

Access to documents applications in 2024

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Report on access to documents applications received during 2024

Article 17 of Regulation (EC) No 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 2024 are provided below. They do not include TESSy requests as those are processed in accordance with the TESSy policy.

Access to documents in 2024: initial applications

In 2024 ECDC processed a total of **37 initial applications** and processed them with the following result: 22 with full access, 10 with partial access, and 5 with refusal.

Where **partial access was granted**, ECDC applied the following exceptions under Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001:

- In 4 cases, the exception protecting the privacy and integrity of individuals
- In 2 cases, both the exception protecting the commercial interest of a legal person and the exception protecting the privacy and integrity of individuals.
- In 2 cases, only part of the request could be fulfilled as the rest concerned documents that ECDC did not hold. The other part of the request was fulfilled applying the exception protecting 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 other part of the request was fulfilled applying the exception protecting the commercial interest of a legal person and the exception protecting 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 other part of the request was fulfilled applying the exception protecting the privacy and integrity of individuals and the exception protecting the public interest as regards public security.

When ECDC **entirely refused access**, ECDC applied the following exceptions under Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001:

- In 1 case, both the exception protecting the commercial interest of a legal person and the exception protecting the privacy and integrity of individuals.
- In 2 cases, the exception protecting the commercial interest of a legal person.

2 requests could not be fulfilled, as they concerned documents that ECDC did not hold.

ECDC processed all requests in the language of the application, which was English.

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

Access to documents in 2024: confirmatory applications

ECDC received **1** confirmatory application under 2024. Access was refused to protect the commercial interest of a legal person.