



Public access to Eurojust documents - Number of requests 2016

The number of requests for public access to Eurojust documents decreased slightly in 2016, with a total of 15 requests compared to 18 in 2015. In addition, Eurojust received three consultation requests in accordance with Art. 4(4) of Regulation 1049/2001, as a third-party author of the requested document. No confirmatory applications were received in 2016.

Of the 15 requests received, 9 concerned non-case-related documents.

- In one case, the requested document was not held by Eurojust.
- With regard to the remaining 8 requests, access was granted or partially granted (e.g. to a redacted version) in seven instances and access was refused in one instance 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.

Eurojust also received six requests for case-related documents in 2016.

- In 5 cases, access was refused. In one case, the applicant was not eligible. In another two cases, access was refused on the basis of the exceptions in Article 4(1)(a) on the protection of the public interest as regards fulfilment of Eurojust's tasks in reinforcing the fight against serious crime and as regards national investigations and prosecutions in which Eurojust assists. In another two cases, access was refused on the basis of Article 4(1)(a) first indent as disclosure would have undermined the protection of the public interest as regards public security.
- In one case, access was granted to documents already publicly available in press releases and other documents on the Eurojust website.

In 2016, 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.