

<u>Report</u>

Statistics and other information on requests for public access to Eurojust documents are available in Eurojust's Annual Reports and in the section below.

Since 2015, Eurojust Annual Reports include a hyperlink to the current webpage containing information on requests for public access to documents, including the number of cases in which Eurojust refused access and the reasons for refusal.

Public access to Eurojust documents – Number of requests 2018

The number of requests for public access to Eurojust documents increased slightly in 2018, with a total of 20 requests compared to 18 in 2017. In addition, Eurojust received two consultation requests in accordance with Art. 4(4) of Regulation 1049/2001, as a third-party author of the requested document. No confirmatory application was received in 2018.

Of the 20 requests received, 16 concerned non-case-related documents.

- In four cases, the requested documents were not held by Eurojust.
- In 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.
- With regard to the remaining 10 requests, access was granted or partially granted (e.g. to a redacted version) to the requested documents.

Eurojust also received four requests for case-related documents in 2018.

In all four cases, access was refused on the basis of the exceptions in Article 4(1)(a) and 4(2) 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, prosecutions and court proceedings in which Eurojust assists.

Finally, Eurojust continued to update the Public Register of documents. 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.