

Here are the Croatian candidates for a judge at the European Court of Human Rights

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Lovorka Kušan, Davor Derenčinović and Marin Mrčela

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Lovorka Kušan, a judge of the Constitutional Court, Marin Mrčela, deputy president of the Supreme Court, and Davor Derenčinović, head of the Zagreb Department of Criminal Law, will also be official candidates for the position of Croatian judge at the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg, Jutarnji list reported on Tuesday.

According to unofficial information, the expert commission proposed these three names to the government after the court held interviews with all seven candidates who applied for the competition. In the interview, the candidates, in addition to professional questions related to their legal careers, had to answer questions from professors of English and French who tested their knowledge of the two official languages of the court for which they are competing.

If confirmed by the government, the three candidates will be invited for an interview before the Judiciary Committee of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe in Strasbourg. Following the interviews, this committee will propose one of them to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe. If confirmed by the Parliamentary Assembly, the elected candidate at the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg will replace current Croatian judge **Ksenija Turkovic**.

The commission was instructed by previous experience when the list of proposed candidates was returned to Croatia from Strasbourg, this time proposing a reserve candidate to the government. This is **Zlata Đurđević**, head of the Department of Criminal Procedure Law at the Faculty of Law in Zagreb.

It is proposed in case at the end of the election procedure to be held before the Judiciary Committee of the CoE Parliamentary Assembly, one of the three proposed candidates does not meet the required, rather high criteria prescribed for a judge of the Court in Strasbourg. The reserve candidate ensures that in the event of a rejection, the election procedure does not have to be repeated, Jutarnji list reports.