

Access to documents applications in 2022

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Report on access to documents applications received during 2022

Article 17 of Regulation 1049/2001 on public access to documents requires each Institution to publish annually a report for the preceding year including the number of cases in which the Institution refused to grant access to documents, and the reasons for such refusals.

Figures for ECDC for 2022 are provided below. They do not include TESSy requests as those are processed in accordance with the [TESSy policy](#).

Access to documents in 2022: initial applications

In 2022 ECDC received a total of **31 initial applications** and processed them with the following result: 14 with full access, 8 with partial access, and 7 with refusal. In 1 case ECDC was unable to process a request (due to lack of requirement), and in 1 more case a request was withdrawn.

In the 8 cases where partial access was granted, when redacting documents, ECDC applied the exception under Article 4 of Regulation 1049/2001 related to the protection of the privacy and the integrity of individuals.

The 7 cases of refusal are due to the fact ECDC did not hold any documents corresponding to the description provided in the application.

ECDC processed all requests in the language of the application, which was English in all cases except for 2 applications where one was submitted in Swedish and the other one in Italian.

ECDC estimates that around two thirds of the received applications were submitted by either researchers or legal entities, whereas the remaining third is divided between media representatives and private persons respectively (exact figures cannot be provided as there is no requirement for applicants to specify in what capacity they submit their applications).

Access to documents in 2022: confirmatory applications

ECDC did not receive any confirmatory applications.