

Access to documents applications in 2023

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Report on access to documents applications received during 2023

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 2023 are provided below. They do not include TESSy requests as those are processed in accordance with the [TESSy policy](#).

Access to documents in 2023: initial applications

In 2023 ECDC processed a total of **36 initial applications** and processed them with the following result: 22 with full access, 10 with partial access, and 3 with refusal. In 1 more case a request was withdrawn after registration.

Where partial access was granted, in 5 cases ECDC applied the exception under Article 4 of Regulation 1049/2001 aiming to protect the commercial interest of a legal person. In 4 cases ECDC applied the exception aiming to protect the privacy and integrity of individuals. In 1 case only part of the request could be fulfilled as the rest concerned documents that ECDC did not hold.

The 3 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 one application in French, Swedish and Italian respectively.

ECDC estimates that around half of the received applications were submitted by researchers, and the rest by commercial or other legal entities, media, private persons.

Access to documents in 2023: confirmatory applications

ECDC did not receive any confirmatory applications.