



Italy ratifies Protocol No. 15 to the Convention, triggering its entry into force in respect of all Council of Europe member States

On Wednesday 21 April 2021 Italy deposited its instrument of ratification of Protocol No. 15 amending the Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms. This ratification triggers the entry into force of the Protocol in respect of all the Council of Europe member States, with effect from 1 August 2021.

[Protocol No. 15](#) adds to the Preamble to the Convention and amends several of its provisions. Among other amendments, it reduces from six to four months the time-limit within which an application may be made to the Court following a final domestic decision.

Speaking on the occasion of this ratification, Robert Spano, President of the European Court of Human Rights, stated: “The Court is well prepared for the entry into force of Protocol No. 15. In due course, all the relevant information on the measures that will be put in place to secure the smooth functioning of the work of the Court will be posted on its website.”

Protocol No. 15: [Protocol No. 15 amending the Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms](#); [Details of Treaty No. 213 – Protocol No. 15](#); [Explanatory report on Protocol No. 15](#)

The Convention and its Protocols: [The European Convention on Human Rights – A living instrument](#)

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