

Single Market Scoreboard

Performance by Member State

Slovakia

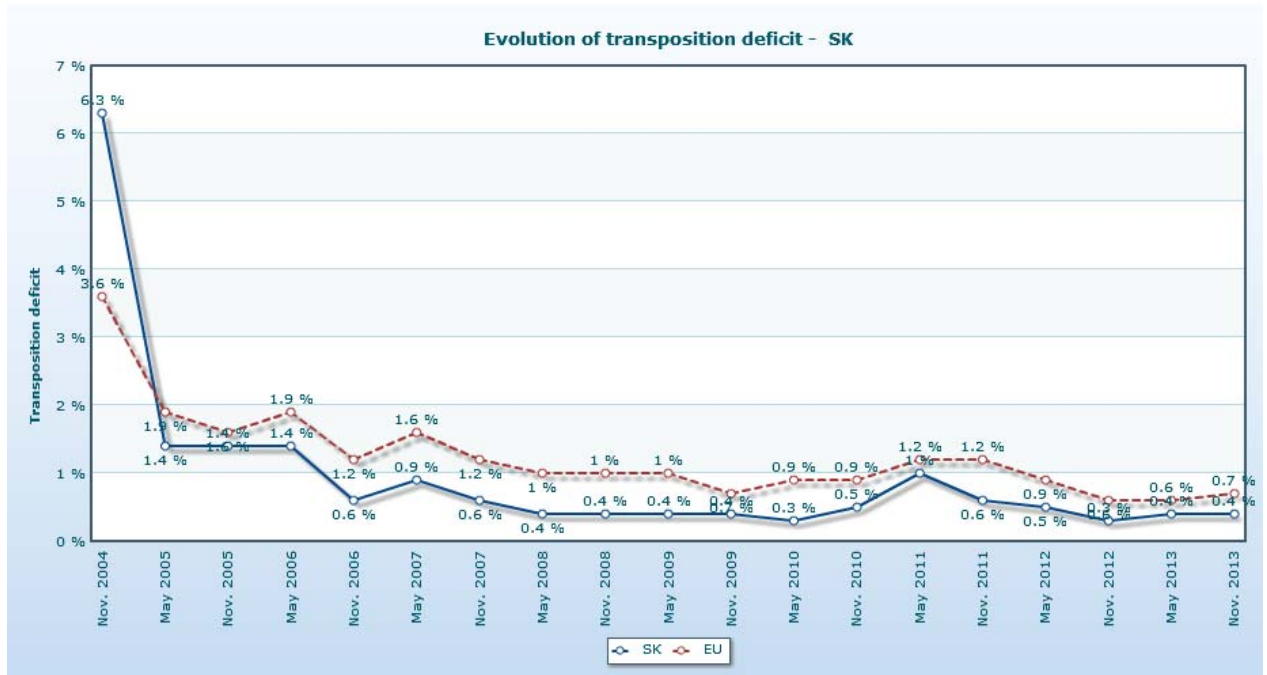
(Reporting period: 2012 - 2013)

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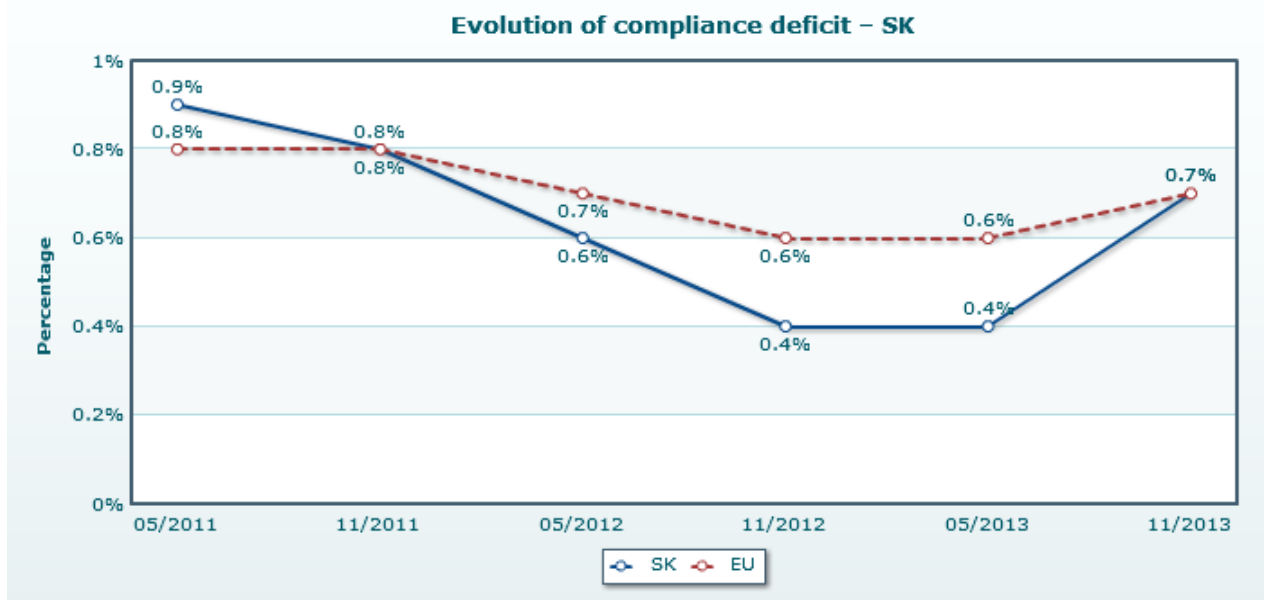


Transposition of law

With five directives outstanding, Slovakia has maintained a low level of transposition deficit (0.4 %) and remains within the group of best-performing Member States for the transposition of single market directives. Slovakia meets the "zero tolerance" target for directives two or more years overdue, even though it increased the delay in transposing directives after the expiration of the transposition deadlines (from 3.7 month recorded six months ago to 6.6 months). This score is still below the EU average of 7.3 months.



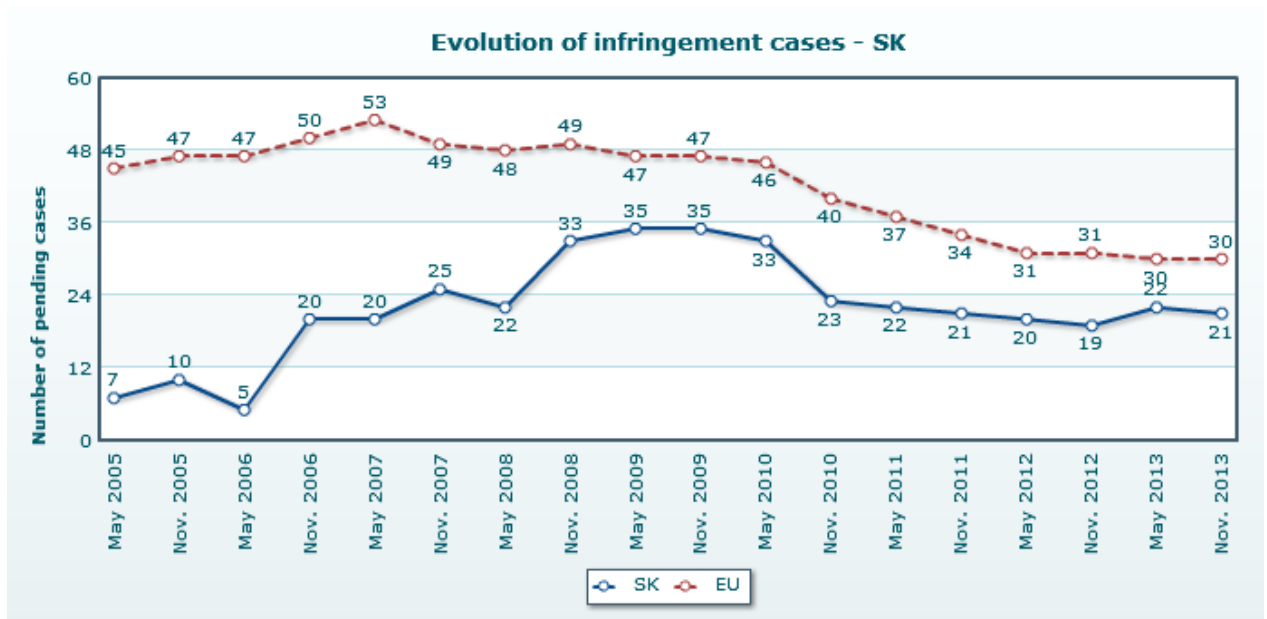
In relation to the conformity of measures communicated to the Commission, Slovakia's compliance deficit is the same as the EU average of 0.7 %.



Infringements

The level of infringement cases concerning Slovakia has decreased by one compared with six months ago. There are now 21 single market infringement proceedings pending spread over various sectors, in particular air transport, environment, social security, waste management and working rights and conditions. The Slovak backlog is smaller than the EU average of 30 cases.

The duration of pending infringement cases involving Slovakia remains shorter than the EU average of 27.9 months though it has increased from 25.9 months in May 2013 to 26.4 months. The time lag between Court rulings and compliance with EU law is the third lowest in the EU, with compliance eventually being achieved on average within 3.8 months of a court ruling on average.



EU Pilot

The average response time of Slovakia 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: 48 % (EU average: 64 %)
3. Average time taken to reply to requests: 29 days (EU average: 22 days)

Slovakia should improve its performance in IMI by ensuring that requests are accepted and answered more quickly.

Although Slovakia improved its performance over the last month, it still stands well below the EU average. More effort should be made to monitor the system and make sure that requests are accepted and answered more promptly.

EURES

The Central Office of Labour, Social Affairs and Family, is the EURES member organisation responsible for providing EURES services in Slovakia. There are currently 20 EURES advisers in Slovakia. The overall performance is good, but the quality of the PES job vacancy exchange with EURES could be improved.

Your Europe

Slovakia provides information to citizens and enterprises on a national portal in the national language. However, apart from attending one Editorial Board meeting, Slovakia did not contribute to Your Europe.

Slovakia should continue to invest in its national website and more in particular in multilingual information, and furthermore commit itself to cooperate with the Commission services as regards Your Europe by:

- providing all missing information on how the Slovakia applies single market rules and reply to any further requests addressed to the Editorial Board member;
- ensuring attendance at 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 Slovak SOLVIT centre deals with a high number of cases (19) relative to the size of the country. In the reporting period (March 2012 to February 2013), the caseload was lower than in the previous 12 months (36 home cases and 6 lead cases in the reporting period compared with 63 home cases and 8 lead cases).

Due to the small number of cases, the case handling performance as Lead centre has not been evaluated.

The Slovak SOLVIT centre is fast in responding to clients (average 3 days, target is 7 days). The overall time the Slovak SOLVIT centre takes to prepare a case for submission to another SOLVIT centre is good (4 days).

Points of Single Contact

The Slovak Point of Single Contact is relatively new as its electronic version was launched to the public in January 2012.

It scores well for the quality and availability of information and completion of electronic procedures for Slovak users.

According to the Slovak authorities, the launch of the electronic PSC was very successful and has exceeded the expectation of Slovak authorities.

The accessibility of the PSC, especially for the cross-border users should be improved, in particular the availability of information in English and the possibility to complete procedures from abroad (currently they can be completed only to some extent).

It would also be desirable to upgrade the PSC in order to meet business needs (e.g. include information on social security, taxes).

The distinction between requirements applicable to foreign businesses considering permanent establishment and those considering temporary cross-border service provision should be enhanced.

In 2013, the Slovak authorities plan to stabilize the functioning of the PSC, broaden the scope of information provided on the portal and increase the number of electronic services. The work on the translation of the portal will also continue.