



Single Market Scoreboard

Performance by Member State

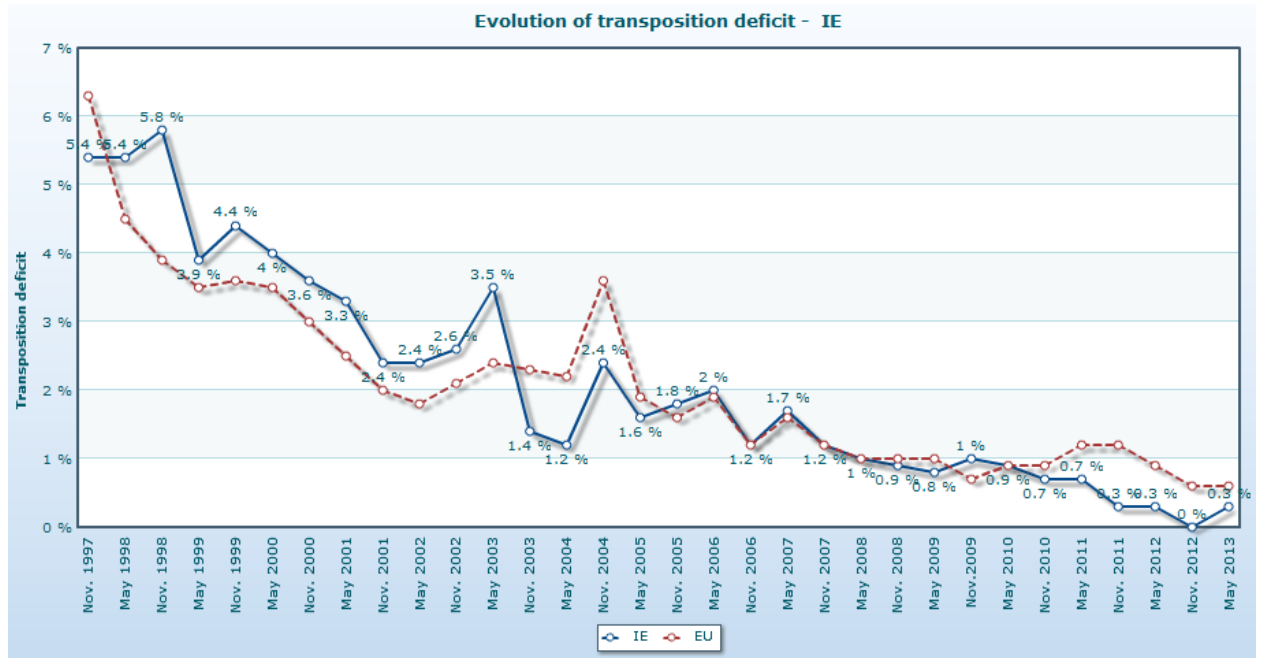
Ireland

(Reporting period: 2012 - 2013)

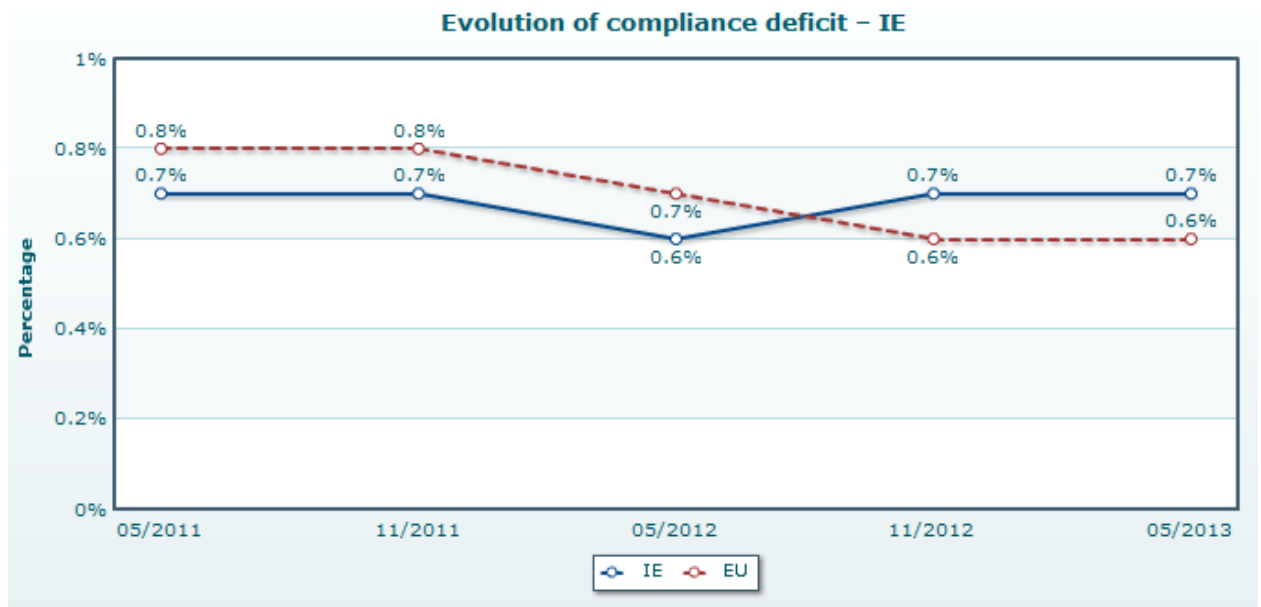


Transposition of law

Ireland has not maintained its best result ever achieved in November 2012. The current transposition deficit is 0.3 %, after Ireland increased its number of directives not transposed by the deadline by four over the past six months. Ireland has still maintained an impressive score of 0.3 %, which is half the 0.6 % EU-wide average transposition deficit. Ireland missed the "zero tolerance" target however, with one lapsed directive (concerning electricity) more than two years overdue.

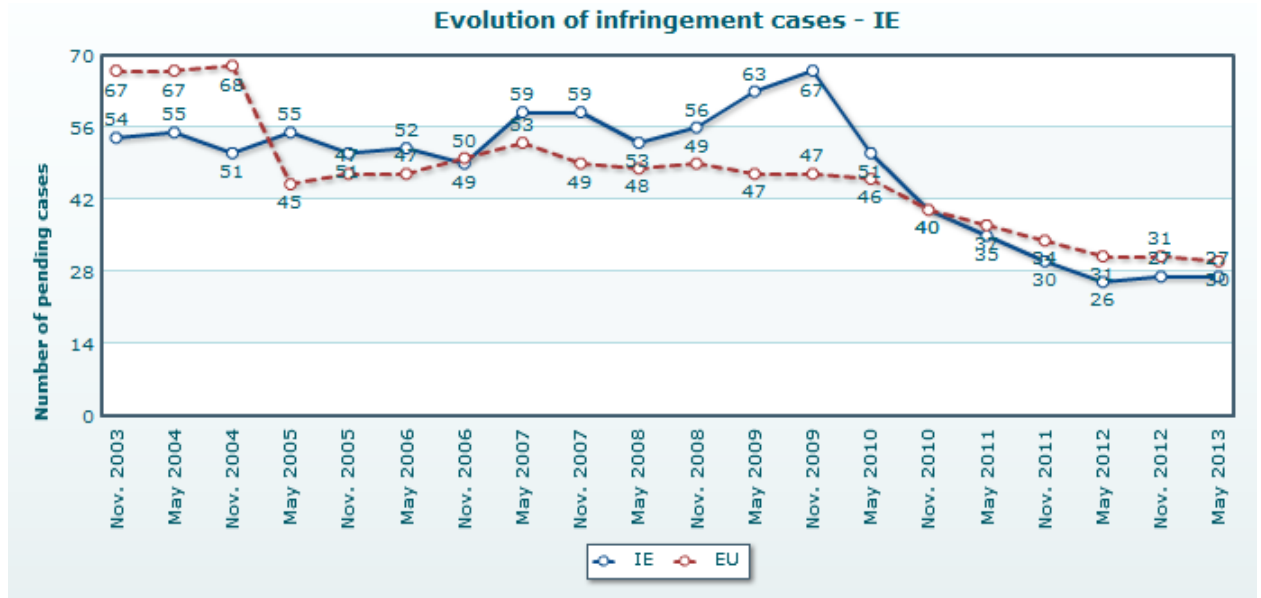


The compliance deficit, which is an indicator of whether the transposition has been correct, stands at 0.7 % for Ireland, which is in line with the EU average of 0.6 % and close to the proposal from the Single Market Act for a 0.5 % target.



Infringements

With 27 pending infringement proceedings relating to the internal market, Ireland has remained EU average (30 pending cases) over the past two years. The main sectors that the remaining cases relate to are taxation, air transport, environment and water protection.



Ireland has improved its speed in resolving cases after letters of formal notice have been sent, with the length of an average case being cut from 33 months in November 2012 to 30.7 months currently. This improvement puts Irish cases closer to the EU average of a 27 month duration.

Ireland remains the EU Member State with the second biggest time-lag between court rulings and compliance with EU law (25 months on average), particularly after increasing this delay by over three months, since November 2012.

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 (29 home cases and 31 lead cases in the reporting period compared with 15 home cases and 52 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.

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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.