



Grand Chamber procedural meeting in climate cases

On 11 January 2023 the Grand Chamber of the European Court of Human Rights held a procedural meeting in the three climate cases pending before it – [Verein Klimaseniorinnen Schweiz and Others v. Switzerland](#) (application no. 53600/20), [Carême v. France](#) (application no. 7189/21) and [Duarte Agostinho and Others v. Portugal and 32 Others](#) (application no. 39371/20). At that meeting, it was decided that, after the completion of the written stage of the proceedings, the oral stage in the cases would be staggered.

A hearing in the *Verein Klimaseniorinnen Schweiz and Others* and *Carême* cases will be held on 29 March 2023, and a hearing in the *Duarte Agostinho and Others* case will be held before the same composition of the Grand Chamber at a later stage. The precise date for the hearing in *Duarte Agostinho and Others* will be fixed later, with a target to hold the hearing soon after the 2023 summer judicial recess.

[Verein Klimaseniorinnen Schweiz and Others v. Switzerland](#) (application no. 53600/20)

The case, which has been brought by a Swiss association and its members, a group of elderly people concerned with the consequences of global warming on their living conditions and health, relates to a complaint of various failings of Swiss authorities in the area of climate protection. A large number of third-party interveners, including member States, have taken part in the written stage of the proceedings.

[Carême v. France](#) (application no. 7189/21)

The case concerns a complaint by a resident and former mayor of the municipality of Grande-Synthe, who submits that France has taken insufficient steps to prevent climate change and that this failure entails a violation of the right to life and the right to respect for private and family life.

[Duarte Agostinho and Others v. Portugal and 32 Others](#) (application no. 39371/20)

The case concerns the polluting greenhouse gas emissions from 33 member States which, in the applicants' view, contribute to the phenomenon of global warming, resulting, among other things, in heatwaves affecting the applicants' living conditions and health. A large number of third-party interveners have also taken part in the written stage of the proceedings.

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