

# Single Market Scoreboard

## Performance by Member State

### Ireland

(Reporting period: 2012 - 2013)

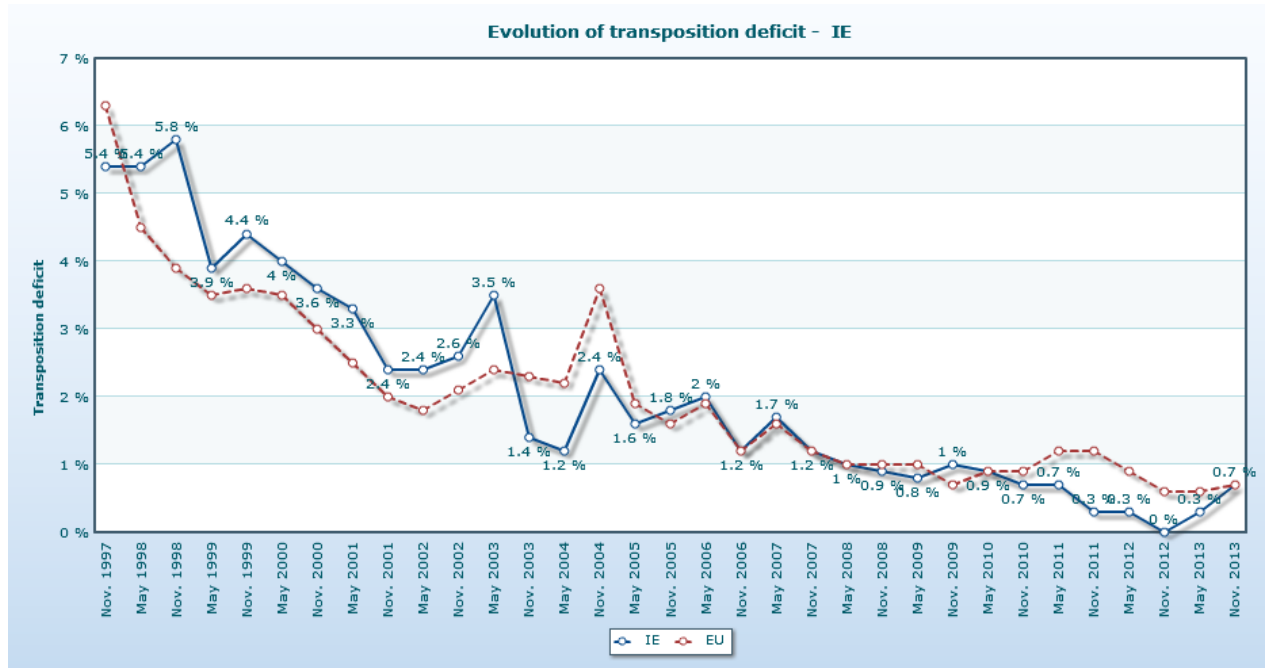
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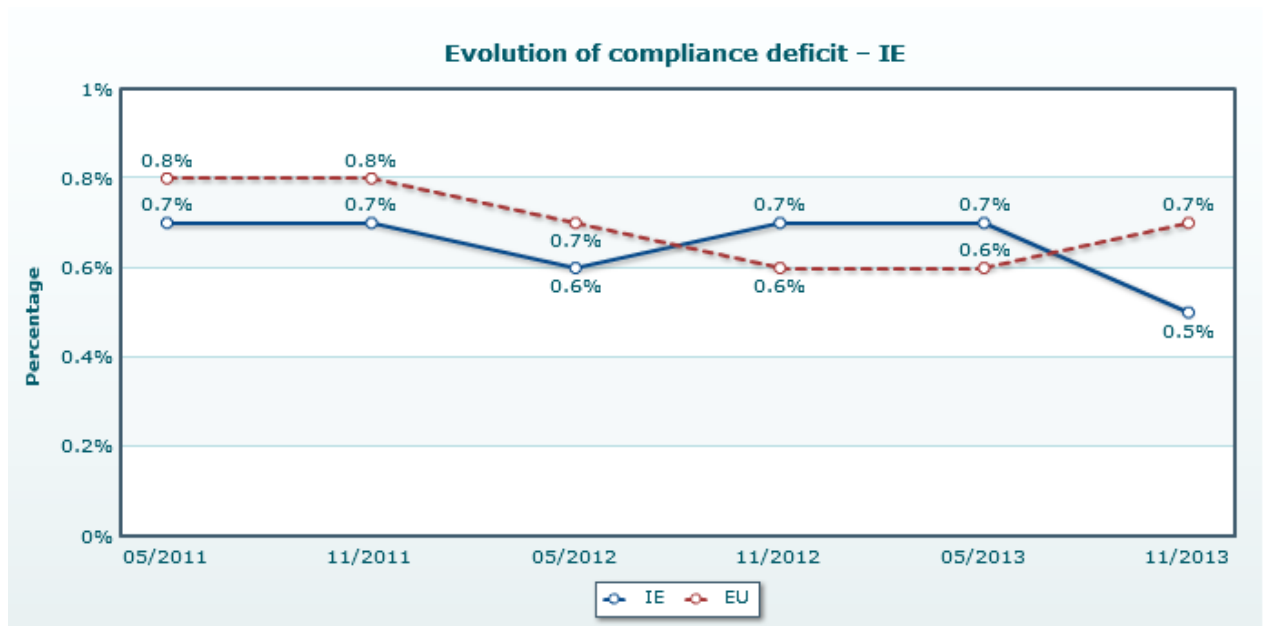
## Transposition of law

Ireland has not been able to maintain its score of 0.3 % average transposition deficit in respect of directives relating to the Single Market; its current transposition deficit is 0.7 %. This equals the EU-wide average transposition deficit, and is below the 1 % transposition deficit target set by Member States. Three of the transpositions outstanding concern directives in the field of social policy.

The average delay in Ireland in transposing directives after their due date is currently 9.9 months, compared to the EU average of 7.3 months. For two directives, one on electricity and the other on geological storage of carbon dioxide, Ireland has missed the transposition deadline by more than two years.

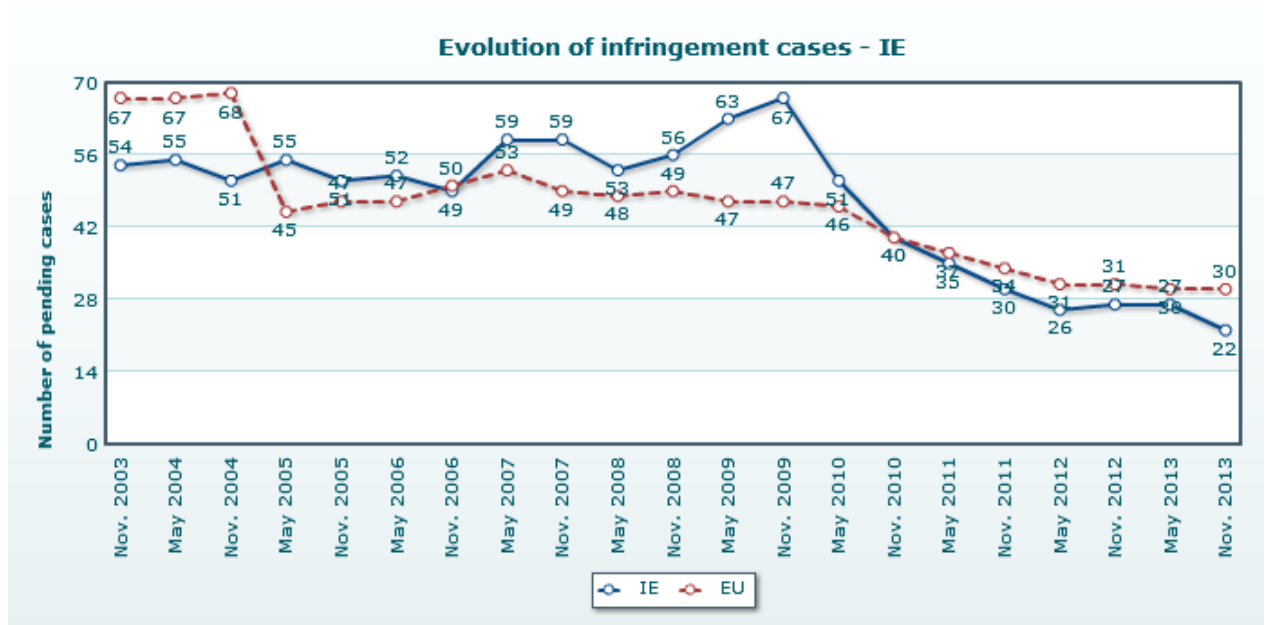


As regards conformity of transposition measures communicated to the Commission, Ireland's compliance deficit is 0.5 %, which is in line with the target proposed in the Single Market Act.



## Infringements

With 22 pending infringement proceedings relating to the Single Market, Ireland has stayed below the EU average (30 pending cases) for more than two years. The main sectors that these cases relate to are taxation (32 %), air transport and water protection.



Irish infringement cases have not maintained the improved trend of average speed — currently 32.5 months — compared with the EU average of 27.9. Ireland has the third longest time lag between court rulings and compliance with EU law (23.4 months on average, the EU average being 18.2).

## EU Pilot

The average response time of Ireland respects the 70-day benchmark in EU Pilot.

## Internal Market Information System

1. Requests accepted within one week: 75 % (EU average: 74 %)
2. Requests answered within the mutually agreed deadline: 61 % (EU average: 64 %)
3. Average time taken to reply to requests: 15 days (EU average: 22 days)

Ireland performs well in general. However, more attention could be paid to the time taken to reply to requests.

More awareness-raising is needed to increase the usage of IMI, especially in the areas of Services and Posting of workers where usage is very low.

## EURES

The Department of Social Protection is the EURES member organisation responsible for providing EURES services in Ireland. There are currently 12 EURES advisers in Ireland. The overall performance is good.

## Your Europe

Ireland manages national portals with information for citizens and enterprises, including some information in French, Polish and Romanian, and is cooperating very well with the Commission services as regards Your Europe.

Ireland is very proactive in promoting Your Europe at country level and keen in sharing knowledge and know-how with peers in the Editorial Board.

Ireland should continue to invest in and promote Your Europe by:

- providing information on how Ireland applies single market rules when asked for via the Editorial Board member;
- attending the Editorial Board meetings organised twice a year;
- raising awareness about Your Europe within the national administrations;
- promoting Your Europe via national websites, information offices and events.

## SOLVIT

The Irish SOLVIT centre deals with an average number of cases (60). In the reporting period (March 2012 to February 2013), the caseload was lower than in the previous 12 months (36 home cases and 7 lead cases in the reporting period compared with 31 home cases and 8 lead cases). SOLVIT Ireland has a high resolution rate of 97 % (89 % SOLVIT EU27 average).

The Irish SOLVIT centre is fast in responding to its clients (average same day, target is 7 days). The overall time the Irish SOLVIT centre takes to prepare a case for submission to another SOLVIT centre is good (10 days). The handling time for cases against the Irish administration has risen from 45 to 72 days and is now above the 70-day target.

Remark: The Irish SOLVIT centre should improve the handling time for cases as Lead centre.

## Points of Single Contact

The Irish Point of Single Contact is a relatively basic website that relies largely on offering links to the relevant websites where information on each of the procedures can be found.

In recent months, work was undertaken to improve its functioning, including migration to the new content management system and redesigning of the website to make it more user friendly.

This work will continue with a view to enhancing the PSC to better meet the needs of the service providers.

The usage figures show a slight increase in the traffic on the Irish PSC compared to 2011.

Further improvements should be made to increase the possibility of online completion of procedures.

Further improvements should be made to improve the completion of the procedures electronically and provide for a clearer distinction between requirements and procedures for permanent establishment and those for cross-border provision of services.