

RIPE NCC Report: Law Enforcement Agency Requests 2013

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In 2013, the RIPE NCC received 11 information requests from LEAs, three of which were accompanied by non-Dutch subpoenas and one of which by a non-Dutch court order.

The requests were either about information that is publicly available or about information the RIPE NCC does not possess. One of the requests was not directly related to the activities of the RIPE NCC.

In particular the RIPE NCC received:

- Seven requests for the identification of Internet users at a particular moment in time. In response, the RIPE NCC provided information on its role as an RIR and explained how to use the publicly available information in the RIPE Database to find and be able to contact the party responsible for a particular resource.
- One request for the provision of a witness statement for a national court process. The RIPE NCC was asked to provide general public information about the RIPE NCC structure and operations, the technical features of an IP address and the information available in the RIPE Database. The RIPE NCC provided the requested information via the Dutch authorities.
- One request for the physical location of organisations to which particular resources were distributed. In response, the RIPE NCC explained how to use the publicly available information in the RIPE Database to find administrative location details of the responsible party for a particular resource. The RIPE NCC also explained that these location details are not required to match the physical location where these IP addresses are being used.
- One request for the identification of Internet users of a private IP address. In response, the RIPE NCC provided information about the difference between public and private IP addresses.
- One request not related to the RIPE NCC: a request for information about domain name users. In response the RIPE NCC provided information in its role as an RIR.

Types of LEA Requests in 2012 and 2013

LEA Request	2012	2013
For publicly available information	2	1
For information about IP addresses the RIPE NCC does not administer	17	9
For information not related to the RIPE NCC	2	1
Total	21	11

Origin of LEA Requests in 2013

Country of Origin	Number of Requests
United States	9
United Kingdom	1
Germany	1

Origin of LEA Requests in 2012

Country of Origin	Number of Requests
United States	8
Germany	4
United Kingdom	2
India	2
Spain	1
France	1
Norway	1
Netherlands	1
Poland	1