



Federal Administrative Court  
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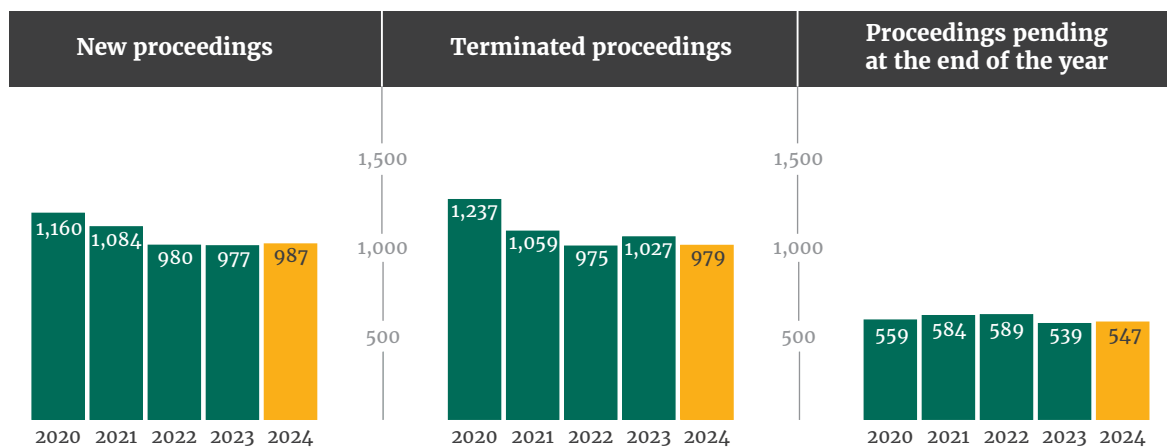
## Business situation of the Federal Administrative Court in 2024

### 1. General overview

Compared to the previous year, the number of new proceedings before the Federal Administrative Court (BVerwG, *Bundesverwaltungsgericht*) has remained almost the same in 2024. Last business year, a total of 987 (2023: 977) proceedings were brought before the Court. The number of terminated proceedings also remained essentially the same compared to the previous year (979 as opposed to 1,027 in the previous year). In addition to the appeals on points of law (*Revisionen*) and the complaints against the refusal to grant leave to appeal on points of law (*Nichtzulassungsbeschwerden*, hereinafter complaint

proceedings), the statistically recorded proceedings also include proceedings at first instance (such as actions against planning and improvement of important transport routes or against bans on associations), military service proceedings, non-disclosure matters as well as applications for temporary relief and for legal aid.

The number of proceedings still pending at the end of the year corresponded thus approximately to the previous year's number (547 compared to 539 in the previous year).



General overview of the new, terminated and pending proceedings from 2020 to 2024

## 2. Length of appeal proceedings on points of law and complaint proceedings

On an overall basis, the length of the **appeal proceedings on points of law** – including matters terminated in other ways than by a decision on the merits – has decreased: the average length was 13 months and 9 days compared to 14 months and 17 days in 2023. The length of appeal proceedings on points of law, which were decided by means of a judgment, was 14 months and 24 days and has also decreased slightly compared to the previous year.

The following overview shows the development of the total average length of these proceedings over the last five years:

Year	Length of proceedings (appeal proceedings on points of law decided by means of a judgment)	
2020	15 months	3 days
2021	13 months	11 days
2022	14 months	26 days
2023	15 months	6 days
2024	14 months	24 days

Compared to the previous year, the length of the **complaint proceedings** has increased slightly: On average, they were brought to a termination within 5 months and 2 days (2023: 4 months and 14 days). 35.3% of the complaint proceedings were terminated within 3 months and 66.7% were terminated within 6 months, counting from the time when the proceedings were brought before the Federal Administrative Court.

## 3. Proceedings at first instance

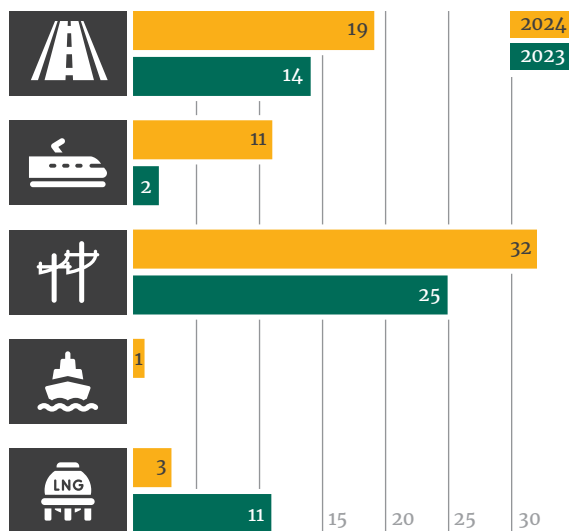
Pursuant to section 50 (1) of the Code of Administrative Court Procedure (VwGO, *Verwaltungsgerichtsordnung*), the Federal Administrative Court decides on cases specified therein as the court of first and at the same time last instance. In 2024, a total number of 105 (previous year: 92) actions and 44 (previous

year: 31) applications for the granting of temporary relief were filed, for which the Court has jurisdiction at first instance. The proceedings concern, in particular, infrastructure projects, bans on associations and economic administrative law.

### Proceedings concerning infrastructure projects

With regard to proceedings concerning infrastructure projects, for which the Federal Administrative Court has jurisdiction at first and last instance and which usually require a special effort, in 2024, 66 actions were brought before the Court. Compared to the previous year, this represents an increase of 26.9% (2023: 52). With regard to such infrastructure projects, 30 applications for the granting of temporary relief were filed; an increase of 66.7% in comparison to the previous year (2023: 18).

The number of new proceedings is distributed as follows: 19 actions in trunk road law (previous year: 14), 11 actions in railway law (previous year: 2), 32 actions in the law on the expansion of power supply lines (previous year: 25), 3 actions under the LNG Acceleration Act (LNGG, *LNG-Beschleunigungsgesetz*) (previous year: 11) and 1 action in waterways construction law (previous year: 0) were brought before the Court.



Comparison of the new proceedings at first instance concerning infrastructure projects, 2023/2024

The average length of proceedings concerning actions on infrastructure projects, which were assigned to the Federal Administrative Court at first instance, was 8 months and 17 days and could thus be reduced again.

The development of the average length of these proceedings over the last five years is shown comparatively in the following overview:

Year	Length of proceedings (actions on infrastructure projects assigned to the Federal Administrative Court at first instance)	
2020	9 months	16 days
2021	12 months	18 days
2022	12 months	18 days
2023	10 months	17 days
2024	8 months	16 days

### Proceedings on bans on associations

In 2024, with regard to proceedings on bans on associations, for which the Federal Administrative Court has jurisdiction at first and last instance and which usually require a special effort, 6 actions, and thus fewer than in the previous year (2023: 15), were brought before the Court.

The average length of these proceedings was 8 months and 24 days.

### Proceedings in economic administrative law

With regard to proceedings in economic administrative law/under the Energy Security of Supply Act (EnSiG, *Energiesicherungsgesetz*), for which the Federal Administrative Court has jurisdiction at first and last instance, 2 actions were brought before the Court in 2024.