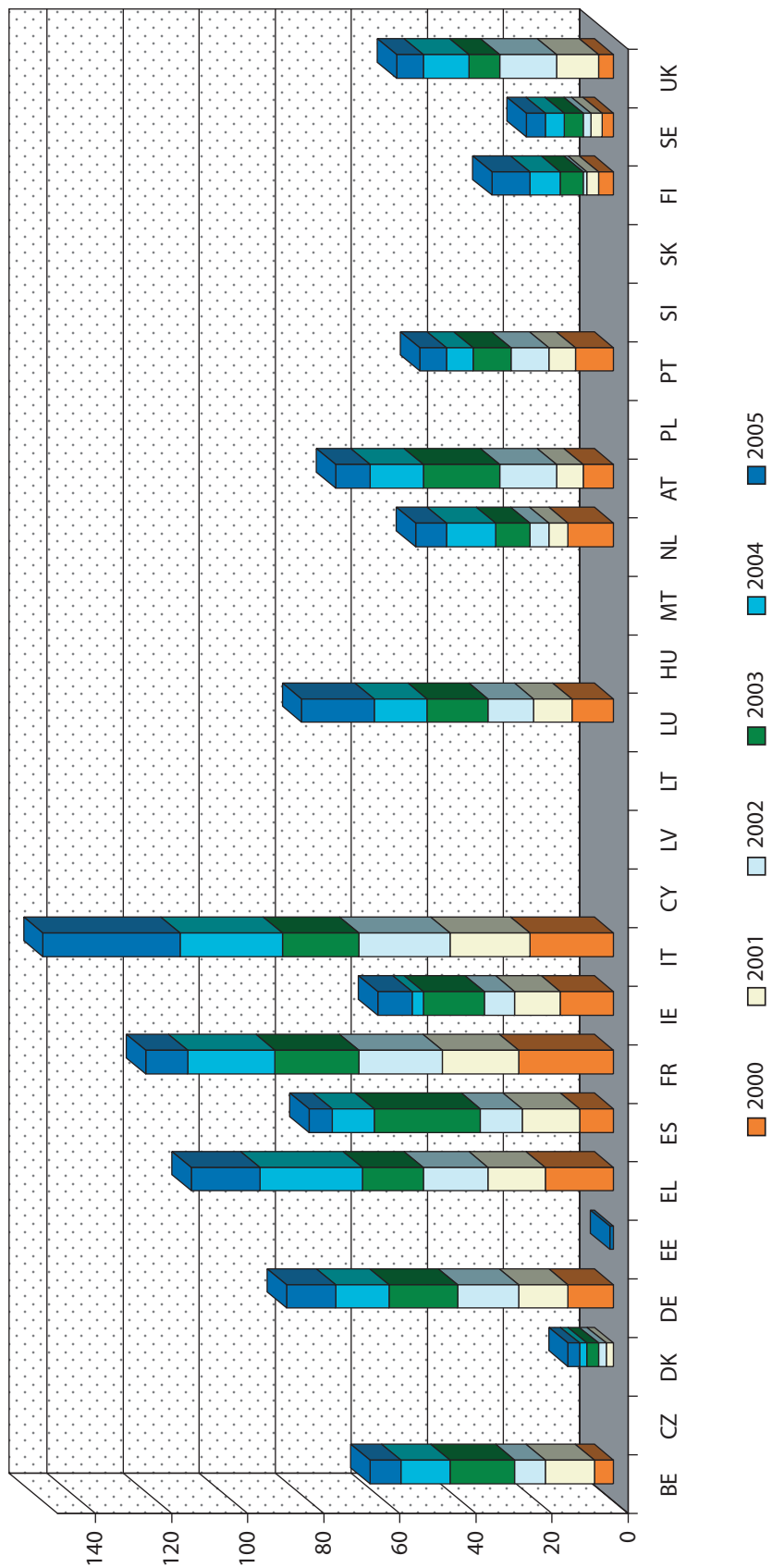
11. Subject matter of the action (2005) ⁽¹⁾(²)

	Direct actions	References for a preliminary ruling	Appeals	Appeals concerning interim measures and interventions	Total	Special forms of procedure
Agriculture	4	27	4		35	
Approximation of laws	9	17	1		27	
Area of freedom, security and justice	2	4			6	
Brussels Convention		2			2	
Commercial policy		2			2	
Common Customs Tariff		5			5	
Common foreign and security policy	1		2		3	
Community own resources	7				7	
Company law	9	3			12	
Competition	1	7	2		10	
Customs union		5	4		9	
Economic and monetary policy	1	1			2	
Energy	9				9	
Environment and consumers	38	8	4	1	51	
European citizenship	1	1			2	
External relations	2	7	1		10	
Fisheries policy	6				6	
Free movement of capital	2	7	1		10	
Free movement of goods	8	5			13	
Freedom of establishment	7	14			21	
Freedom of movement for persons	8	16	1		25	
Freedom to provide services	5	6	1		12	
Industrial policy	6	2			8	
Intellectual property	6	3	15		24	
Justice and home affairs		1	1		2	
Law governing the institutions	2		8		10	
Principles of Community law		2			2	
Privileges and immunities		1			1	
Regional policy		2			2	
Social policy	17	15	4		36	
Social security for migrant workers	2	10			12	
State aid	3	1	5		9	
Taxation	9	40			49	
Transport	13	1			14	
EC Treaty	178	215	54	1	448	
EU Treaty	1	5			6	
CS Treaty		1			1	
EA Treaty						
Privileges and immunities						5
Procedure			1		1	2
Staff Regulations			11		11	
Others			12		12	7
OVERALL TOTAL	179	221	66	1	467	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 grounds of similarity (one case number = one case).

12. Actions for failure of a Member State to fulfil its obligations (2000–05) (1)



	BE	CZ	DK	DE	EE	EL	ES	FR	IE	IT	CY	LV	LT	LU	HU	MT	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
2005	8		3	13	1	18	6	11	9	36				19			8	9		7			10	5	7	170

⁽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⁾.

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

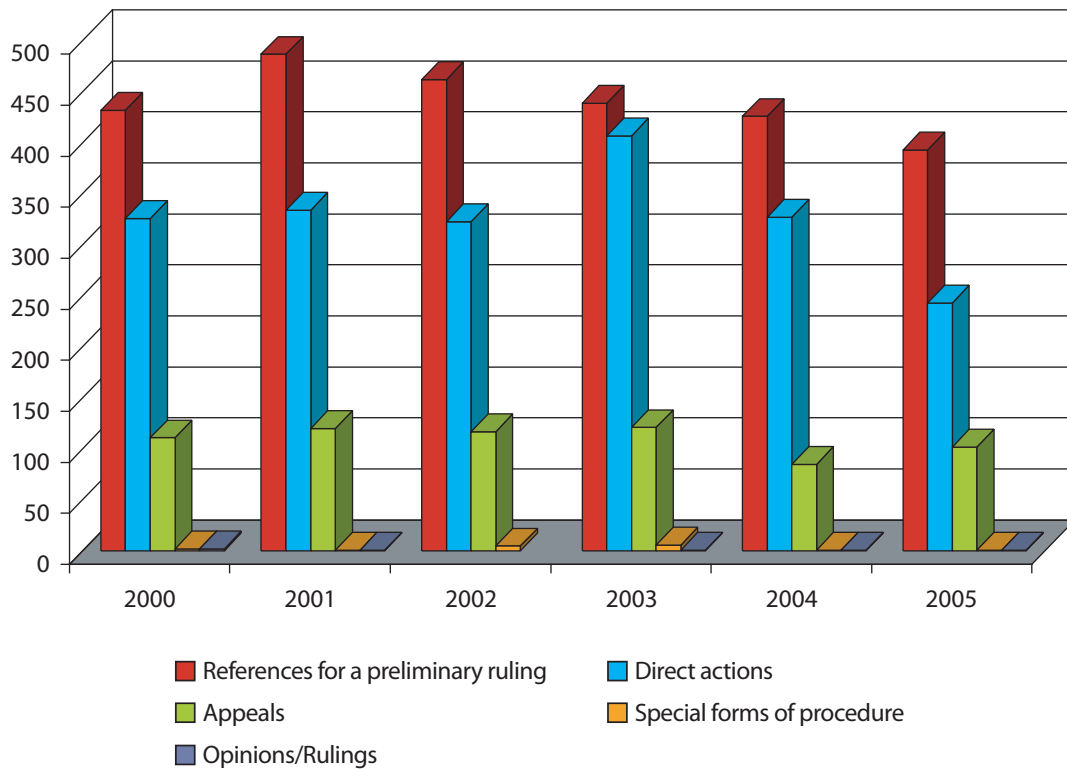
13. Expedited and accelerated procedures (2000–05) ⁽¹⁾

	2000		2001		2002		2003		2004		2005		Total
	Granted	Not granted	Granted	Not granted	Granted	Not granted	Granted	Not granted	Granted	Not granted	Granted	Not granted	
Direct actions						1		3	1	2			7
References for a preliminary ruling		1	1	5		1		3		10		5	26
Appeals				2			1	1					4
Opinions of the Court										1			1
Total		1	1	7		2	1	7	1	13		5	38

(¹) A case before the Court of Justice may be dealt with under such a procedure pursuant to Articles 62a, 104a and 118 of the Rules of Procedure, as amended with effect from 1 July 2000.

Cases pending as at 31 December

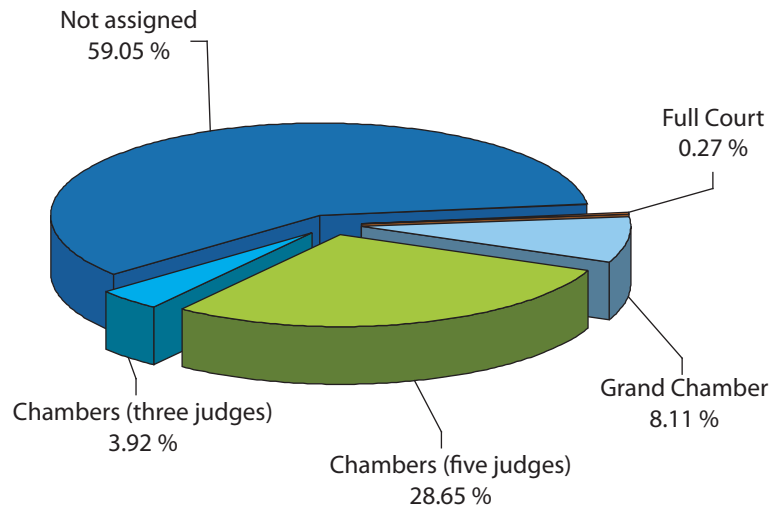
14. Nature of proceedings (2000–05) ⁽¹⁾



	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
References for a preliminary ruling	432	487	462	439	426	393
Direct actions	326	334	323	407	327	243
Appeals	111	120	117	121	85	102
Special forms of procedure	2	1	5	6	1	1
Opinions/Rulings	2	1		1	1	1
Total	873	943	907	974	840	740

⁽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).

15. Bench hearing actions (2005) (1)



	Direct actions	References for a preliminary ruling	Appeals	Other proceedings	Total
Not assigned	170	199	68		437
Full Court	1			1	2
Grand Chamber	14	43	3		60
Chambers (five judges)	42	142	28		212
Chambers (three judges)	16	9	3	1	29
President					
Total	243	393	102	2	740

(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).

General trend in the work of the Court (1952–2005)**16. New cases and judgments**

Year	New cases (¹)					Applications for interim measures	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	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⁾					Applications for interim measures	Judgments ⁽²⁾
	Direct actions ⁽³⁾	References for a preliminary ruling	Appeals	Appeals concerning interim measures and interventions	Total		
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
Total	7 707	5 514	681	58	13 960	341	6 827

⁽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.

17. New references for a preliminary ruling (by Member State per year) (1)

	BE	CZ	DK	DE	EE	EL	ES	FR	IE	IT	CY	LV	LT	LU	HU	MT	NL	AT	PL	PT	SI	SK	FI	SE	UK	Benelux (2)	Total	
1961																	1										1	
1962																	5											5
1963														1			5											6
1964								2									4											6
1965				4				2									1											7
1966																	1											1
1967	5			11				3						1			3											23
1968	1			4				1	1								2											9
1969	4			11				1						1														17
1970	4			21				2	2								3											32
1971	1			18				6	5					1			6											37
1972	5			20				1	4								10											40
1973	8			37				4	5					1			6											61
1974	5			15				6	5								7								1			39
1975	7		1	26				15	14					1			4								1			69
1976	11			28				8	1	12							14								1			75
1977	16		1	30				14	2	7							9								5			84
1978	7		3	46				12	1	11							38								5			123
1979	13		1	33				18	2	19				1			11								8			106
1980	14		2	24				14	3	19							17								6			99
1981	12		1	41				17	1	11				4			17								5			108
1982	10		1	36				39	18								21								4			129

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	BE	CZ	DK	DE	EE	EL	ES	FR	IE	IT	CY	LV	LT	LU	HU	MT	NL	AT	PL	PT	SI	SK	FI	SE	UK	Benelux ⁽²⁾	Total	
1983	9		4	36				15	2	7							19									6	98	
1984	13		2	38				34	1	10							22									9	129	
1985	13			40				45	2	11			6				14									8	139	
1986	13		4	18		2	1	19	4	5			1				16									8	91	
1987	15		5	32		17	1	36	2	5			3				19									9	144	
1988	30		4	34		1	38		28				2				26									16	179	
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		5					6	20	251	
1996	30		4	66		4	6	24		70			2				10	6		6					3	4	21	256
1997	19		7	46		2	9	10	1	50			3				24	35		2					6	7	18	239
1998	12		7	49		5	55	16	3	39			2				21	16		7					2	6	24	264
1999	13		3	49		3	4	17	2	43			4				23	56		7					4	5	22	255
2000	15		3	47		3	5	12	2	50							12	31		8					5	4	26	1 224
2001	10		5	53		4	4	15	1	40			2				14	57		4					3	4	21	237
2002	18		8	59		7	3	8		37			4				12	31		3					7	5	14	216
2003	18		3	43		4	8	9	2	45			4				28	15		1					4	4	22	210
2004	24		4	50		18	8	21	1	48			1	2			28	12		1					4	5	22	249
2005	21	1	4	51		11	10	17	2	18			2	3			36	15		1	2				4	11	12	221
Total	516	1	108	1 465		103	163	693	47	862			59	5			646	276	1	57					42	61	408	1 5 514

(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.

18. New references for a preliminary ruling (by Member State and by court or tribunal)

			Total
Belgium	Cour de cassation	68	
	Cour d'arbitrage	4	
	Conseil d'État	35	
	Other courts or tribunals	409	516
Czech Republic	Nejvyššího soudu		
	Nejvyšší správní soud		
	Ústavní soud		
	Other courts or tribunals	1	1
Denmark	Højesteret	19	
	Other courts or tribunals	89	108
Germany	Bundesgerichtshof	98	
	Bundesverwaltungsgericht	67	
	Bundesfinanzhof	226	
	Bundesarbeitsgericht	16	
	Bundessozialgericht	72	
	Staatsgerichtshof des Landes Hessen	1	
	Other courts or tribunals	985	1465
Estonia	Riigikohus		
	Other courts or tribunals		
Greece	Άρειος Πάγος	9	
	Συμβούλιο της Επικρατείας	25	
	Other courts or tribunals	69	103
Spain	Tribunal Supremo	15	
	Audiencia Nacional	1	
	Juzgado Central de lo Penal	7	
	Other courts or tribunals	140	163
France	Cour de cassation	72	
	Conseil d'État	33	
	Other courts or tribunals	588	693
Ireland	Supreme Court	15	
	High Court	15	
	Other courts or tribunals	17	47
Italy	Corte suprema di Cassazione	83	
	Consiglio di Stato	51	
	Other courts or tribunals	728	862

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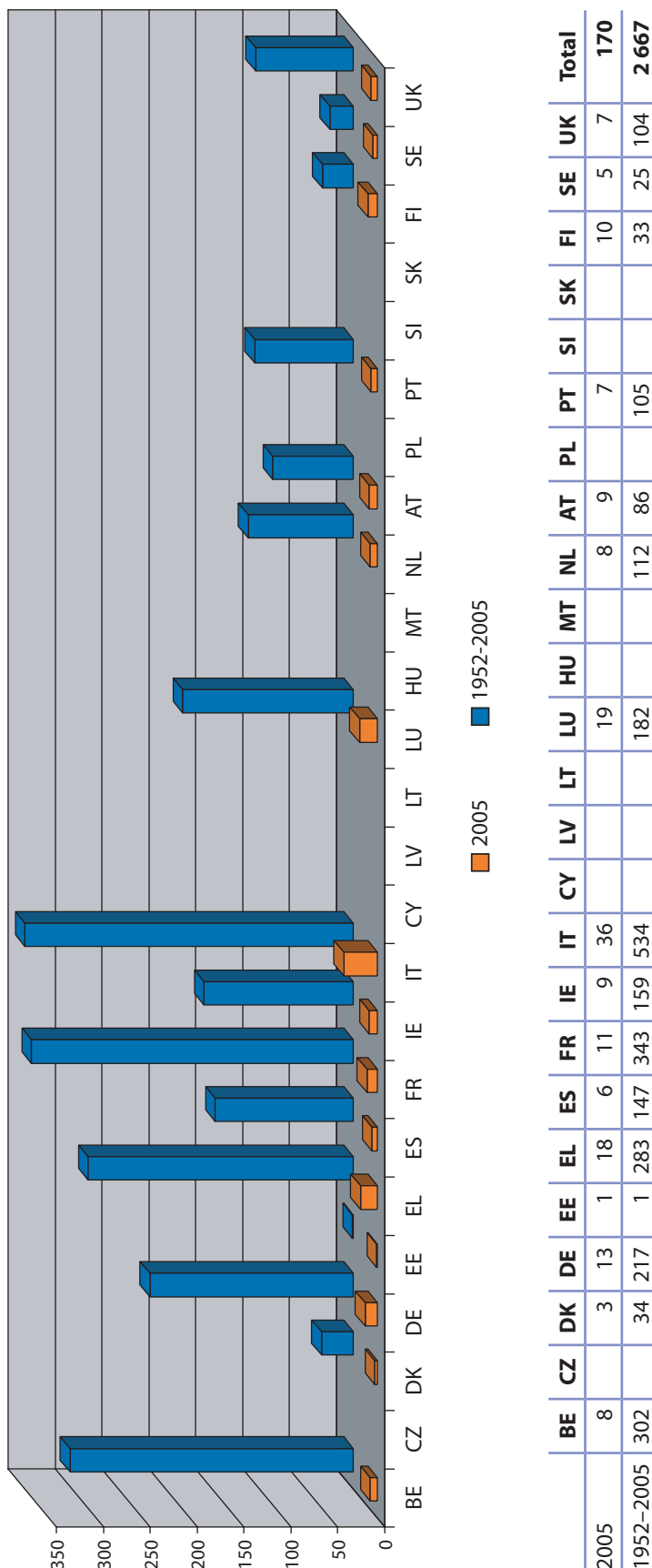
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Cyprus	Ανώτατο Δικαστήριο Other courts or tribunals		
Latvia	Augstākā tiesa Satversmes tiesa Other courts or tribunals		
Lithuania	Konstitucinis Teismas Lietuvos Aukščiausiasis Teismas Vyriausiasis administracinis Teismas Other courts or tribunals		
Luxembourg	Cour supérieure de justice Conseil d'État Cour administrative Other courts or tribunals	10 13 6 30	59
Hungary	Legfelsőbb Bíróság Other courts or tribunals	5	5
Malta	Constitutional Court Qorti ta' l-Appel Other courts or tribunals		
Netherlands	Raad van State Hoge Raad der Nederlanden Centrale Raad van Beroep College van Beroep voor het Bedrijfsleven Tariefcommissie Other courts or tribunals	47 139 44 130 34 252	646
Austria	Verfassungsgerichtshof Oberster Gerichtshof Oberster Patent- und Markensenat Bundesvergabeamt Verwaltungsgerichtshof Vergabekontrollsenat Other courts or tribunals	4 58 1 23 45 3 142	276
Poland	Sąd Najwyższy Naczelny Sąd Administracyjny Trybunał Konstytucyjny Other courts or tribunals	1	1

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			Total
Portugal	Supremo Tribunal de Justiça	1	
	Supremo Tribunal Administrativo	32	
	Other courts or tribunals	24	57
Slovenia	Vrhovno sodišče		
	Ustavno sodišče		
	Other courts or tribunals		
Slovakia	Ústavný Súd		
	Najvyšší súd		
	Other courts or tribunals		
Finland	Korkein hallinto-oikeus	14	
	Korkein oikeus	7	
	Other courts or tribunals	21	42
Sweden	Högsta Domstolen	7	
	Marknadsdomstolen	3	
	Regeringsrätten	18	
	Other courts or tribunals	33	61
United Kingdom	House of Lords	33	
	Court of Appeal	34	
	Other courts or tribunals	341	408
Benelux	Cour de justice/Gerechtshof ⁽¹⁾	1	1
Total			5 514

⁽¹⁾ Case C-265/00 Campina Melkunie.

19. New actions for failure of a Member State to fulfil its obligations (1)



(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.
 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.