



**Ethics Office**

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# UN Ethics Office

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*The objective of the Ethics Office is to assist the Secretary-General in ensuring that all staff members observe and perform their functions consistent with the highest standards of integrity required by the Charter of the United Nations through fostering a culture of ethics, transparency and accountability.*

# UN Ethics Office Mandate

## ST/SGB/2005/22

# Nature of the Ethics Office



Advisory



Confidential



Independent

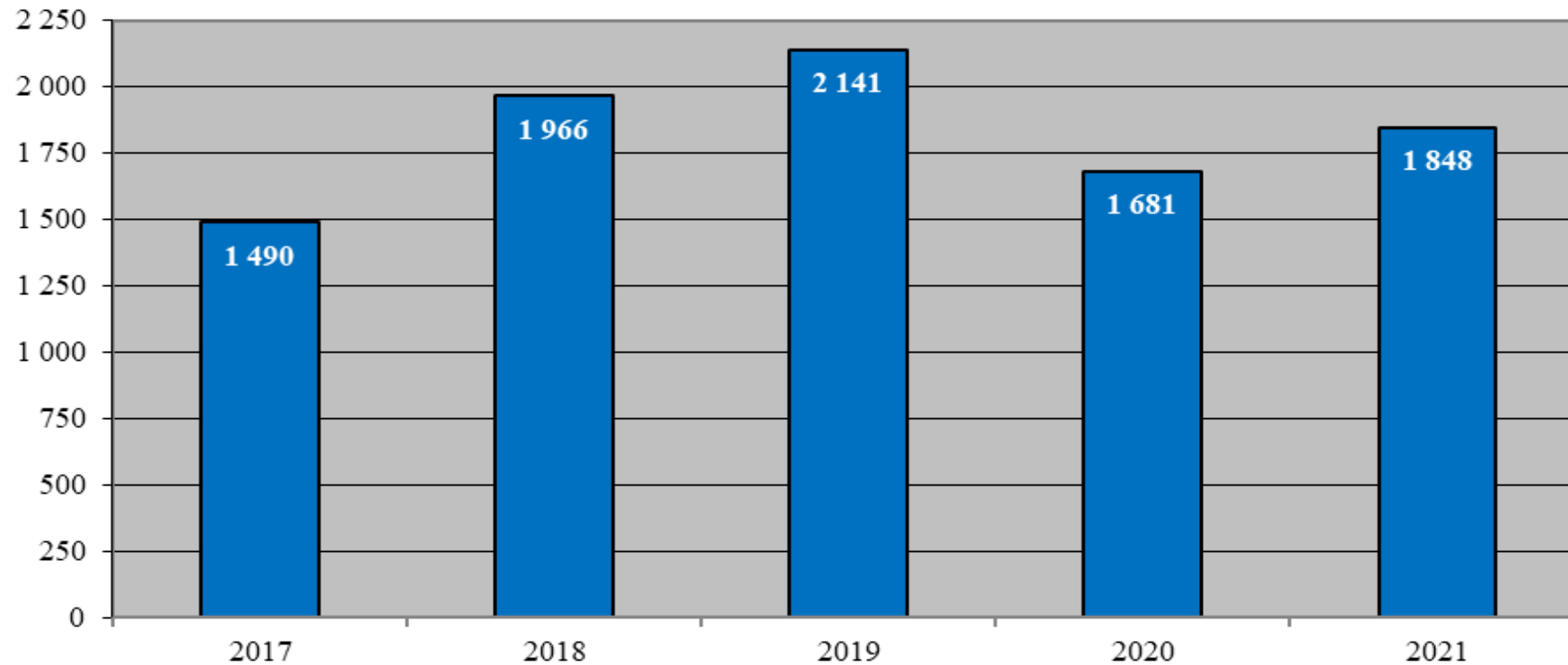


impartial

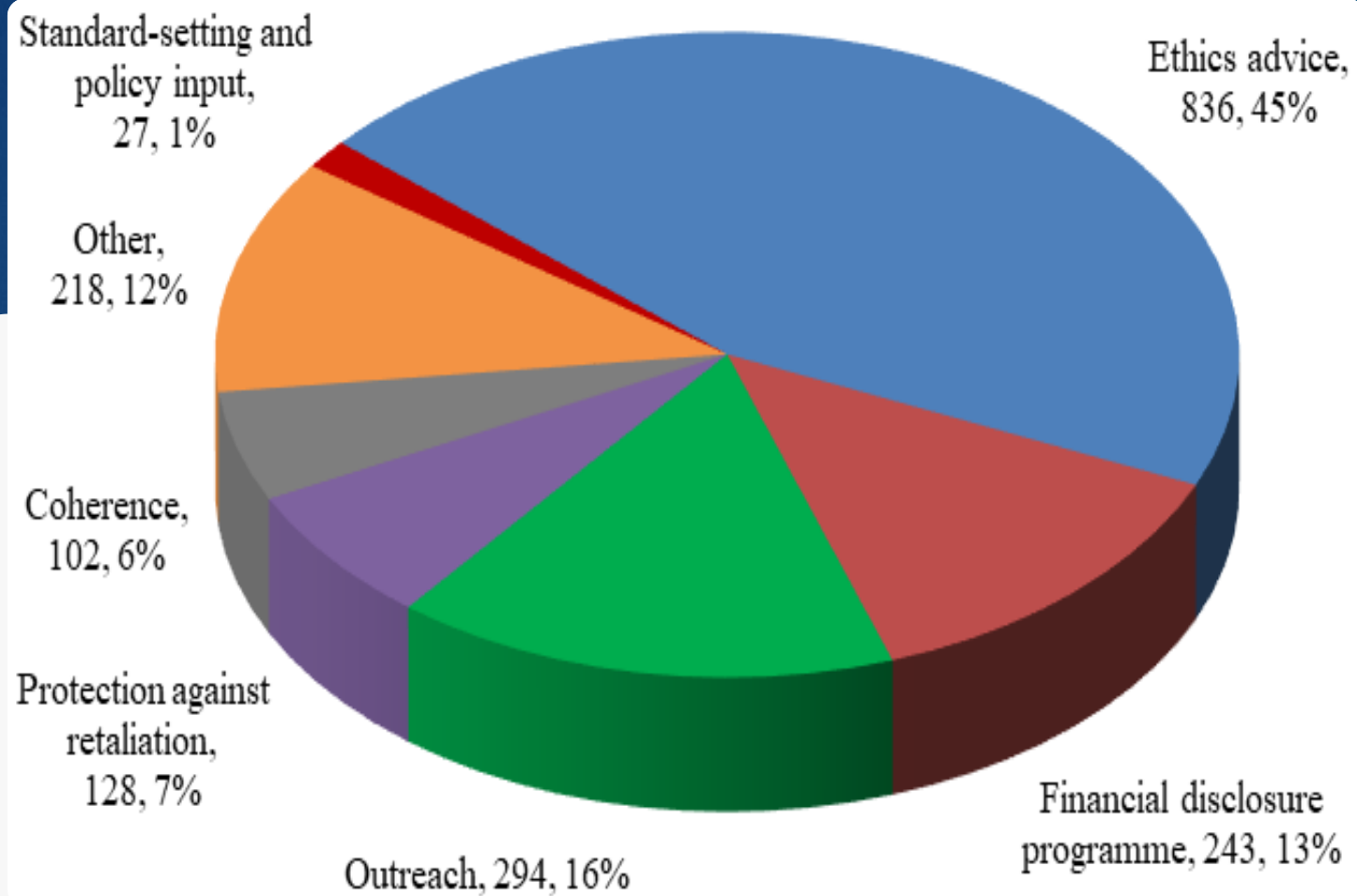
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## Requests for Ethics Office services the past 5 years



# 2021 requests by category



# Common areas of ethical risk



## INDIVIDUAL

Personal actions that can affect the UN in a negative way

- Outside Activities
- Public pronouncement
- Family relationships
- Gifts, honours and hospitality
- Personal investments and assets



## PEOPLE

Inappropriate interaction with others

- Discrimination
- Racism
- Harassment
- Abuse of authority
- Retaliation
- Sexual exploitation and abuse



## OPERATIONAL

Ethical risk related to operations, projects and 3rd parties

- Bribery & Corruption
- Gift & hospitality
- Fraud
- Supply chain
- Confidentiality and Intellectual Property
- Compromising standards



## ORGANISATIONAL

Internal risks across UN offices and sites

- Independence & Impartiality
- Respect for national laws
- Working with partners and donors
- Use of UN assets
- Privacy





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