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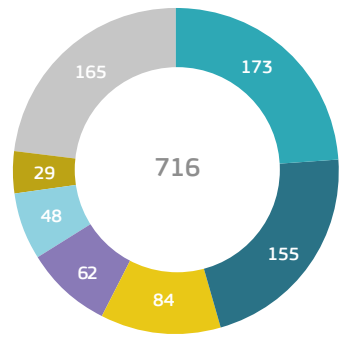
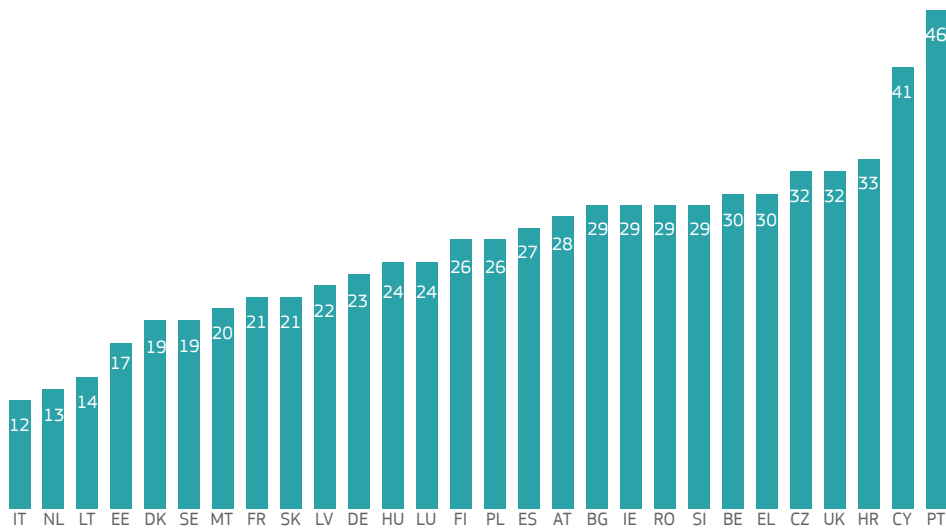
Monitoring the Application of European Union Law

Annual Report 2017

New infringement cases open in 2017

In 2017, the Commission launched 716 new infringement procedures. This is a 27% decrease compared to 2016 when 986 infringement procedures were launched. Furthermore, the Commission sent 275 reasoned opinions in 2017, down from 292 cases in 2016.

The graph below shows the main policy areas concerned.



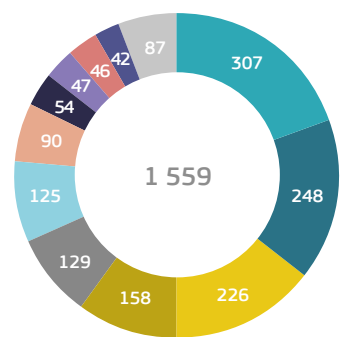
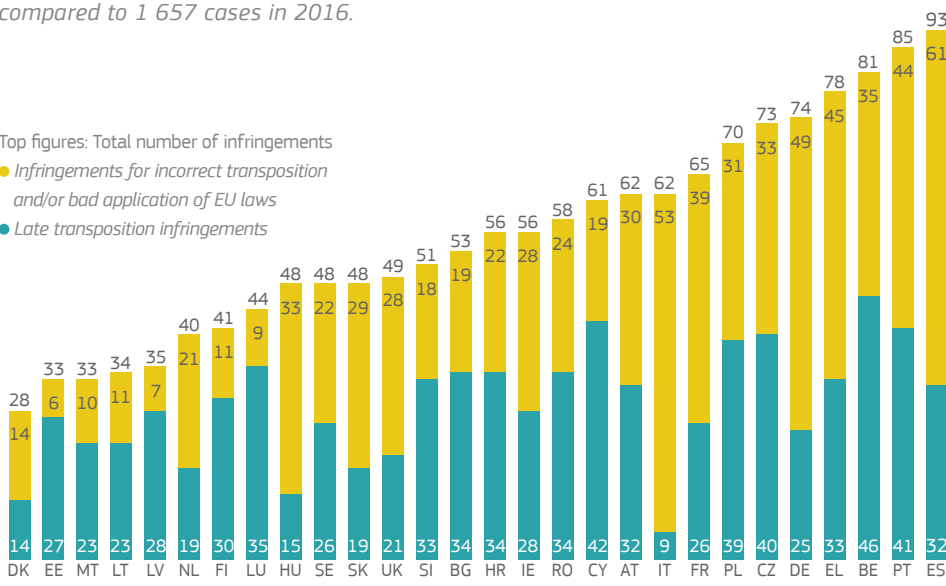
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Infringement cases open on 31/12/2017 (total)

At the end of 2017, there were a total of 1 559 open infringement cases, a 6% decrease compared to 1 657 cases in 2016.

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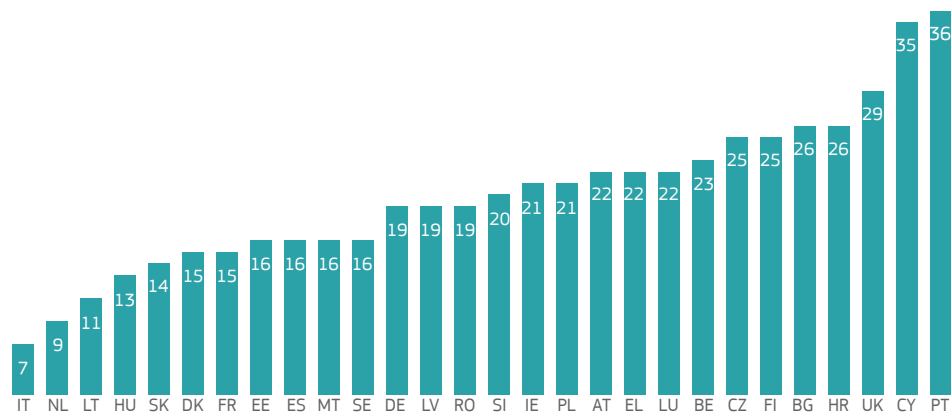
Top figures: Total number of infringements
 ● Infringements for incorrect transposition and/or bad application of EU laws
 ● Late transposition infringements



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New late transposition¹ infringement cases

The number of new late transposition cases decreased by 34% (558 cases in 2017) compared to 847 in 2016.



Judgments of the Court of Justice of the EU under Articles 258 and 260(2) of TFEU

The Court issued 17 judgments under Article 258² of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU) in 2017, all of which were in the Commission's favour. Moreover, the Court issued one judgment under Article 260(2)³ of TFEU in 2017, imposing penalty payments on Spain⁴.

¹ New infringement cases opened against 28 EU Member States in 2017 due to failure to implement an EU directive into national law on time.

² I.e., a first judgment by the Court of Justice of the EU.

³ A return of a case to the Court of Justice of the EU if a first judgment is not implemented; a judgment may impose a lump sum or penalty payment.

⁴ Commission vs Spain (case [C-388/16](#) of July 2017; lump sum payment of € 3 million).