

**ABSTRACT:**

The Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms came into force on September 3, 1954. Unlike most international instruments in the field of human rights, the Convention not only defined a catalogue of human rights and freedoms, but also established an effective institutional system to enforce them. One of the characteristic features of the Convention is the right of individual application. However, the continuous growth in the number of individual applications filed with the European Court of Human Rights demands constant reforms of the control system in order to maintain its effectiveness. Paradoxically, the overwhelming majority of individual applications submitted to the European Court of Human Rights fails to satisfy the admissibility conditions and must be rejected.

This diploma thesis introduces the reader to the control system established by the Convention, the essentials for the filing an individual application with the European Court of Human Rights, the procedure before the decision on its admissibility and the singular admissibility conditions of the individual application.