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**Physical planning and the jurisdiction of the European Court for Human Rights at Strasbourg,
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On 18 March 1992, the *Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms* entered in vigour for the then Czech and Slovak Federative Republic. Subsequently, the Czech Republic took over the Convention on 1 January 1993. According to the Convention, individuals and non-governmental organizations have the right to appeal to the European Court of Human Rights at Strasbourg if they consider themselves victims of a violation of the rights granted by the Convention. As far as I know, Czechs have not yet appealed to the European Court in regard to physical planning, but there has been a physical planning case judged by the Strasbourg court, namely that of the Italian company of *Elio*. This case was so extraordinary that I decided to present it to the readers of UPSD, hoping it would be as interesting to them as it was to me.