



Mediation in Criminal and Civil cases 2020

No decline in use of mediation in criminal and civil cases in 2020

MAIN FINDINGS

- In 2020, 13,073 crimes and 688 civil cases were referred to mediation in criminal and civil cases.
- A total of 53% of all criminal offences and civil cases referred to mediation were violent crimes.
- An agreement was reached in 66% of mediation processes concerning criminal cases and in 48% of mediation processes concerning civil cases.
- In 2020, the monetary value of the agreements reached in mediation of criminal and civil cases was EUR 1.9 million.
- A total of 1,403 volunteer mediators with the required training mediated criminal and civil cases during 2020.

In 2020, a total of 10,021 mediation requests including 13,073 criminal offences and 688 civil cases were referred to mediation in accordance with the [Act on Conciliation in Criminal and Certain Civil Cases](#). The number of criminal and civil cases referred to mediation rose somewhat: the increase from the previous year was 3.0% (407).

Just over half (53 %) of all criminal and civil cases referred to mediation were violent crimes. A total of 2,669 cases concerning domestic violence were referred to mediation, which is 36.3% of all violent crimes referred to mediation.

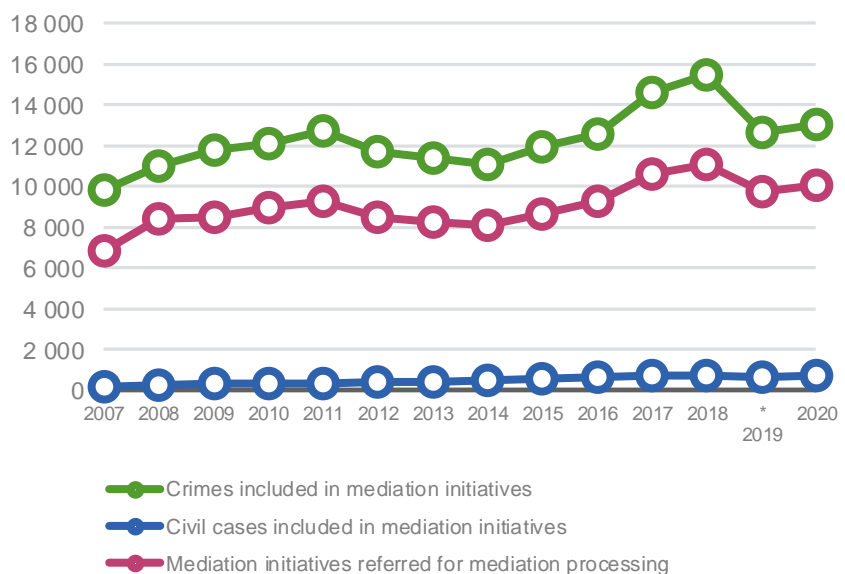
A mediation process was launched for 54% (7,031) of all criminal offences referred to mediation in 2020.

Of all the criminal mediations launched in 2020, 66% (4,659) ended in a settlement. The financial value of the mediated agreements was approximately EUR 1.9 million.

In civil cases, mediation was launched in 42% of the cases (291). A decision to not launch mediation was made for 336 civil cases. An agreement was reached in 48% (139) of mediations launched during 2020.

In 2020, the Mediation Office, which is used in the provision of mediation services for criminal and civil cases, was allocated EUR 6.5 million in funding. The average cost of mediating one criminal or civil case was EUR 474. The mediation service is free of charge for the parties.

Figure 1. Initiatives referred to mediation, and the criminal offenses and civil cases extracted from the 2007-2020.



Change in compilation of statistics

The new national information system Sopu was introduced at the beginning of 2019. Sopu provides direct access to data from the database and separate data collection for statistics is no longer used.

* A change in the collection of statistical data; the national information system Sopu was introduced.

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