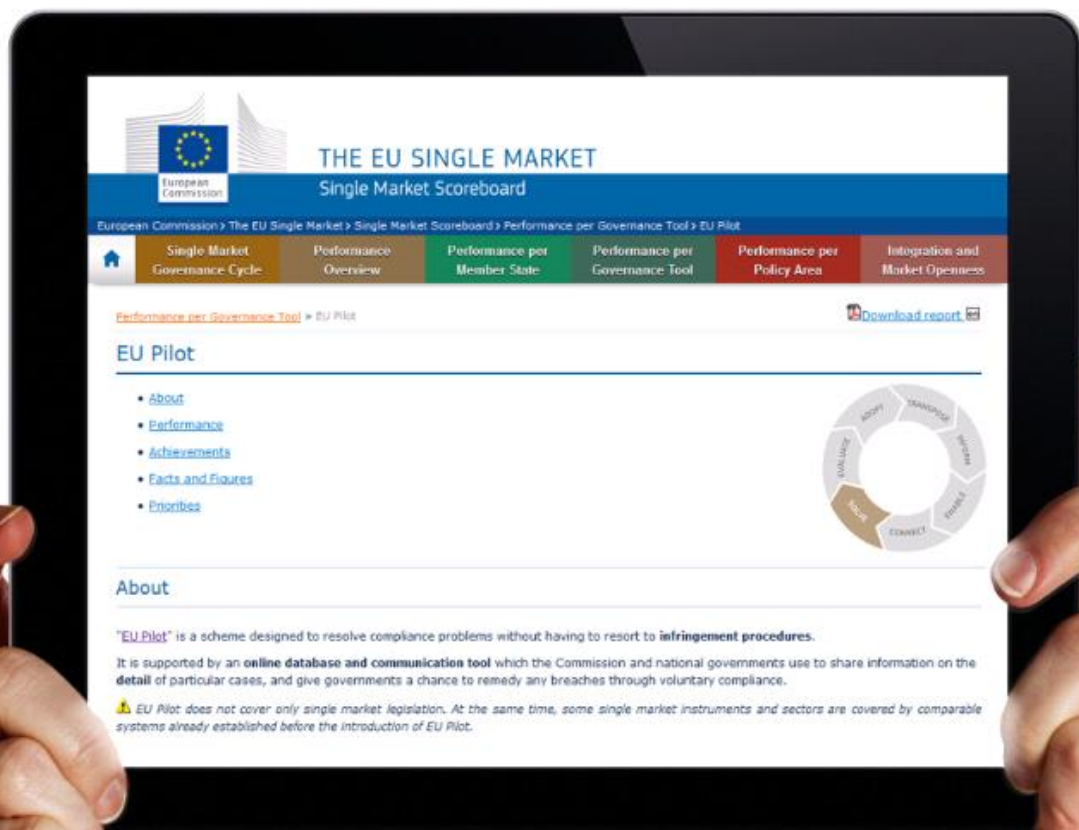


Single Market Scoreboard

Performance per governance tool

EU Pilot

(Reporting period: 01/2016 – 12/2016)



About

“[EU Pilot](#)” EU Pilot is an informal dialogue between the Commission and the Member State concerned on issues related to potential non-compliance with EU law, prior to launching a formal infringement procedure. It works by the Commission and national governments using an **online database and communication tool** to share information on the **details** of particular cases.

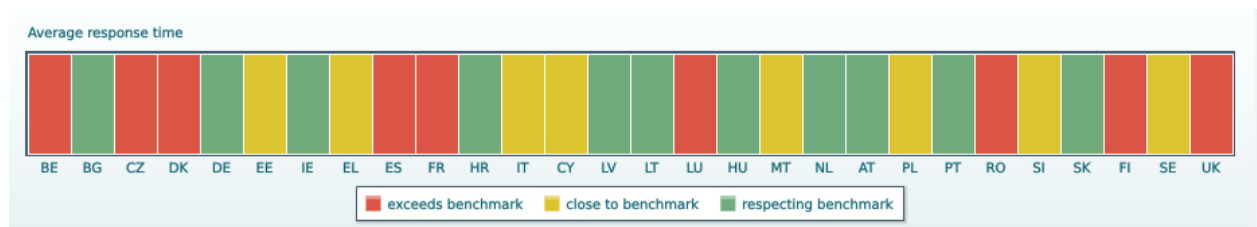
⚠️ *EU Pilot does not cover only single market legislation. At the same time, some single market instruments and sectors are covered by comparable systems already established before the introduction of EU Pilot.*

Performance

The Commission may need to gather information – on its own initiative or in response to a complaint - about whether compliance with EU law is ensured.

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.

1. by indicator

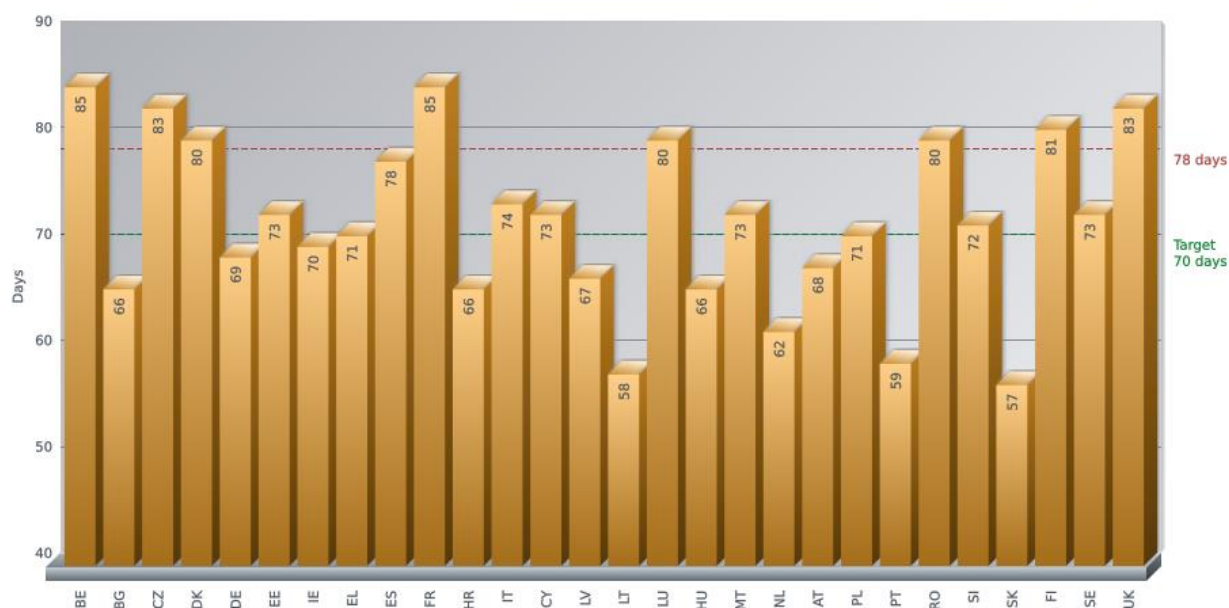


The single indicator – **the average time taken by each country to respond** to the Commission's query – has a benchmark figure of **70 days**.

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



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



Achievements

- **All 28 EU Member States** are taking part in EU Pilot.
- **Resolution rate:** 72% (75% in 2015) (cases closed following a satisfactory response from a national government, as a percentage of all closed cases).

Facts and Figures

State of play in 2016:

- **Cases opened:** 790
- **Cases processed:** 875
- **Cases still open at end of 2016*:** 1175

** including backlog from previous years*

Infringement proceedings opened in 2016 following closure of EU Pilot cases: 233

Countries with highest number of new EU Pilot cases in 2016:

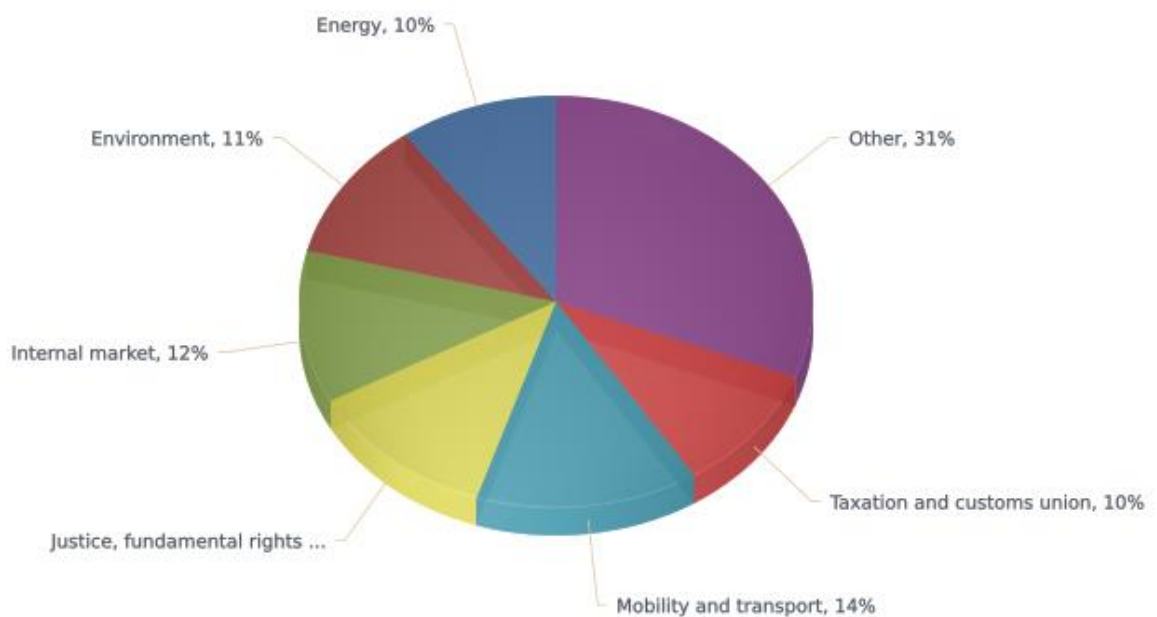
- **Spain and France:** 53
- **Italy:** 52
- **Poland:** 41

Main policy areas of the 790 EU Pilot investigations started in 2016:

- **Environment:** 19% – Nature protection, water protection and management, chemicals.
- **Mobility and transport:** 13% – Road safety, maritime and air transport
- **Internal market, industry, entrepreneurship and SMEs:** 14% – Automotive industry, horizontal legislation for goods and non-harmonized sectors, public procurement.
- **Taxation and customs:** 13% – Indirect taxation – VAT, direct taxation, customs

These policy areas together represent 59% of all new EU Pilot cases.

EU Pilot files opened in 2016: main policy areas



Priorities

- Ensure the smooth implementation of the new enforcement policy of the Commission.