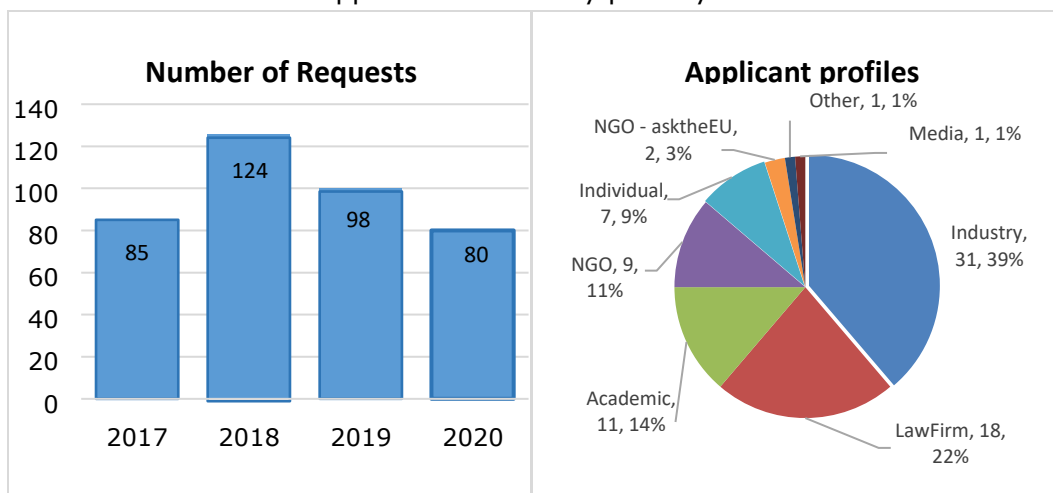


## ACCESS TO DOCUMENTS AT ECHA – 2020 KEY FIGURES

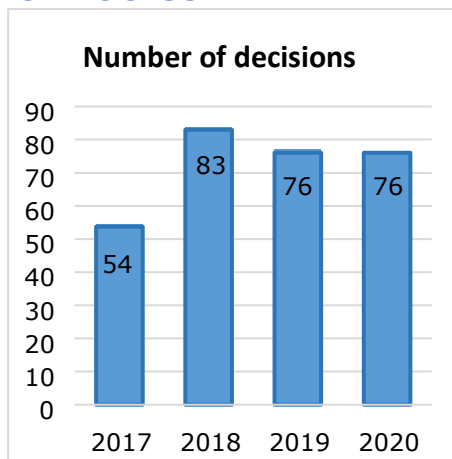
### APPLICATIONS RECEIVED IN 2020

In 2020, ECHA received 80 initial applications, and issued 76 decisions. In 13 instances, ECHA was able to refer the applicants to already publicly available information.



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 2020, 61% of all applications originated from industry and law firms.

### DECISION-MAKING PROCESS



ECHA decided on 76 initial applications, amounting to 422 documents.

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. Where access to documents was totally refused (2 cases), the documents related to ongoing audits and to pending court proceedings. In these latter cases, ECHA applied the exception referring to the protection of inspections, investigations and audits and the exception on the protection of court proceedings, respectively.

ECHA replied to 8 confirmatory applications (i.e. requests for ECHA to review its earlier decisions), in which it reviewed its initial decisions not to disclose certain information in the document(s) requested and/or provided additional explanation on why it decided to confirm the application of exceptions to disclosure under the ATD Regulation.