



Public access to Eurojust documents – Number of requests 2015

The number of requests for public access to Eurojust documents decreased slightly in 2015, with a total of 18 requests compared to 25 in 2014. 14 of these requests were received by Eurojust directly and in four requests Eurojust was consulted by the Council as a third-party author of the requested document. No confirmatory applications were received in 2015.

Of the 18 requests received, 16 concerned non-case-related documents.

- In two of these cases, the requested document was not held by Eurojust and in two instances a request for further clarification was sent to the applicant in accordance with Article 6(2) of the Eurojust College Decision to Adopt Rules Regarding Public Access to Eurojust Documents of 2004 (hereafter referred to as the “Eurojust Access to Documents rules”), but the applicant did not follow up on the request.
- With regard to the remaining 12 requests, access was granted or partially granted (e.g. to a redacted version) in eight instances and access was refused in four instances: 3 requests were refused on the basis of the exceptions in Article 4(1)(a)(5th indent) on the fulfilment of Eurojust’s tasks in reinforcing the fight against serious crime and one request was refused on the basis of Article 4(2)(3rd indent) on the protection of the purpose of inspections, investigations and audits.

Eurojust also received two requests for case-related documents in 2015 and in both cases, access was granted (in one case, the requested information was already publicly available in press releases and other documents on the Eurojust website).

In 2015, Eurojust continued to update the Public Register of documents accessible via the Eurojust website. The growing list of documents made directly available to the public via the Public Register is designed to make it easier for citizens to access documents held by Eurojust without the need to make a formal access to documents request, and to further increase transparency and the availability of information about Eurojust’s activities.