

Single Market Scoreboard

Performance per governance tool

EU Pilot

(Reporting period: 01/2015 – 12/2015)



About

"EU Pilot" is a scheme designed to resolve compliance problems without having to resort to **infringement proceedings**.

It works by the Commission and national governments using an **online database and communication tool** to share information on the **details** of particular cases. This then gives governments a chance to remedy any breaches voluntarily.

⚠️ *EU Pilot does not cover only single market legislation. At the same time, some single market instruments and sectors are covered by comparable systems already established before the introduction of EU Pilot.*

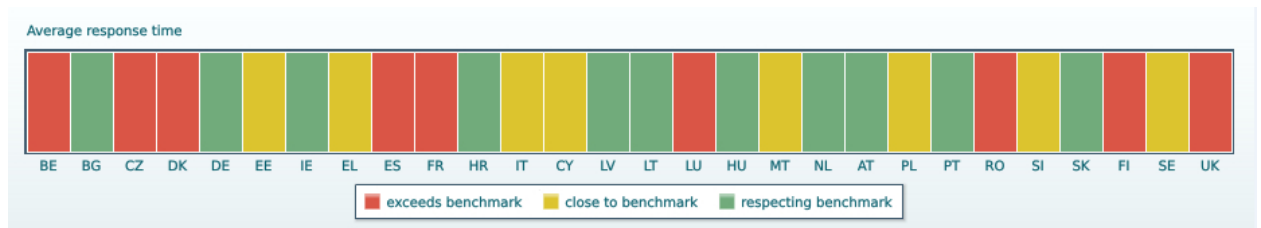
Performance

The Commission may need to gather information – on its own initiative or in response to a complaint - about whether EU law is being correctly applied or whether national law is consistent with EU law.

1. Using EU Pilot, it sends a query to the national government concerned, which has **10 weeks** to reply.
2. The Commission then has **10 weeks** to assess the response.
3. If the response is unsatisfactory, the Commission may start infringement proceedings.

The final goal of the system is to allow Member States to remedy potential EU law infringements by complying voluntarily with EU law.

1. by indicator

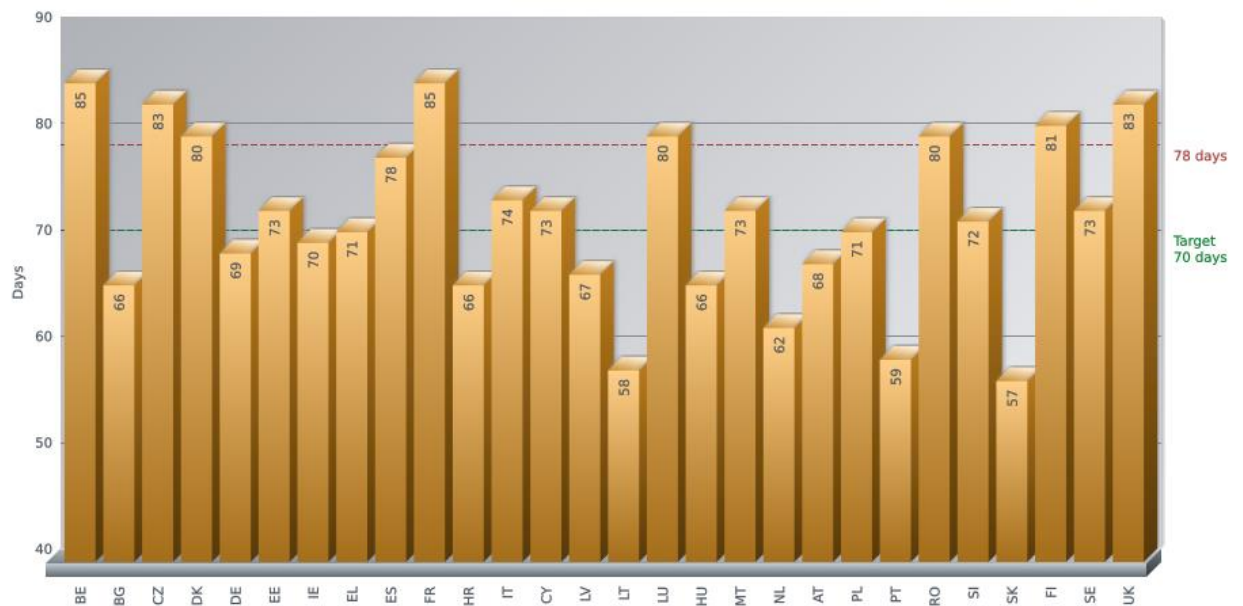


The single indicator – **the average time taken by each country to respond** to the Commission's query – has a benchmark figure of **70 days**.

**2. overall
(based on one single indicator)**



Indicator [1] - EU 28 governments' average response time



Achievements

- All 28 EU countries are taking part in this scheme.
- **Resolution rate:** 75% (also 75% in 2014) (cases closed following a satisfactory response from a national government, as a percentage of all closed cases).

Facts and Figures

Total cases in 2015:

- **Opened:** 881
- **Processed:** 969
- **Still open at end of 2015*:** 1260

* including backlog from previous years

Infringement proceedings opened in 2015 following closure of EU Pilot files: 201

Countries with most EU Pilot submissions at the end of 2015:

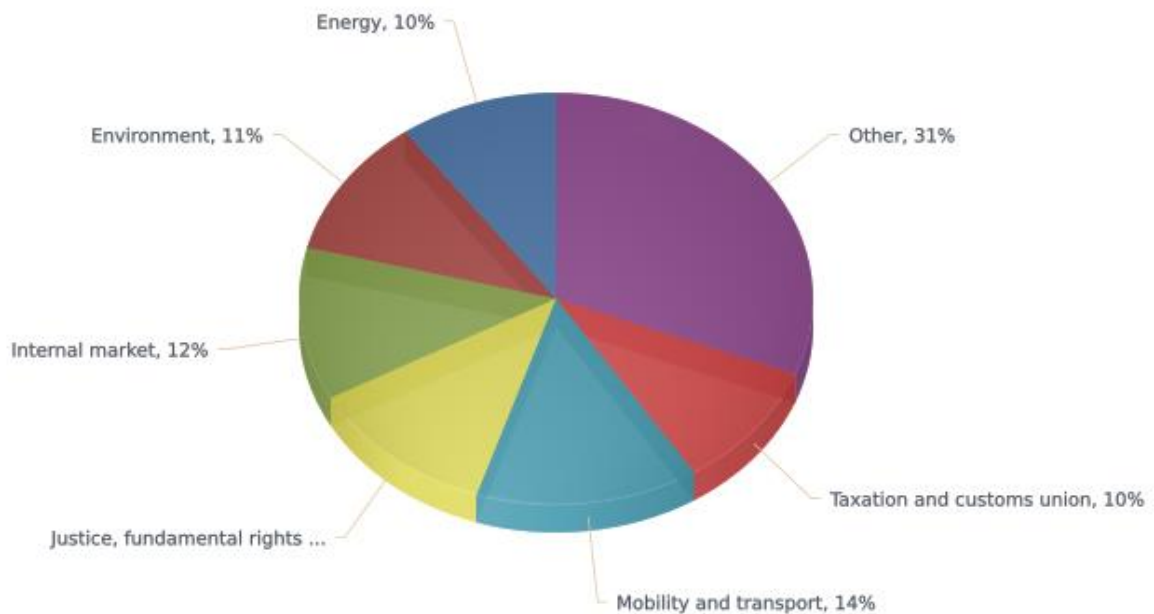
- **Italy:** 68
- **Spain and Germany:** 49
- **France:** 46

Main policy areas of the 881 EU Pilot investigations started in 2015:

- **Mobility and transport:** 14% – Road transport, maritime transport and horizontal (including passengers' rights and Public Service obligations (public rail and road transport))
- **Internal market, industry, entrepreneurship and SMEs:** 12% – Services and regulated professions, Horizontal legislation for goods and non-harmonized sectors, public procurement.
- **Justice and consumers:** 12% - Free movement and citizenship rights, equality, consumer and marketing law.
- **Environment:** 11% – Nature protection, water protection and management, air quality.
- **Taxation and customs:** 10% – Indirect taxation – VAT, direct taxation, customs
- **Energy:** 10% - Energy efficiency, internal energy market and consumer protection, radioactive waste.

These policy areas together represent 69% of all new EU pilot files.

EU Pilot files opened in 2015: main policy areas



Priorities

Explore ways to further improve cooperation via EU Pilot and to increase the resolution rate of this informal dialogue.