

# RIPE NCC Report: Law Enforcement Agency Requests 2018

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The RIPE NCC receives information requests from Law Enforcement Agencies (LEAs) and tries to facilitate the provision of any required publicly available information. The RIPE NCC does not provide confidential or private information to LEAs without a court order or other legally enforceable order or request under Dutch law.

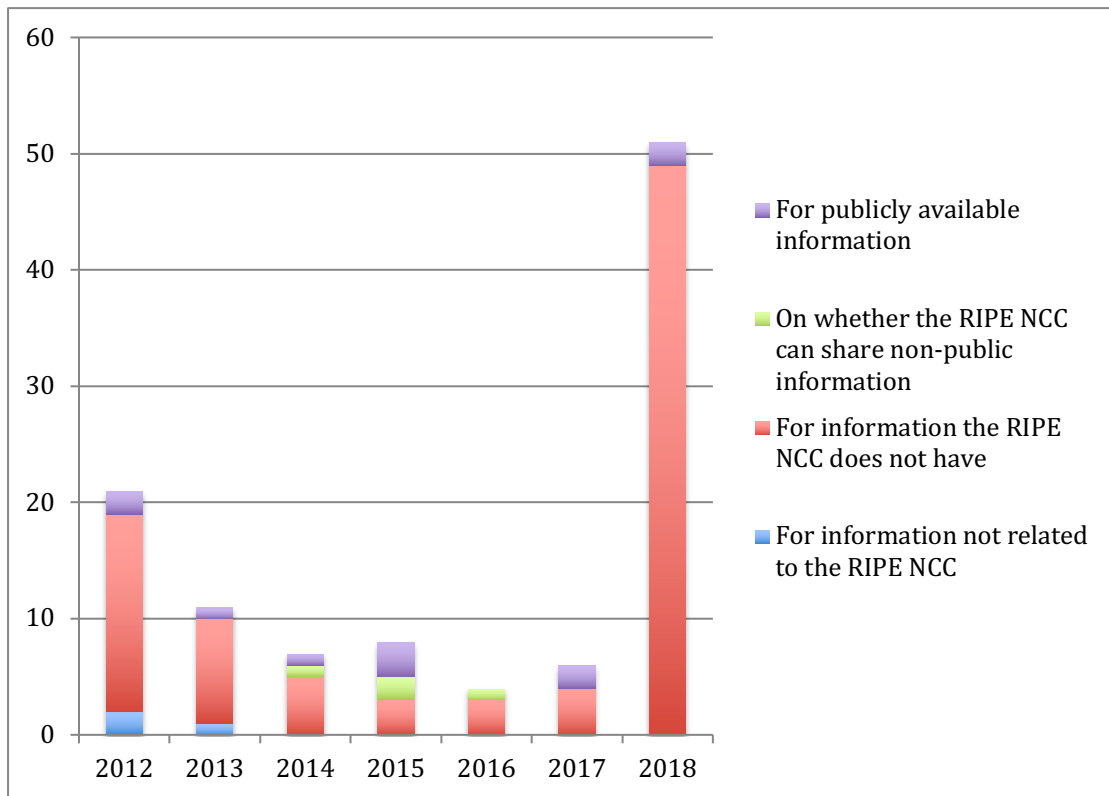
In 2018, the RIPE NCC received 51 information requests from LEAs. None of these requests were accompanied by a Dutch court order. Overall, the number of requests increased, especially with a high number of requests coming from the United States.<sup>1</sup> The RIPE NCC is currently investigating the reason for this increase. But, just like in 2017, LEAs seem to acknowledge the RIPE NCC's procedures and will try to confirm with the RIPE NCC before making an official request.

The RIPE NCC received the following requests in 2018:

- For public information:
  - A request for information on the process of how to obtain information about an IP address. The RIPE NCC explained how to use publicly available information in the RIPE Database to find the party responsible for a particular resource. Additionally, the RIPE NCC explained that non-public information could only be provided with a Dutch court order.
  - A request for information on where to send a court order for obtaining information about a specific IP address. The RIPE NCC explained how to use publicly available information in the RIPE Database to find the party responsible for a particular resource. Additionally, the RIPE NCC explained that non-public information could only be provided with a Dutch court order.
- For information the RIPE NCC does not have:
  - 49 requests for the identification of Internet users of a particular IP address. The RIPE NCC provided information on its role as an Regional Internet Registry (RIR) and explained how to use publicly available information in the RIPE Database to find the party responsible for a particular resource. Additionally, the RIPE NCC explained that non-public information could only be provided with a Dutch court order.

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<sup>1</sup> The majority of these requests were sent by one particular party from the United States.



LEA Request	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
For information the RIPE NCC does not have	49	4	3	3	5	9	17
On whether the RIPE NCC can share non-public information	0	0	1	2	1	0	0
For publicly available information	2	2	0	3	1	1	2
For information not related to the RIPE NCC	0	0	0	0	0	1	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>21</b>

## Number of LEA Requests by Country

<b>Country of Origin</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2012</b>
Australia			1	1			
Austria	1						
Belarus	1						
Belgium				1			
Brazil	1						
Denmark	1						
France			2		1		1
Germany	1	1				1	4
India	1	2					2
Italy		1					
Malta					1		
Netherlands							1
Norway							1
Poland	1						1
Portugal	1						
Russia	1						
South Korea	1						
Spain	1			1			1
Sweden				1			
Ukraine	1						
United Kingdom	1				1	1	2
United States	38	2	1	4	4	9	8
Total	51	6	4	8	7	11	21