

## **Public access to ECB documents**

## 2022 at a glance

In 2022 the ECB received 63 initial requests for access to documents. Requests that were subsequently assessed, on the basis of Decision ECB/2004/3 of 4 March 2004 on public access to European Central Bank documents on public access to European Central Bank documents,<sup>1</sup> can be broken down as follows.

- 81% resulted in full or partial disclosure of the requested documents.
- 19% did not result in disclosure of the requested documents, under the exceptions provided for in Article 4 of the Decision ECB/2004/3. Of these requests, nine became subject to confirmatory applications, i.e. applicants asking the Executive Board to reconsider its position.

Of the requests received, over 41% were related to banking supervision topics, such as supervisory policies and decisions.



## Topics of interest included mainly...

Banking supervision	Central banking	Institutional aspects
Supervisory policies and decisions	Environmental matters/the ECB's response to climate	Ethical conduct of high-level officials
	change	Employment policies
Ongoing supervision of		
credit institutions	Non-standard monetary policy	Information and IT governance
"Failing or likely to fail"	measures	Cybersecurity
assessments	Crypto-assets	Data protection
	Digital euro	p

An assessment is not carried out in cases where (i) the ECB is not able to identify any documents in response to the request (ii) the ECB replies by providing information.