Judicial protection and Electoral Process

Elections are a process and every step has to be determined in a certain time-frame.

Judicial review is an inherent part of that process and should in principle not affect the general election in its entirety – except when the court decides to do so.

Special rules are in place to ensure that: one court responsible for the judicial review in first and last instance, short deadlines for rulings, etc.
How fast is effective?

- The time-frames determined by law:
  - 48 hours for examination of decisions by the election commissions,
  - 30 days for the examination of the final results (e.g. in referenda),
  - ...

Can fast be fair enough? Can fair be fast enough?

- **Need for a fair judicial procedure:**
  - right to appear before the court,
  - public hearing,
  - examination of facts,
  - right to be heard...
And until next elections...