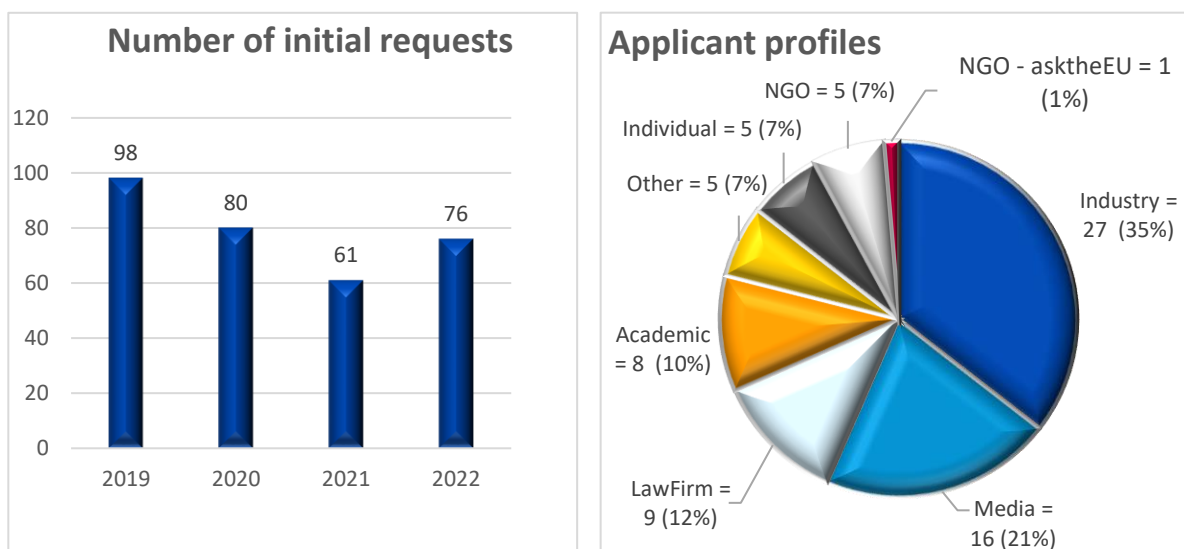


## ACCESS TO DOCUMENTS – 2022 KEY FIGURES

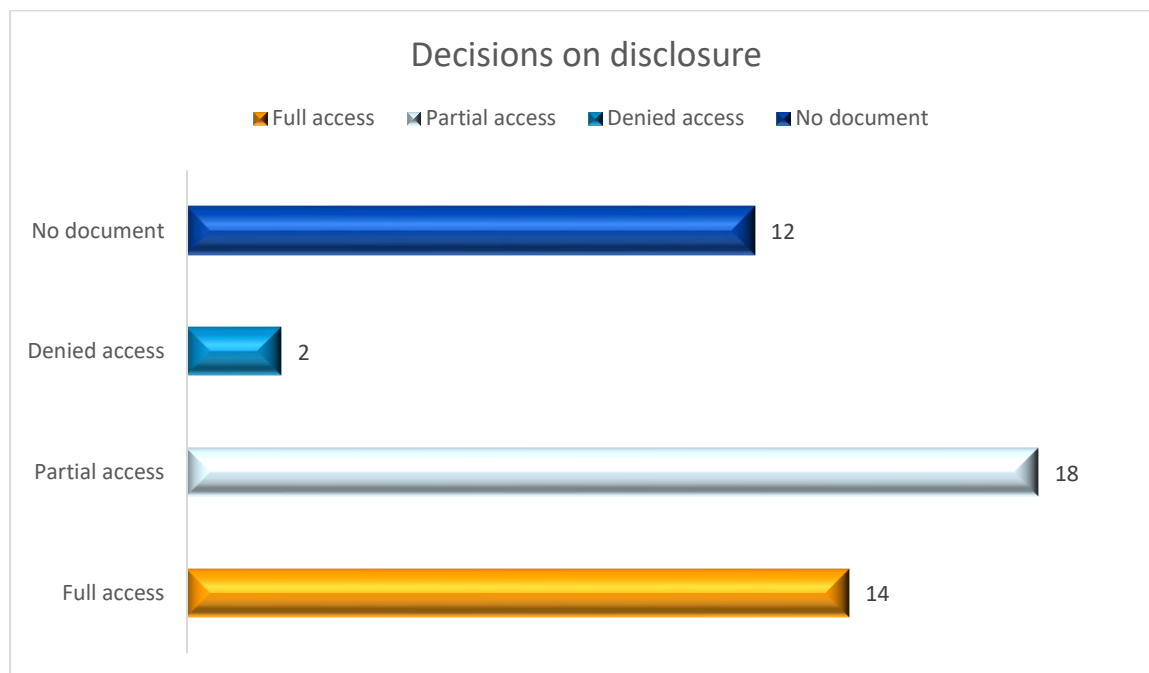
### APPLICATIONS RECEIVED IN 2022

In 2022, ECHA received 76 initial and two confirmatory applications coming from different Member States and non-EU countries.



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, with a rise in interest from media.

### DECISION-MAKING



ECHA made a decision on 46 initial applications<sup>1</sup>, amounting to over 2300 documents. In 26 applications ECHA was able to refer the applicant to information that is already public.

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 totally refused only in two applications based on the protection of personal data. Both covered an audio recording of the Analytical methods and Physico-Chemical Properties working group meeting.

In 2022, ECHA received two confirmatory applications (i.e. requests for ECHA to review its earlier decisions). In one case, the initial decision to deny access to the requested document (an audio recording) was confirmed and ECHA provided additional explanation on why it decided to confirm the application of exceptions to disclosure under the ATD Regulation. In the other case (concerning an Article 95 BPR listing), ECHA decided to grant access to additional information contained in one of the requested documents also providing additional explanation on why it decided to confirm the application of exceptions to disclosure for the other information.

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<sup>1</sup> Including five cases which were pending from 2021.