



RIPE NCC

RIPE NETWORK COORDINATION CENTRE

How the RIPE NCC Handles Law Enforcement Agencies (LEA) Requests

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Background



- The RIPE NCC, in its role as RIR, has a mandate to administer both publicly available and confidential information relating to Internet number resources
- Law Enforcement Agencies (LEAs) may have an interest in obtaining such information or intervening in the RIPE NCC's services
- The RIPE NCC strives to protect the interests of its members and will neither provide any confidential information to LEAs, nor will allow them to modify registration information, without a court order or other legally enforceable order or request under Dutch law



Requests for Information

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- RIPE NCC Information that is Publicly Available
 - Such information can always be accessed by third parties, including LEAs
 - Any information that is accessible through the RIPE NCC website, including information or records that are public on the RIPE Database
 - The RIPE NCC directs LEAs to this information

Requests for Information



- RIPE NCC Information that is not Publicly Available
 - Not voluntarily provided by the RIPE NCC
 - Only provided if a court order or other legally binding order is presented by a Dutch LEA or Dutch authorities that have the power to request this information (e.g. Dutch Data Protection Authority, Police, Public Prosecution Department)
 - Non-Dutch LEAs must follow the mutual legal assistance treaties (MLAT) procedures
 - The RIPE NCC will challenge an order and not comply with it, if it is found illegal or of non obligatory nature
 - The RIPE NCC notifies its members unless this is prohibited by statute or court order

Requests for Information



- Information that the RIPE NCC does not have
 - The RIPE NCC receives LEA requests regarding information about users of specific IP addresses
 - The RIPE NCC informs the requesting LEA that it is responsible for allocating IP address blocks to its members and has no further information about, jurisdiction over, or responsibility for, how the allocated IP addresses are used
 - The LEA is directed to the publicly available information and is instructed how to locate in the RIPE Database the member responsible for the IP address in question



**Requests or Orders
for a Specific Action**

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- LEAs may request the RIPE NCC to perform a specific action (e.g. modification in the registration of specific Internet number resources)
- The RIPE NCC will only comply if a court order or other legally binding order is presented by a Dutch LEA or Dutch authorities that have also the power to submit such requests (e.g. Dutch Data Protection Authority, Police, Public Prosecution Department)
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**Seizure of RIPE NCC
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- LEAs may order the seizure of equipment or property belonging to the RIPE NCC as part of an investigation
- The legitimacy of this order and the authorisation of the persons conducting the investigation or seizure will be examined
- Ensure that the seizure is conducted in a manner that is the least detrimental to RIPE NCC's operations and those of its members
- Lodge a complaint with the court and seek to secure an agreement from the relevant authority that it will await the outcome of the complaint before carrying out the seizure



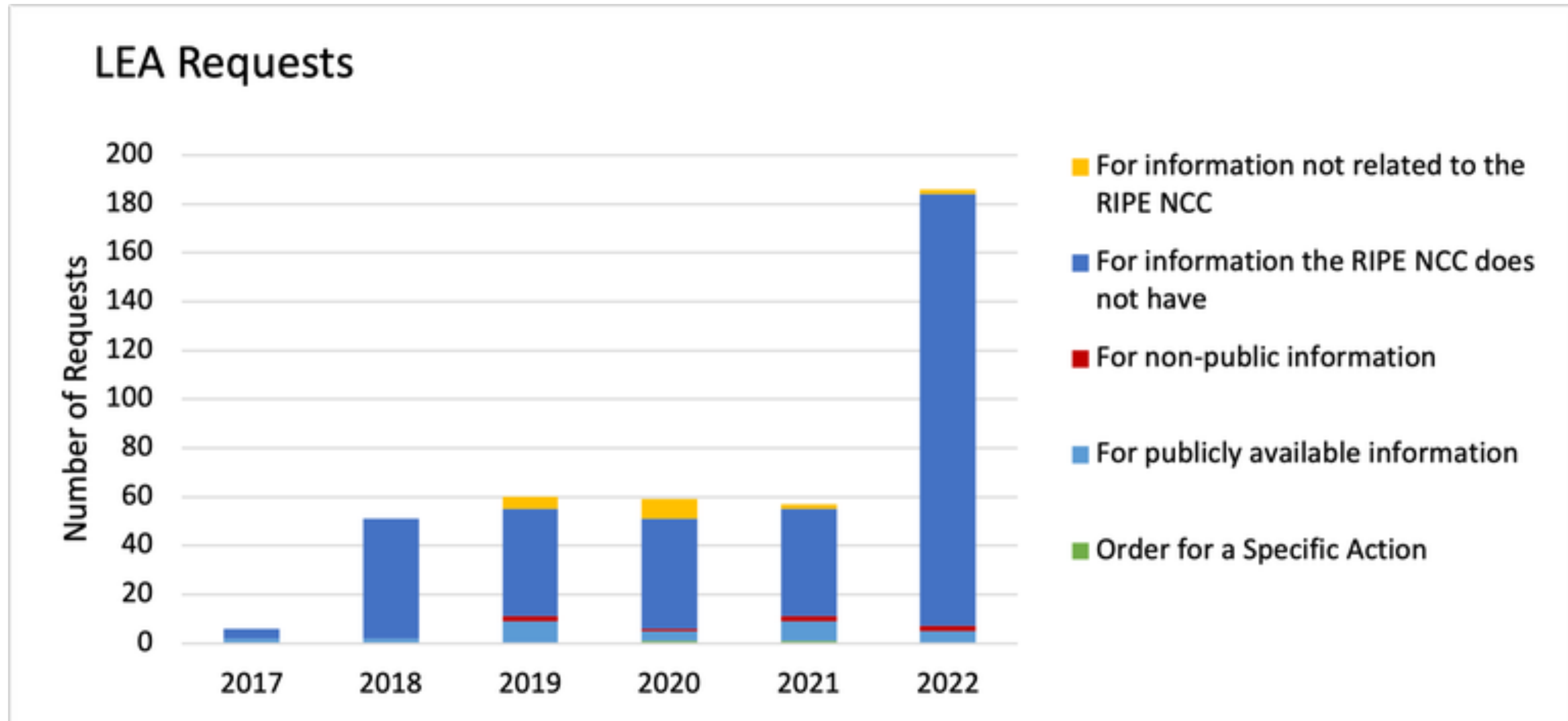
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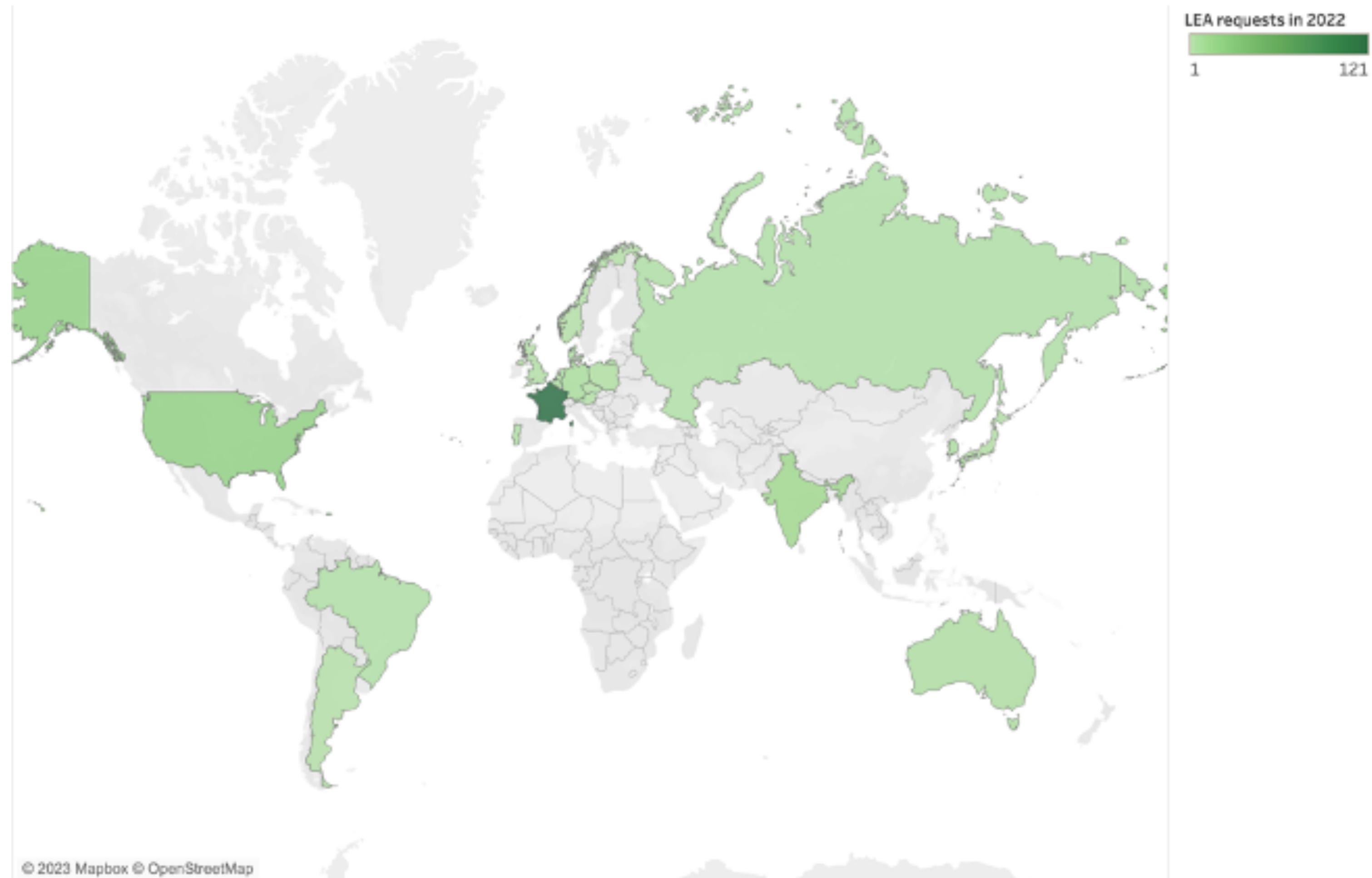


- In 2022, the RIPE NCC received 186 LEA requests (significantly higher number compared to previous years):
 - 2 legally binding requests from Dutch LEAs for non-public information
 - 2 requests from non-Dutch LEAs on whether we would comply with foreign courts' order/search warrant
 - 3 requests on how to send an official request to RIPE NCC to inquire for information about IP addresses
 - 2 requests for information not related to the RIPE NCC
 - 177 requests for the identification of users of particular IP addresses
- High number of requests for information not available to the RIPE NCC (121) received from a French LEA
- In general, LEAs seem to acknowledge the RIPE NCC's role and procedures related to handling LEA requests

LEA Requests Received by Type of Request per Year



LEA Requests Received by Country





Questions

