

Statistics on public access to Council documents (1994–1997)

Caption: Statistics on public access to Council of the European Union documents from 1994 to 1997.

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Statistics on public access to Council documents (1994-1997)
Number of applications and documents

Figures regarding the request of documents	1994-1995	1996-1997	1996	1997
1. Number of applications under Decision 93/731/EC	142	451	169	282
2. Number of documents involved	378	3 325	894	2 431
3. Documents supplied by the General Secretariat of the Council initially	185	2 418	631	1 787
4. Number of confirmatory applications	16	61	24	37
5. Documents supplied by the Council following confirmatory applications	37	187	63	124
6. Percentage of documents supplied for the procedure as a whole	58,7%	78%	77,6%	78,3%

Occupational background of applicants

Occupational background of applicants	1994-1995	1996-1997
Members of the European Parliament	5%	3%
Pressure groups	9%	10%
Lawyers	25%	17%
Journalists	23%	6%
Academics	27%	43%
Industrial sector	2%	3%
Others	8%	18%

Geographical breakdown of applicants

Geographical breakdown of applicants	1994-1995	1996-1997
Belgium	31%	27%
Denmark	4%	2%
Germany	15%	15%
Greece	-	-
Spain	2%	5%
France	6%	4%
Ireland	-	2%
Italy	4%	4%
Luxembourg	2%	4%
Netherlands	7%	6%
Austria	-	2%
Portugal	-	-
Finland	-	4%
Sweden	3%	1%
United Kingdom	25%	21%
Non-member countries (USA, Norway, Switzerland and Japan)	3%	2%

Subject matter of applications

Subject matter of applications (1)	1994-1995	1996-1997
Legal matters	3%	1%
Agriculture and fisheries	3%	4%
Internal market	17%	13%
External policies - CFSP	11%	13%
Operation of the institutions	19%	5%
Economic and monetary policy	4%	3%
Justice and home affairs	20%	46%
Environment	10%	4%
Social policy	8%	3%
Transport	1%	0,5%
General policy matters (IGC and European Council)	-	3%
Culture	-	1%
Health	-	0,5%
Consumer protection	-	1,5%
Regional policy and economic and social cohesion	-	0,5%
Energy	2%	1%
Development cooperation	-	0,5%
(1) A number of applications related to more than one field.		

Reasons given for refusing access

Reasons given for refusing access (1)	1994-1995	1996-1997
Protection of the public interest (public security, international relations, monetary stability, court proceedings, inspections and investigations), including upholding the stability of Community law	18%	20%
Protection of the individual and of privacy	3%	0,5%
Protection of commercial and industrial secrecy	2%	0,5%
Protection of the Community's financial interests	1%	0,5%
Protection of the confidentiality of the Council's proceedings	44%	68%
A combination of errors	25%	9%
Other reasons	7%	-
(1) In the General Secretariat's initial replies.		

Total fees charged

	1996	1997
Total fees charged	ECU 400	ECU 930