

Single Market Scoreboard

Performance by Member State

Sweden

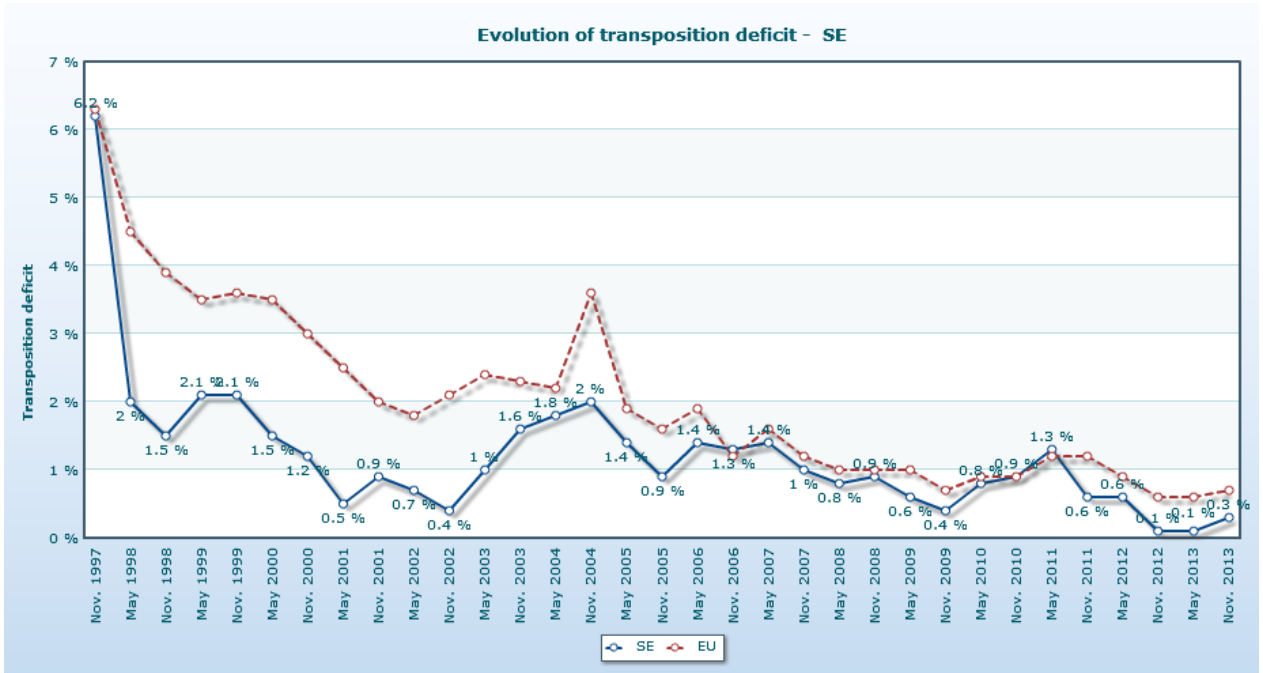
(Reporting period: 2012 - 2013)

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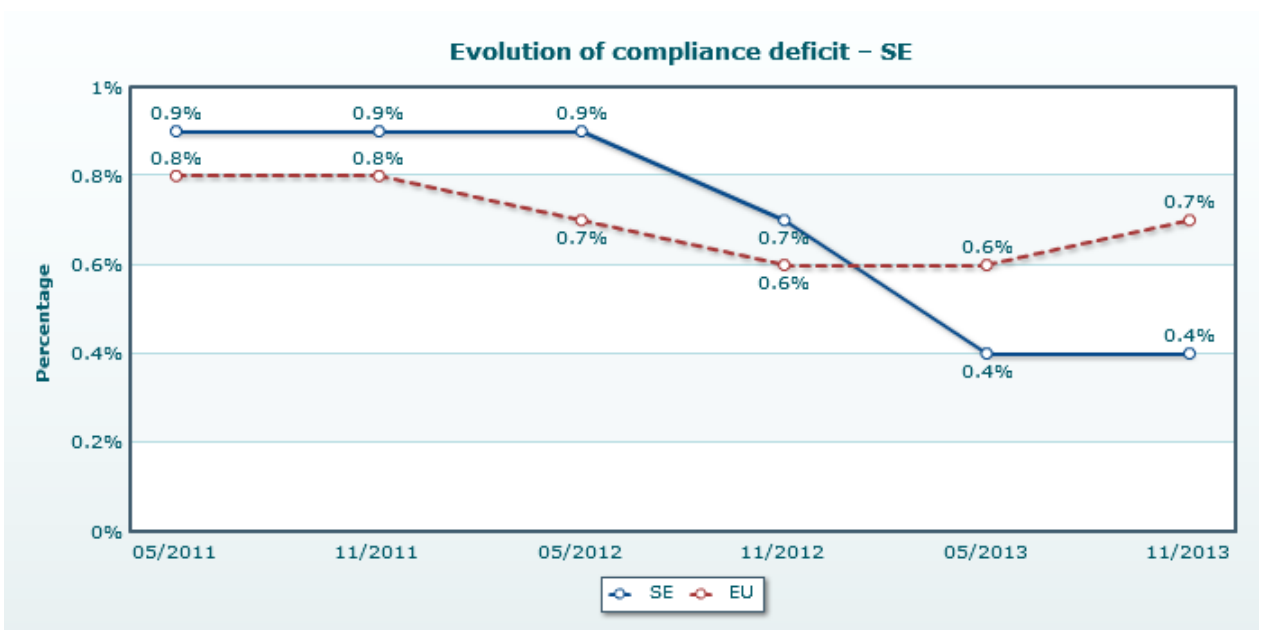


Transposition of law

Sweden has an average transposition deficit of 0.3 % in respect of directives related to the single market. This is far better than the 1 % transposition deficit target set by Member States and also better than the EU average of 0.7 %. The average time Sweden takes to transpose overdue directives has considerably shortened to 8.9 months but it is still above the EU average of 7.3 months. One of the directives (geological storage of carbon dioxide) is overdue by more than two years.



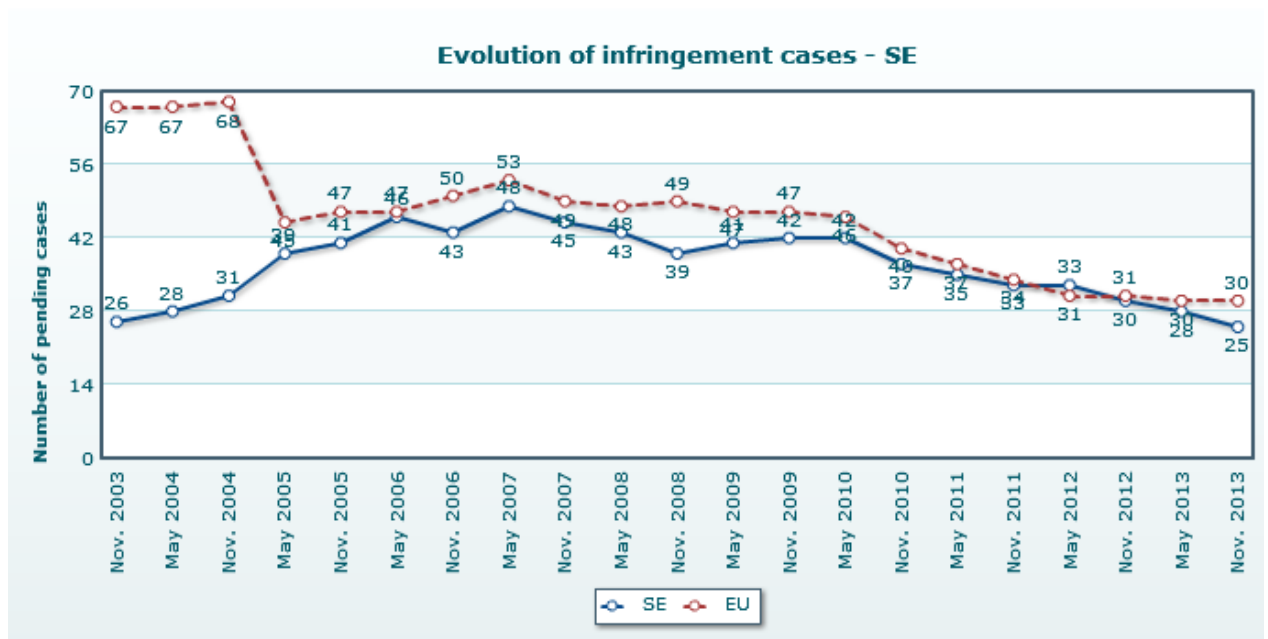
As regards conformity of transposition measures communicated to the Commission, the current Swedish compliance deficit of 0.4 % is slightly better than the 0.5 % target proposed in the Single Market Act.



Infringements

With three cases less compared with six months ago, Sweden is continuing the trend observed over several years of reducing the number of pending infringement cases related to the single market. The number of currently open infringement cases (25) is below the EU average (30). Four of these infringement proceedings relate to the sector of water protection.

On a more negative note, Swedish cases continue to take the longest time of all Member States to be resolved. The delay has also continued to increase over the six last months. The current delay is 40.6 months, as compared to the EU average of 27.9 months. On the other hand, the time lag between a court ruling and subsequent compliance with EU law by Sweden has slightly decreased and remains, at 15.6 months, shorter than the EU average of 18.2 months.



EU Pilot

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

Internal Market Information System

1. Requests accepted within one week: 81 % (EU average: 74 %)
2. Requests answered within the mutually agreed deadline: 70 % (EU average: 64 %)
3. Average time taken to reply to requests: 10 days (EU average: 22 days)

Sweden's performance is excellent. However there is some scope for improving the respect of the mutually agreed deadlines.

Also more effort should be invested in awareness-raising activities targeted at the authorities registered for the legal areas of the Services Directive and Posting of workers in order to increase the usage of IMI.

EURES

Arbetsförmedlingen, the Swedish Employment Service, is the EURES member organisation responsible for providing EURES services in Sweden. There are currently 54 EURES advisers in Sweden. The overall performance is good, but the quality of the PES job vacancy exchange with EURES could be further improved.

Your Europe

Sweden provides information to citizens and enterprises on dedicated national portals in English and some other languages.

The country is cooperating very well with the Commission, is active in the Editorial Board and replied to all requests for the citizens and the business section of Your Europe.

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

- providing information on how Sweden 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 Swedish SOLVIT centre deals with a high number of cases (218) 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 (23 home cases and 51 lead cases in the reporting period compared with 27 home cases and 29 lead cases). SOLVIT Sweden has a low resolution rate of 55 % (89 % SOLVIT EU27 average) which is below the 70 % target.

The Swedish SOLVIT centre is slow in responding to clients (average 8 day, target is 7 days). The overall time the Swedish SOLVIT centre takes to prepare a case for submission to another SOLVIT centre is good (28 days). The case handling time for cases against the Swedish administration has dropped from 59 to 57 days and is below the 70-day target.

Remark: The Swedish SOLVIT centre should improve its response time to clients. The resolution rate is low and mainly due to one specific problem with the personal identification number.

Points of Single Contact

The Swedish 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 further work was carried out to improve its functioning: better information in English, work on secured e-delivery, better information about licences and permits outside the scope of the Services Directive.

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. Sweden has clear plans to put in place solutions to handle e-signatures issued abroad in the next two years.

Usage of the Swedish PSC is slightly increasing.