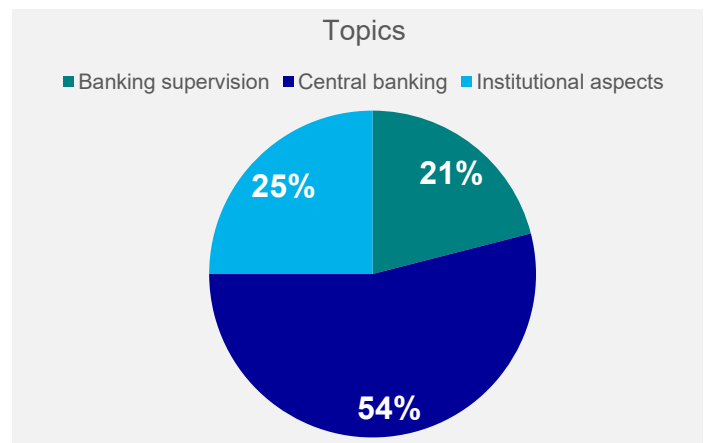
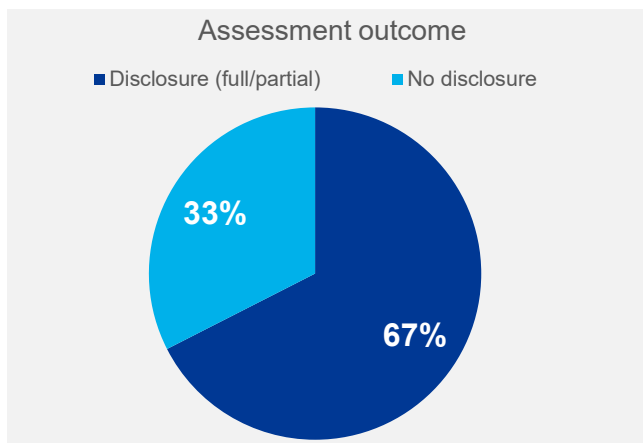


Public access to ECB documents

2021 at a glance

In 2021 the ECB received 52 initial requests for access to documents. Those that were subsequently assessed based on [Decision ECB/2004/3 of 4 March 2004 on public access to ECB documents](#)¹ can be broken down as follows.

- 67% resulted in full or partial disclosure of the requested documents.
- 33% resulted in no disclosure of the requested documents, under the exceptions provided for in Article 4 of the [Decision](#). Of these, only three became subject to confirmatory applications, i.e. an internal review following the ECB's refusal to grant (full) access.
- Over 50% were related to central banking topics such as monetary policy instruments, strategy and programmes, or the ECB's response to climate change.



Topics of interest included mainly...

Banking supervision	Central banking	Institutional aspects
Supervisory policies and decisions	Environmental matters/ECB response to climate change	ECB staff-related data and policies
Ongoing supervision of credit institutions	Monetary policy instruments and programmes	Committee of Governors/ECB Governing Council meetings
	ECB monetary policy strategy	International and European relations
		ECB correspondence and interactions with the private sector

¹ An assessment is not carried out in cases where (i) no documents were identified or (ii) the ECB replied by providing information.