



Single Market Scoreboard

Performance by Member State

Cyprus

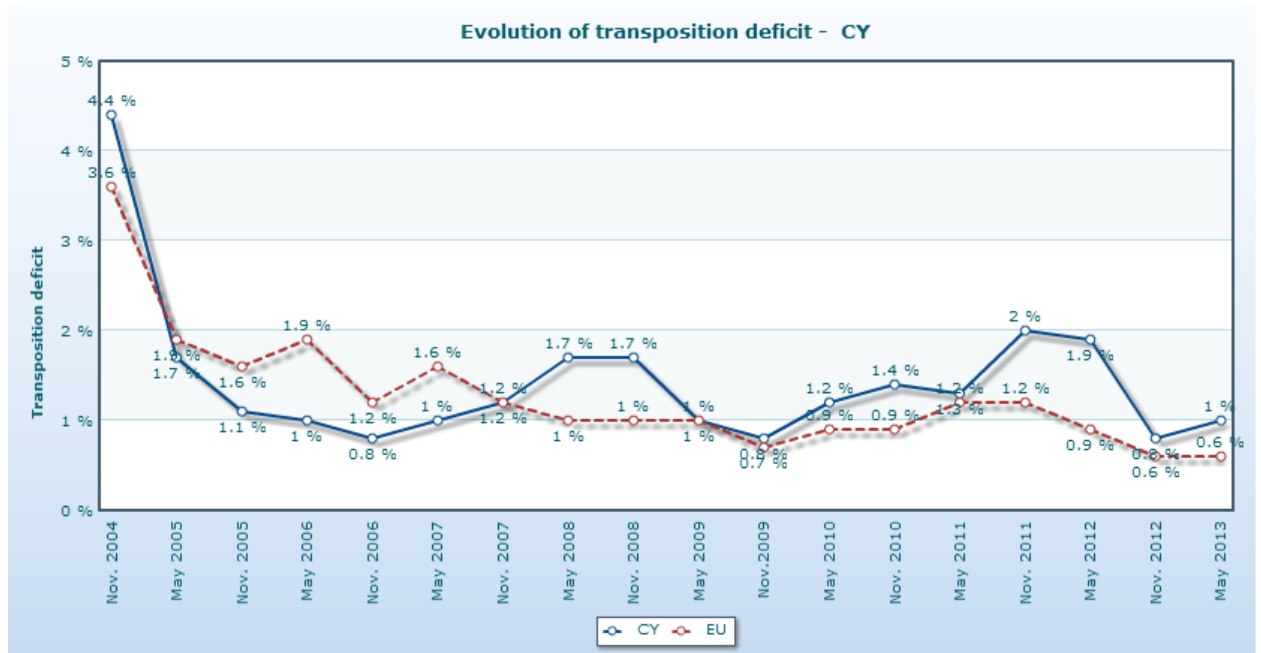
(Reporting period: 2012 - 2013)



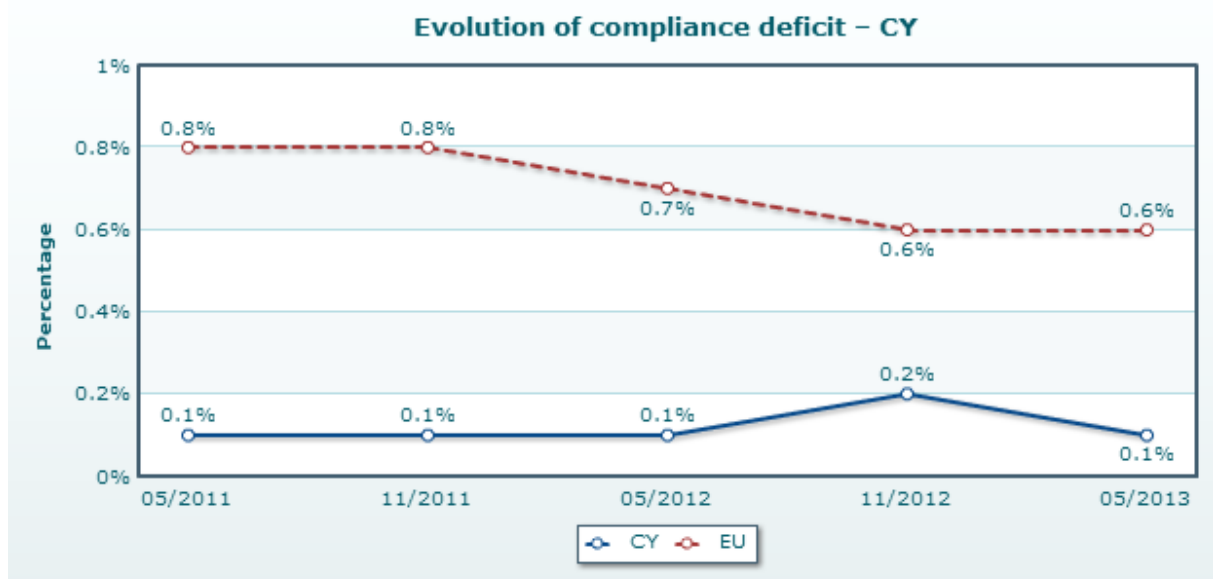
Transposition of law

The Cypriot transposition deficit has increased slightly over the past six months, after previously having made the biggest improvements of the Member States in 2012, when it significantly decreased its number of outstanding directives by 15. The current 1 % transposition deficit is still favourable, equalling the 1 % deficit target agreed by the Member States. Cyprus has one outstanding directive more than two years overdue, regardless of the "zero tolerance" targets for such directives.

Cyprus has cut the average delay between the lapse of deadlines and transposition by over five months since November 2012 with a current delay of 6.7 months.

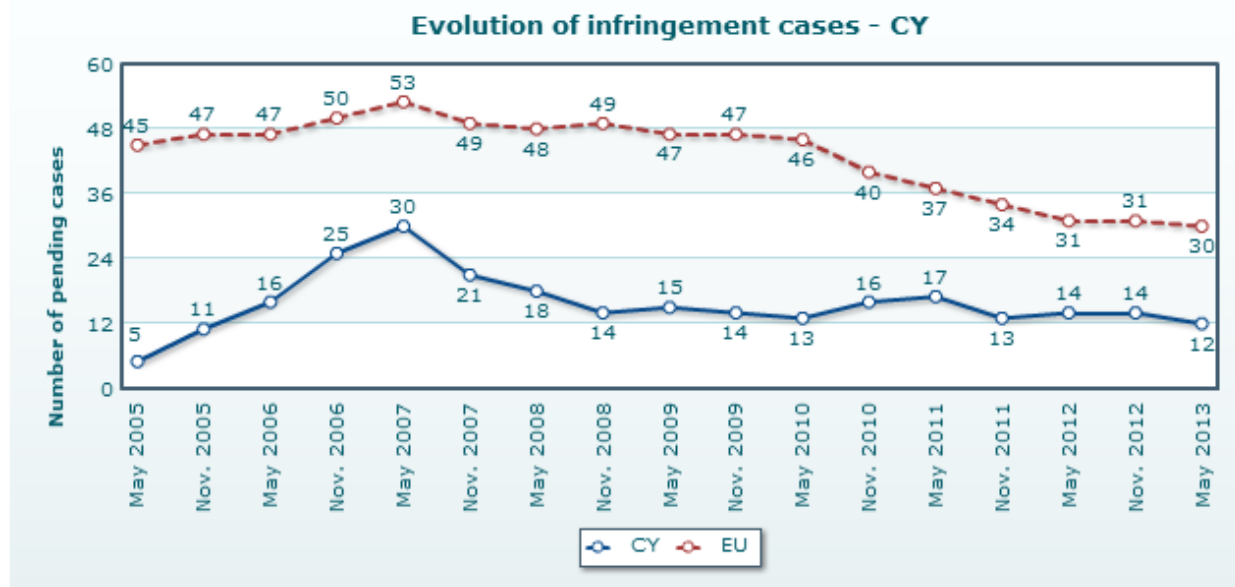


On the other hand, Cyprus is second only to Malta as the Member State with the best compliance deficit: infringement proceedings for non-conformity have been opened by the Commission for only two of the directives notified (0.1 %), which is well below the 0.5 % proposal for the Single Market Act.



Infringements

Cyprus is one of the Member States with the least pending infringement proceedings relating to the internal market, with a caseload well below the EU average. The Member State has made further efforts to reduce its backlog in the past six months by two, with 12 cases currently pending.



It should also be noted that Cypriot cases are also resolved faster than the 27 month EU average at 24.9 months. Finally, Cyprus has the shortest time lag of the Member States between court rulings and compliance with EU law at just over three months, compared to the 17.6 month EU average.

EU Pilot

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

Internal Market Information System

1. Requests accepted within one week: 74 % (EU average: 74 %)
2. Requests answered within the mutually agreed deadline: 64 % (EU average: 64 %)
3. Average time taken to reply to requests: 14 days (EU average: 22 days)

Overall, Cyprus is performing well with results equal to the EU average.

Cyprus should try to maintain the improvement seen recently in the average response times.

EURES

The Department of Labour (YEKA/MLSI) is the EURES member organisation responsible for providing EURES services in Cyprus. There are currently eight EURES advisers in Cyprus. The overall performance is good, but the quality of the PES job vacancy exchange with EURES could be further improved.

Your Europe

Cyprus provides information to citizens and enterprises on a national portal, including in English. The country participated well in the work of the Editorial Board, was responsive to the majority of requests for national information and started linking national pages to Your Europe.

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

- providing information on how Cyprus 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 Cypriot SOLVIT centre deals with a high number of cases (66) relative to the size of the country. In the reporting period (March 2012 to February 2013), the caseload was higher than in the previous 12 months (6 home cases and 60 lead cases in the reporting period compared with 6 home cases and 49 lead cases). SOLVIT Cyprus has a good resolution rate of 93 % (89 % SOLVIT EU27 average).

Due to the small number of cases no evaluation is made for the case handling performance as Home centre. The case handling time for cases against the Cypriot administration has slightly risen from 61 to 62 days but is still below the 70-day target.

Points of Single Contact

The Cypriot Point of Single Contact (PSC) is an average performing PSC with an above-average performance for the quality and availability of information which covers areas both within and beyond the scope of the Services Directive.

In 2012, the Cypriot PSC worked on extending the Greek language version of the portal, increasing the number of member states from which e-signatures are supported and improving the findability of the PSC in the Google search engine.

The usage of the Cypriot PSC strongly increased compared to 2011.

The action plan for 2013 includes: completion of Greek language version of the portal, promotion activities and the update of existing information.

Further work seems to be necessary to increase the availability of procedures for the electronic completion.