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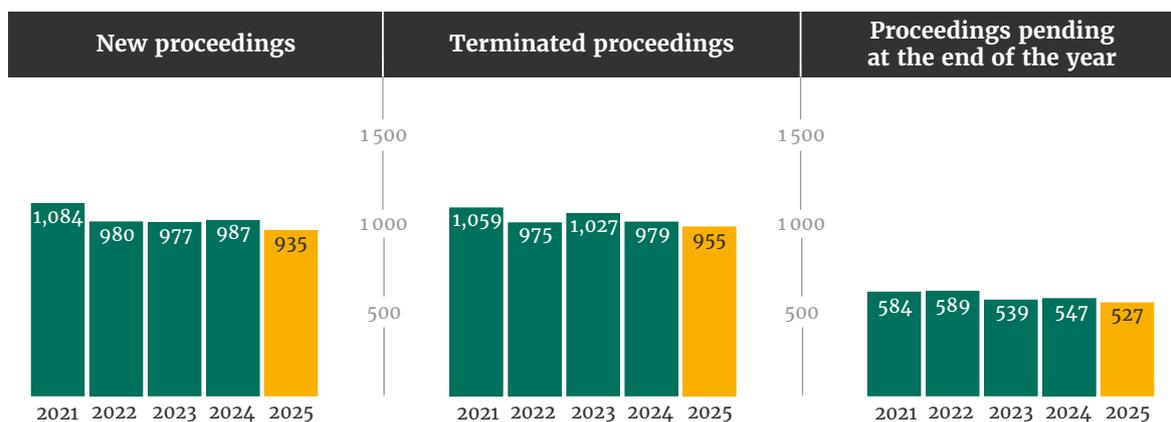
## Judicial activity of the Federal Administrative Court in 2025

### 1. General overview

Compared to the previous year, the number of new proceedings before the Federal Administrative Court (BVerwG, *Bundesverwaltungsgericht*) has decreased again in 2025. Last judicial year, a total of 935 (2024: 987) proceedings were brought before the Court. The number of terminated proceedings has also decreased slightly compared to the previous year (955 as opposed to 979). In addition to the appeals on points of law 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 temporary relief proceedings and applications for the granting of legal aid.

The number of proceedings still pending at the end of the year could be reduced slightly (527 compared to 547 in the previous year).



General overview of the new, terminated and pending proceedings from 2021 to 2025

## 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** has been significantly reduced: the average length – including matters terminated in other ways than by a decision on the merits – was 12 months and 9 days compared to 13 months and 9 days in 2024. Compared to the previous year, the length of the appeal proceedings on points of law, which were decided by means of a judgment, amounted to 13 months and 2 days and has likewise clearly decreased, as is apparent from the following table:

Year	Length of proceedings (appeal proceedings on points of law decided by means of a judgment)	
2021	13 months	11 days
2022	14 months	26 days
2023	15 months	6 days
2024	14 months	24 days
2025	13 months	2 days

Compared to the previous year, the length of the **complaint proceedings** has remained more or less the same: On average, they were brought to a termination within 5 months and 10 days (2024: 5 months and 2 days). 33.3% of the complaint proceedings were terminated within 3 months and 60% were terminated within 6 months.

## 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 2025, a total number of 101 (previous year: 105) actions and 60 (previous year: 44) applications for the granting of temporary relief were filed, for which the Court

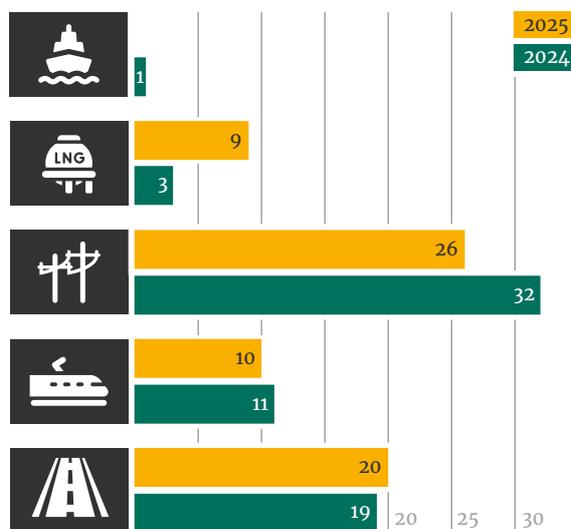
has jurisdiction at first instance. The proceedings concern, in particular, infrastructure projects as well as bans on associations and usually require a special effort.

The average length of the **temporary relief** proceedings merely amounted to 2 months and 20 days.

### Proceedings concerning infrastructure projects

With regard to proceedings concerning infrastructure projects in 2025, 65 actions, and thus almost as many as in the previous year (2024: 66), were brought before the Court. As in the previous year (2024: 30), 30 applications for temporary relief have been filed in terms of such infrastructure projects.

The number of new proceedings is distributed as follows: 20 actions in trunk road law (previous year: 19), 10 actions in railway law (previous year: 11), 26 actions in the law on the expansion of power supply lines (previous year: 32), 9 actions under the LNG Acceleration Act (LNGG, *LNG-Beschleunigungsgesetz*) (previous year: 3) and no action in waterways construction law (previous year: 1) were brought before the Court.



Comparison of the new proceedings at first instance concerning infrastructure projects, 2024/2025

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 remained thus almost the same. Over the last two years, it once again could be significantly reduced.

Year	Length of proceedings (actions on infrastructure projects assigned to the Federal Administrative Court at first instance)	
2021	12 months	18 days
2022	12 months	18 days
2023	10 months	17 days
2024	8 months	16 days
2025	8 months	13 days

### Proceedings on bans on associations

In 2025, with regard to proceedings on bans on associations, 4 actions, and thus almost as many as in the previous year (2024: 6), were brought before the Court.

The average length of these proceedings was 2 years and 10 days.