



Press release

Strengthening the European Court for Human Rights, together

*“Implementing the European Convention on Human Rights: A shared responsibility” -
Conference of European Justice Ministers, Brussels, 26-27 March 2015*

Belgian Minister of Justice Koen Geens and the ministers and high representatives from the other 46 Council of Europe member states will meet in Brussels on 26 and 27 March to discuss how best to make sure that judgments from the European Court of Human Rights are quickly and effectively put into practice.

The event will be the fourth in a series of high-level conferences on [reform of the ECHR system](#), following on from those held in Interlaken (2010), İzmir (2011) and Brighton (2012).

Changes introduced in recent years have succeeded in streamlining the work of the Strasbourg court and drastically cutting the backlog of pending applications.

The Brussels conference is expected to result in a political declaration reaffirming support for the ECHR system, together with an action plan setting out measures to be taken within the Council of Europe, the European Court of Human Rights and the 47 member states to improve the execution of the court's judgments.

The conference is taking place in Brussels as part of the on-going [Belgian chairmanship of the Council of Europe's Committee of Ministers](#).

More information

- On Monday March 2, the Belgian Minister of Justice Koen Geens was interviewed at the Council of Europe about the conference planned on 26 and 27 March. This interview explains the importance and the purposes of this high-level meeting. [Click here to watch the video](#).
- Factsheet on [ECHR reform](#)
- [Video on the execution of ECHR judgments](#)
- The [Council of Europe's latest annual report](#) on the execution of ECHR judgments
- The website for the Belgian federal public service of Justice
- [Photographs](#) of the conference

Registrations for the press have now been closed.

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