

# Single Market Scoreboard

## Performance by Member State

### Spain

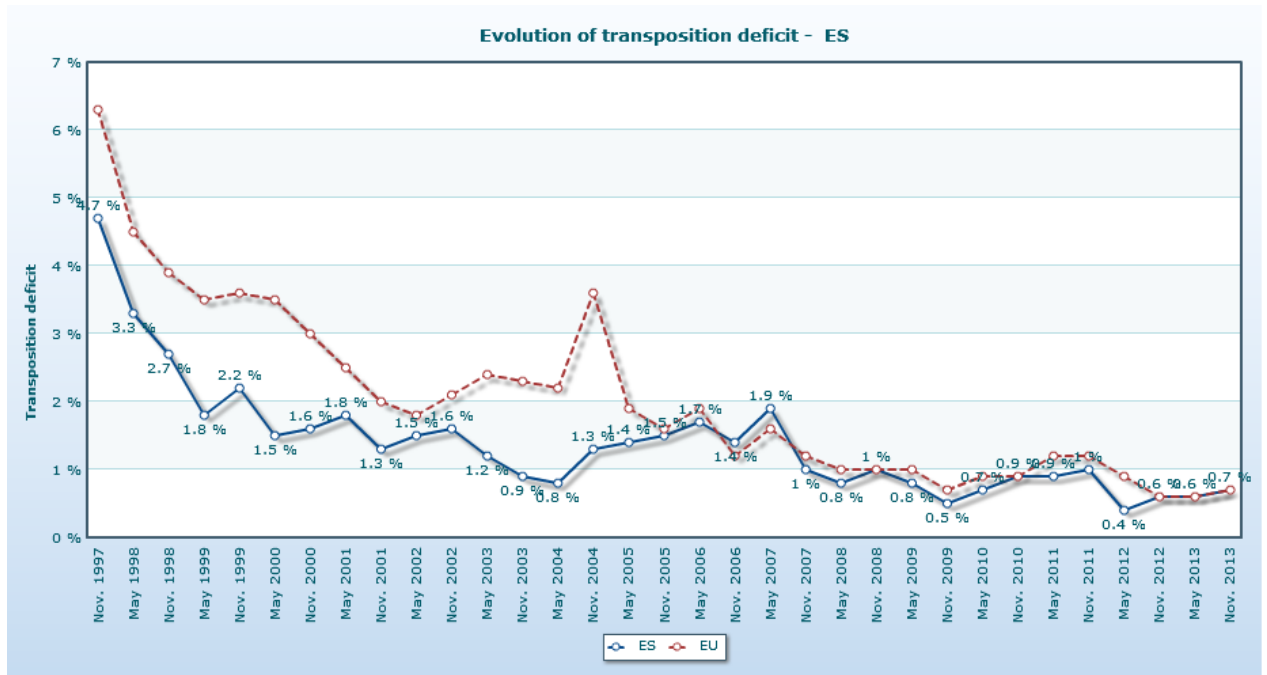
(Reporting period: 2012 - 2013)

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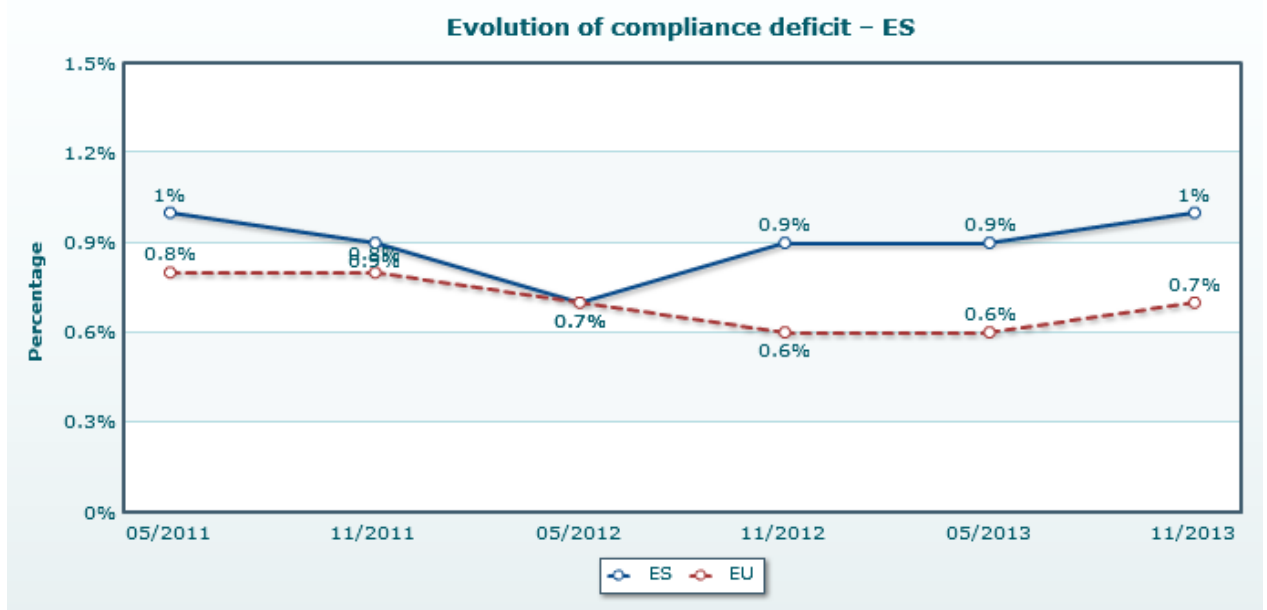


## Transposition of law

Over the last six months, Spain has recorded a transposition deficit of 0.7 %, which is the same as the EU average and is in line with the 1.0 % target. It does, however, exceed the proposal in the Single Market Act for a 0.5 % target. Of the eight outstanding directives, two concern the environment and two social policy. Spain reduced its delay in transposing overdue directives to 2.8 months, which is the fifth best record among Member States and significantly less than the EU average of 7.3 months. It also meets the "zero tolerance" target for long outstanding directives (directives two or more years overdue).



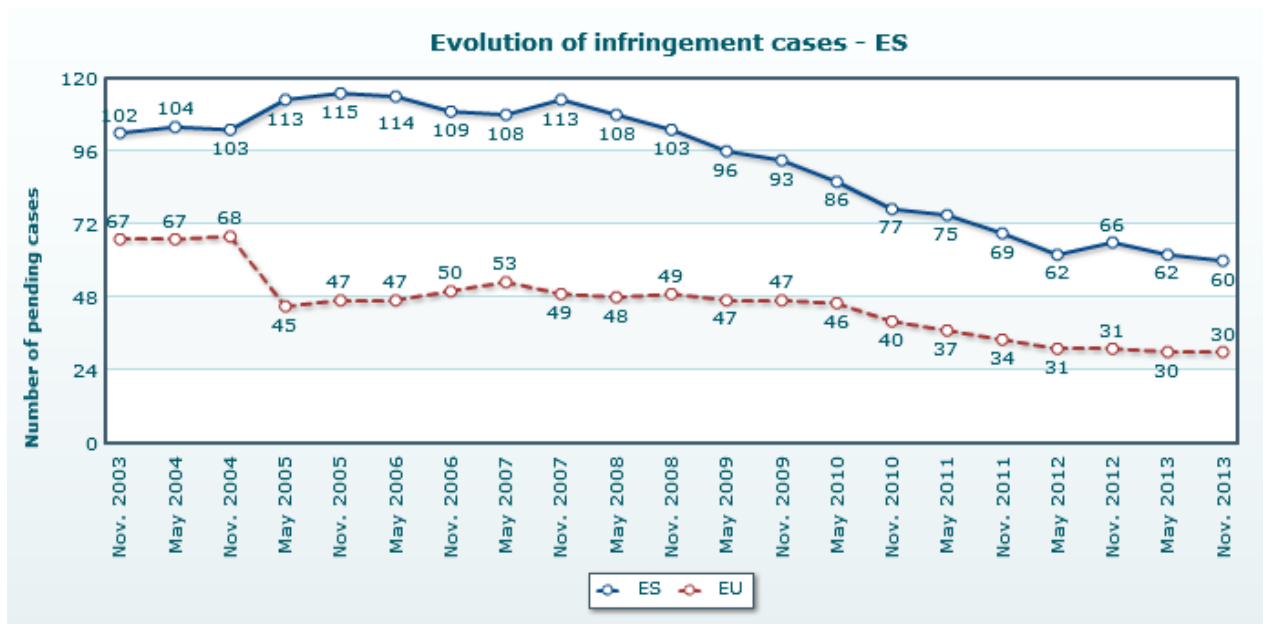
In relation to the conformity of transposition measures communicated to the Commission, the Spanish compliance deficit has continued to grow during the past six months, now at 1 %, a figure last previously recorded by Spain in 2011. This exceeds the EU average of 0.7 %.



## Infringements

Spain's recent efforts continue to decrease the number of its pending cases. Despite this, Spain remains the Member State with the third highest number of infringement cases related to the single market. It currently has 60 cases outstanding, which is exactly double the EU average of 30 cases. The duration of Spanish infringement cases is also longer than the average, with cases taking 31 months against an average of 27.9 months. There are numerous cases in the area of taxation (25 % of cases), water protection and inland transport.

The Spanish time lag between court rulings and compliance with EU law is only slightly above the EU average delay of 18.2 months, with cases now being closed on average 19.4 months after a judgment.



## EU Pilot

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

## Internal Market Information System

1. Requests accepted within one week: 88 % (EU average: 74 %)
2. Requests answered within the mutually agreed deadline: 88 % (EU average: 64 %)
3. Average time taken to reply to requests: 10 days (EU average: 22 days)

Significant progress has been made by the Spanish authorities resulting in excellent performance in respect of IMI, with results above the EU average for all three criteria measured.

The number of authorities in Spain is very high due to its administrative structure. Further awareness-raising activities could lead to an increase in the number of requests sent by the authorities.

## EURES

The Public State Employment Service (SEPE) is the EURES member organisation responsible for providing EURES services in Spain. There are currently 48 EURES advisers in Spain. The overall performance is relatively good, but the quality of the PES job vacancy exchange with EURES could be further improved.

## Your Europe

Spain provides information for citizens and enterprises on a national portal, including in English. However, Spain was only partly responsive to requests for making information available through Your Europe. In addition, the country did not attend any meeting of the Editorial Board during the reporting period.

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

- ensuring attendance at the Editorial Board meetings organised twice a year;
- providing full information on how Spain applies single market rules when asked for via the Editorial Board member, both for the citizens and business parts;
- raising awareness about Your Europe within the national administrations;
- promoting Your Europe via national websites, information offices and events.

## SOLVIT

The Spanish SOLVIT centre deals with a high number of cases (218). In the reporting period (March 2012 to February 2013), the caseload was lower than in the previous 12 months (119 home cases and 99 lead cases in the reporting period compared with 89 home cases and 153 lead cases). SOLVIT Spain has a good resolution rate of 86 % (89 % SOLVIT EU27 average).

The Spanish SOLVIT centre is slow in responding to clients (average 8 day, target is 7 days). The overall time the Spanish SOLVIT centre takes to prepare a case for submission to another SOLVIT centre is good (12 days). The case handling time for cases against the Spanish administration has dropped from 73 to 64 days and is now below the 70-day target.

Remark: The Spanish SOLVIT centre should improve its response time to clients.

## Points of Single Contact

The Spanish Point of Single Contact is well established and is among the best developed PSCs.

It scores well for almost all assessment features (quality and availability of information, possibility for online completion of procedures), including the enhanced PSC features going beyond the scope of the Services Directive.

In 2012, work continued in order to improve its functioning (e.g. integration with competent authorities' information systems, information quality and availability of online procedures).

Further work seems to be required to improve accessibility, especially for cross-border users as the completion of procedures through the PSC for users from abroad is possible only to some extent.

According to Spanish authorities the PSC usage meets their expectations; however they recognize that further awareness actions and convergence with physical offices and their paper-based procedures are necessary.