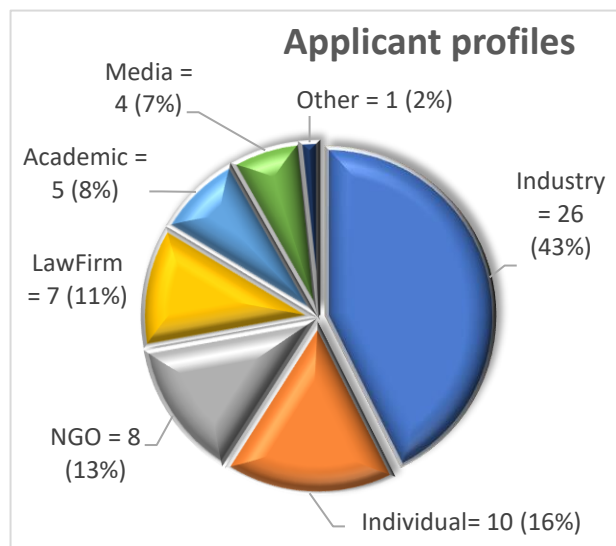
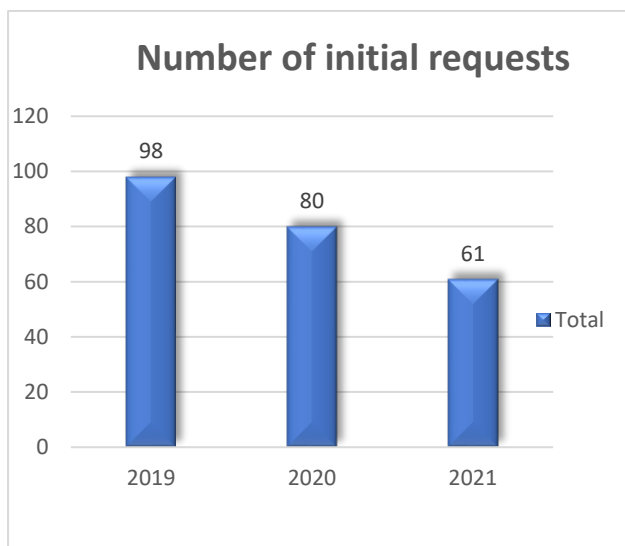


## ACCESS TO DOCUMENTS – 2021 KEY FIGURES

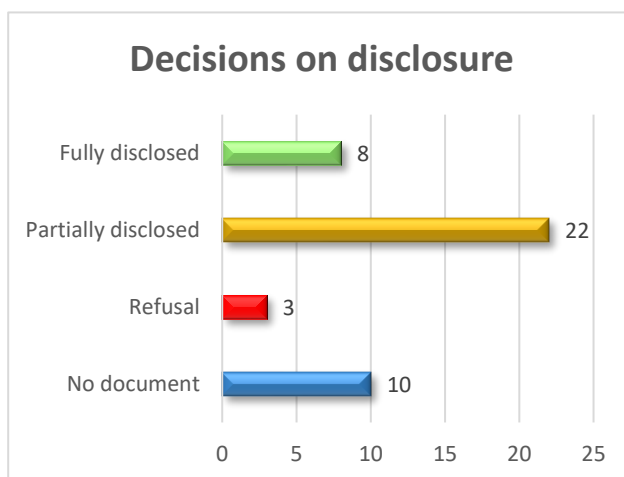
### APPLICATIONS RECEIVED IN 2021

In 2021, ECHA received 61 initial applications and issued 43 decisions. In ten instances, ECHA was able to refer the applicants to information that is already publicly available.



As in previous years, the profile of applicants demonstrated that rights under the ATD Regulation are mainly exercised by stakeholders with a professional interest in the work of ECHA. In 2021, 54% of all applications originated from industry and law firms.

### DECISION-MAKING PROCESS



ECHA decided on 43 initial applications, amounting to over 600 documents, some of them really lengthy (e.g. over 1500 pages). A vast amount of information is already publicly available on ECHA's website<sup>1</sup>.

The most common reasons for partially redacting documents were the exceptions in Article 4 of the ATD Regulation referring to the protection of personal data and commercial interests. Access was

<sup>1</sup><https://echa.europa.eu/information-on-chemicals/registered-substances>

totally refused only in 3 cases, two concerned recordings and one was related to confidential research activities (PPORD).

ECHA received three confirmatory applications (i.e. requests for ECHA to review its earlier decisions). One was withdrawn and for the two other cases it confirmed its initial decisions to grant partial access providing additional explanation on why it decided to confirm the application of exceptions to disclosure under the ATD Regulation.