

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am writing to respectfully enquire whether you have received my request for help/statistical information dated 31th of January 2024 and my follow-up e-mail dated 11th of March 2024? If so, I would like to ask whether there is anything I could do to assist you in your processing my request?

If you have already replied to my request, I apologise for contacting you again due to my not seeing your response in my e-mail, and I kindly ask you to please let me know so I can re-check my spam and other folders in case of technical difficulties with my Gmail account.

Thus far I have received the requested statistical information from around 10 European human rights institutions and I strongly hope I will be able to add the information from your reply to theirs.

In any case, I thank you for your past or future reply!

Kind regards, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] wrote:

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am writing to respectfully enquire whether you have received my request for help dated 29th of January 2024 and whether there is anything I could do to assist you in your processing my request?

If you have already replied to my request, I apologise for contacting you again due to my not seeing your response in my e-mail.

In any case I thank you for your past or future reply!

Kind regards, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] wrote:

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to enquire whether it would be possible for me to receive certain statistical information regarding the activities of the Public Defender of Rights in the Czech Republic between the years of 2017-2022. The purpose of my request for help is to gather official information to be used for legal research purposes and to reference it in an article that I plan on publishing in one of Slovenian legal publications, thus providing a European frame of reference to it.

To achieve that I will also be sending this request, with identical questions, to 18 other European Ombudsman/Human Rights institutions that like the Public Defender of Rights in the Czech Republic also have a certain power to, in some way, set in motion proceedings that lead towards at least some sort of a review of constitutionality and/or legality of a.) a legal provision or b.) a legal act or c.) the absence of a legal provision/act (i.e. a legal void/*lacuna legis*).

Your help would be very much appreciated because I was unable to find all of the following information in English on your website and, in any case, I believe it would be far more convincing for the readers if I were able to provide reference to your official reply as the source of my data. Thus, I would be very grateful if you could share with me the following information:

1.) Between the years of 2017-2022, how many times in each of those 6 years did the Public Defender of Rights in the Czech Republic submit any sort of a "*constitutional challenge*", i.e. an application or a request for the Constitutional or Supreme Court or any other competent court/institution to (initiate) review, either *in concreto* or *in abstracto*, the constitutionality and/or legality of a legal provision, a legal act or the lack of a legal provision/act, regardless of the eventual outcome of such an application/request?

2.) If applicable, between the years of 2017-2022 how many times did the Public Defender of Rights in the Czech Republic in each of those years submit third-party observations or otherwise (attempt to) act as *amicus curiae* in proceedings before the Constitutional or Supreme Court or any other national court, regardless of the eventual outcome? Of those times, how many times did the Public Defender of Rights in the Czech Republic do that on its own motion and how many times after being invited/called upon by a court?

3.) Between the years of 2017-2022, how many times in each of those years did the Public Defender of Rights in the Czech Republic submit a request to be granted leave by the European Court of Human Rights to submit observations (i.e. permission to submit written comments or take part in hearings) to the ECtHR as third-party interveners pursuant to Article 36 § 2 of the European Convention on Human Rights, regardless of the eventual outcome of such a request?

4.) Between the years of 2017-2022, how many staff members/employees did the institution of the Public Defender of Rights in the Czech Republic have in each of those years?

I would be very grateful for any kind of help you could provide, preferably via this email address, alternatively via post (to the address "██████████, ██████████"). In case of any questions or concerns regarding my request for help, please let me know so I might address them.

Lastly, if you would be interested, I would gladly send you the published e-version of the article (in Slovenian language) upon its eventual publication, so you could verify that I correctly referenced the information provided by you and so you could see the information received from the other European Ombudsman/Human Rights institutions.

Thank you for taking the time to read this email and for your consideration!

Kind regards,  
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