

# Single Market Scoreboard

*Performance by Member State*

## France

*(Reporting period: 2012 - 2013)*

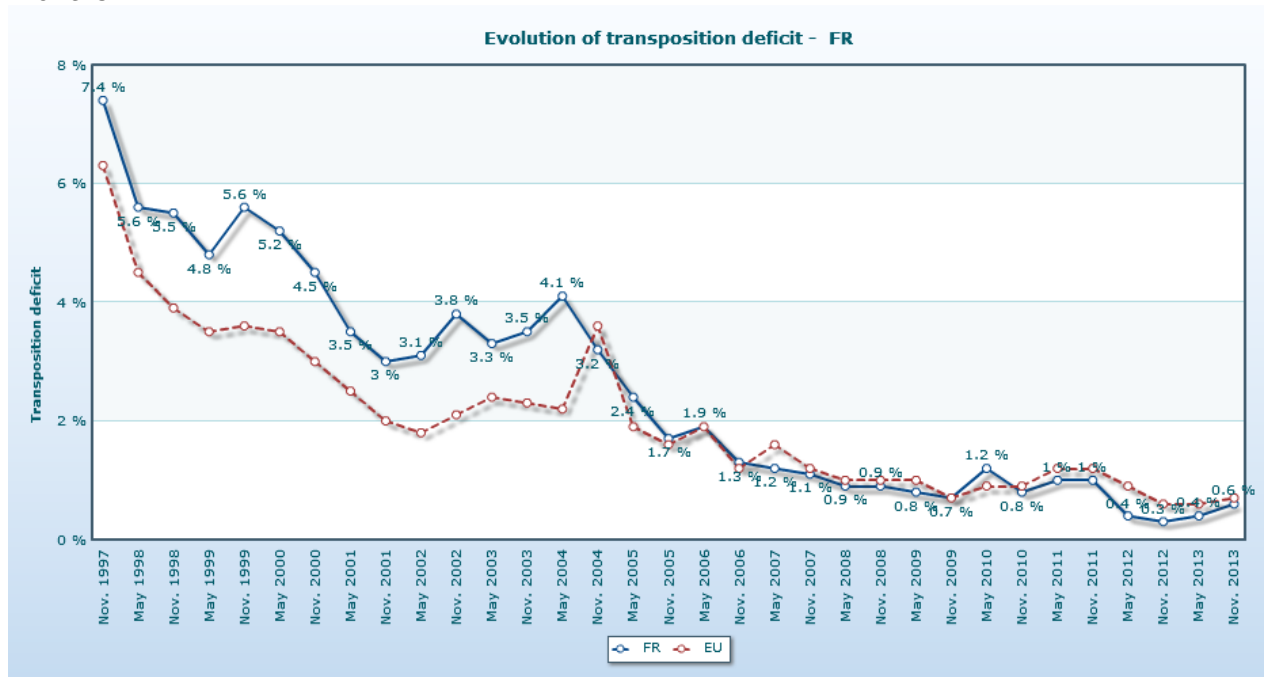
*(February 2014 edition - Transposition and Infringements update)*



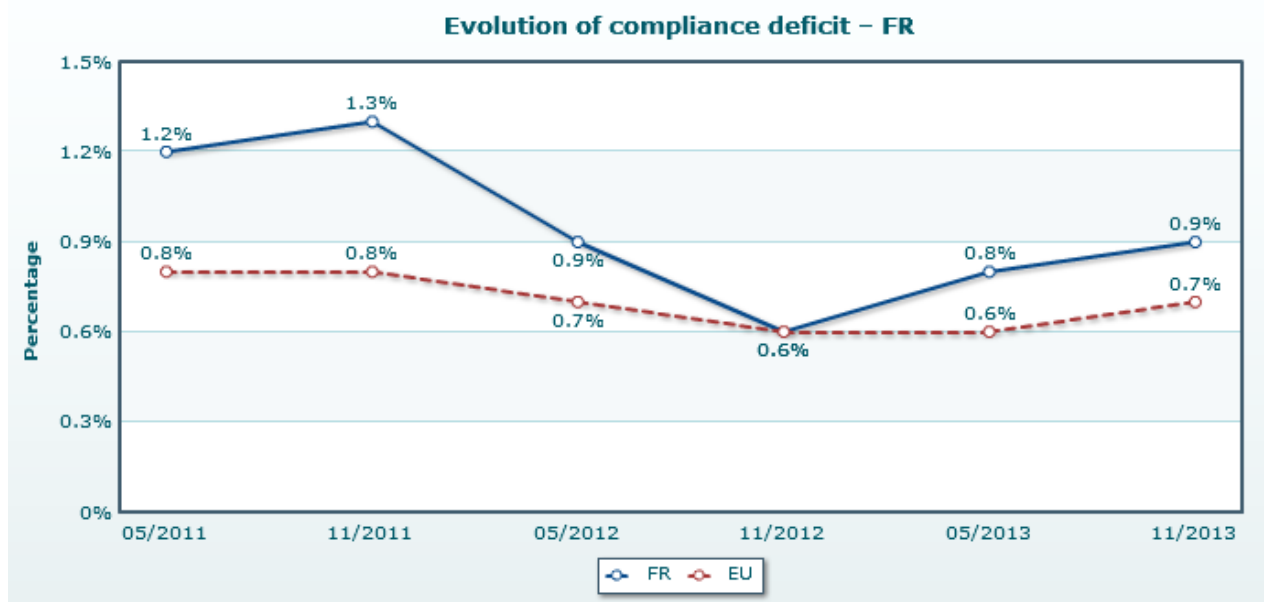
## Transposition of law

With a current transposition deficit of 0.6 %, France seems to have slightly reversed the very good trend established since May 2012. This result is however in line with the 1.0 % threshold and with the EU average of 0.7 %. Two out of seven outstanding directives relate to the social policy. None of those directives is long outstanding one (i.e. transposition overdue by two years or more).

The French delay of 2.2 months in transposing overdue directives is the third best result among all Member States and three times shorter than the current average of 7.3 months.



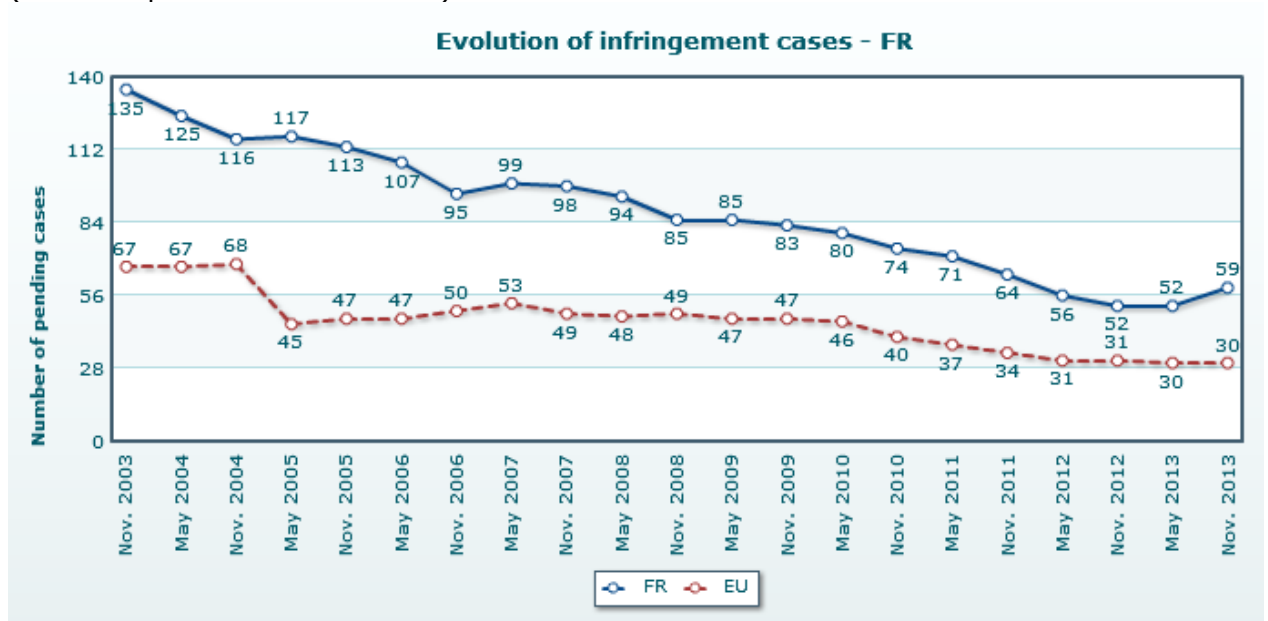
In relation to conformity of measures communicated to the Commission, France has slightly worsened its previous record with a 0.9 % deficit, exceeding the 0.7 % EU average and the proposed target of 0.5 %.



## Infringements

France has increased by seven its lowest-ever level of pending infringement cases relating to the Single Market (52), which was first achieved in November 2012. France still has significant work ahead of it in order to decrease its case-load, which stands at almost twice the EU average (59 French cases are pending, compared with the EU average of 30). France also fares badly when it comes to the time lag between court rulings and compliance with EU law; it averages 25.7 months, over seven months above the EU average of 18.2 months. Both taxation (30 % of cases) and the free movement of goods are the subject of a number of infringement cases involving France.

The speed of infringement resolution cases involving France is lower than the EU average (27.9 compared to 25.1 months).



## EU Pilot

The average response time of France is currently outside the 70-day benchmark in EU Pilot.

## Internal Market Information System

1. Requests accepted within one week: 40 % (EU average: 74 %)
2. Requests answered within the mutually agreed deadline: 37 % (EU average: 64 %)
3. Average time taken to reply to requests: 25 days (EU average: 22 days)

The performance of France in IMI could be improved. The results for the three indicators are below the EU average. The time taken to accept requests is too long despite some recent progress.

The number of authorities in France is very high due to its administrative structure. The proactive approach of closer monitoring of IMI activity should be continued. More training and awareness-raising activities could lead to an increase in the usage of the system and to better handling of requests.

## EURES

Pôle-Emploi, the French Public Employment Service, is the EURES member organisation responsible for providing EURES services in France. There are currently 74 EURES advisers in France. The overall performance is good.

## Your Europe

France provides information for citizens and enterprises on a national portal, including in English, German and Spanish.

The country is in particular proactively contributing to a pilot project for content syndication allowing the import of information available at the national portal to Your Europe and vice versa. France has however not been responsive to requests for information to be made available on Your Europe, in particular for the business section.

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

- further supporting the content syndication pilot project;
- until syndication is fully operational, providing full information on how France applies single market rules when asked for via the Editorial Board member, with a priority on adding missing information;
- attending the Editorial Board meetings organised twice a year and ensuring that the previously very proactive participation in the work of the Editorial Board will be pursued in the future;
- raising awareness about Your Europe within the national administrations;
- promoting Your Europe via national websites, information offices and events.

## SOLVIT

The French SOLVIT centre deals with a large number of cases (314). In the reporting period (March 2012 to February 2013), the caseload remained nearly as high as in the previous 12 months (101 home cases and 213 lead cases in the reporting period compared with 111 home cases and 211 lead cases). SOLVIT France has a high resolution rate of 98 % (89 % SOLVIT EU27 average).

The French SOLVIT centre is slow in responding to clients (average 18 days, target is 7 days). The overall time the French SOLVIT centre takes to prepare a case for submission to another SOLVIT centre is good (9 days). The case handling time for cases against the French administration has slightly risen from 90 to 91 days and is above the 70-day target.

**Remark:** The French SOLVIT centre should improve its response time to clients as well as the case handling time for cases against France's administration.

## Points of Single Contact

The French Point of Single Contact is an average performing PSC.

In 2012, work on a full redesign of the French PSC was started and the results of this upgrade should be available in the course of 2013 (this will include a new technical architecture, new functionalities, security policy, extended language versions, and complete coverage of procedures related to the access to the service activity).

In 2012 the usage of the PSC has slightly increased compared to 2011 and the French authorities expect that it will further improve with the launch of new website in 2013.

Further work is also necessary to improve the availability and possibility for electronic completion of procedures.