

Single Market Scoreboard

Performance per Member State

Estonia

(Reporting period: 2013 - 2014)

(April 2015 edition - Transposition and Infringements update)



Transposition of law

Transposition deficit: 0.2 % (last report: 0.2 %) - part of the 13 Member States reaching the 0.5 % proposed target

EU average = 0.5 %

Proposed target (in Single Market Act) = 0.5 %

Overdue directives: 3 (last report: 3) and **none** more than 2 years overdue

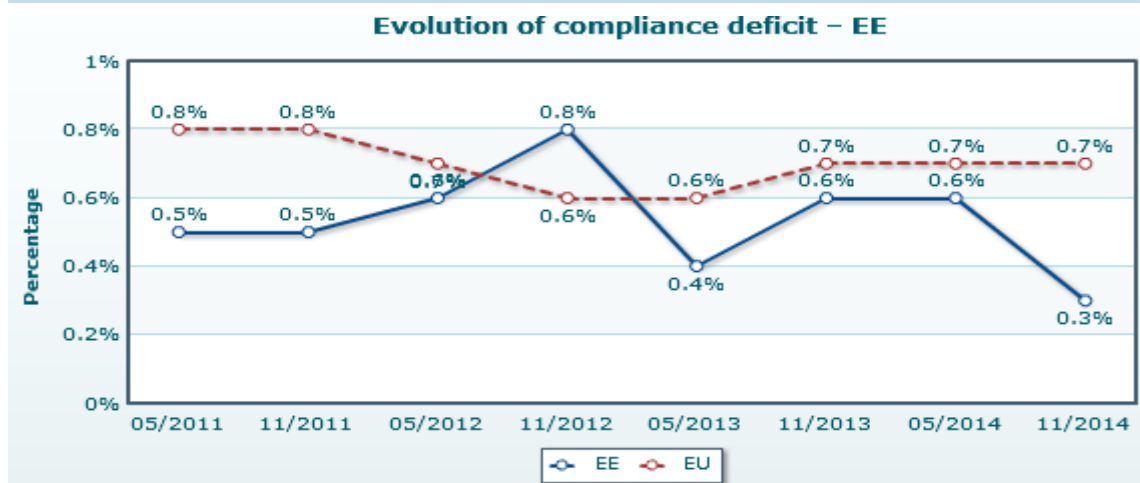
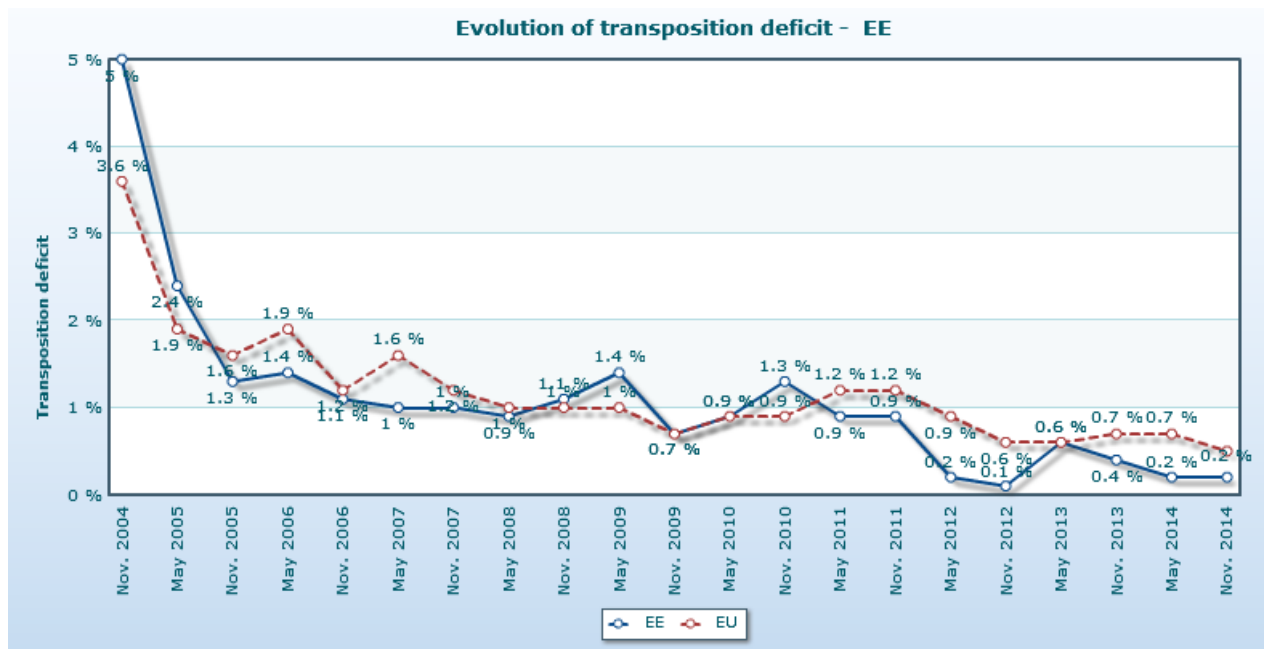
Average delay: 5.6 months (last report: 4.5 months)

EU average = 9.2 months

Compliance deficit: 0.3 % (last report: 0.6 %) - now under both the EU average and the SMA target. This sharp improvement means that half of the Estonian conformity problems have been solved.

EU average = 0.7 %

Proposed target (in Single Market Act) = 0.5 %



Infringements

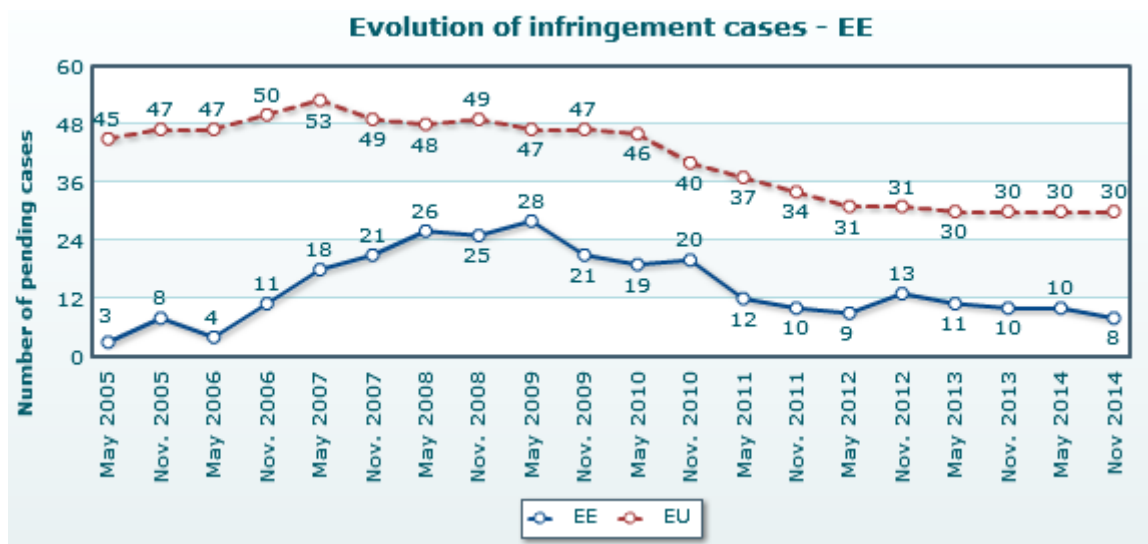
Pending cases: 8 (*last report: 10*) - the lowest number of cases of all Member States (except Croatia)
(*EU average = 30 cases*)

Problematic sectors: none

Average case duration: 20.6 months (*last report: 14.1 months*). Sharp increase of 6 months due to the fact that although Estonia was able to quickly resolve a number of very recent cases; the remaining cases are getting older and weigh more in the calculation of the duration average.

(*EU average = 26.9 months*)

Compliance with court rulings: 16.5 months (*last report: 16.5 months*) – no such new cases
(*EU average = 19.7 months*)

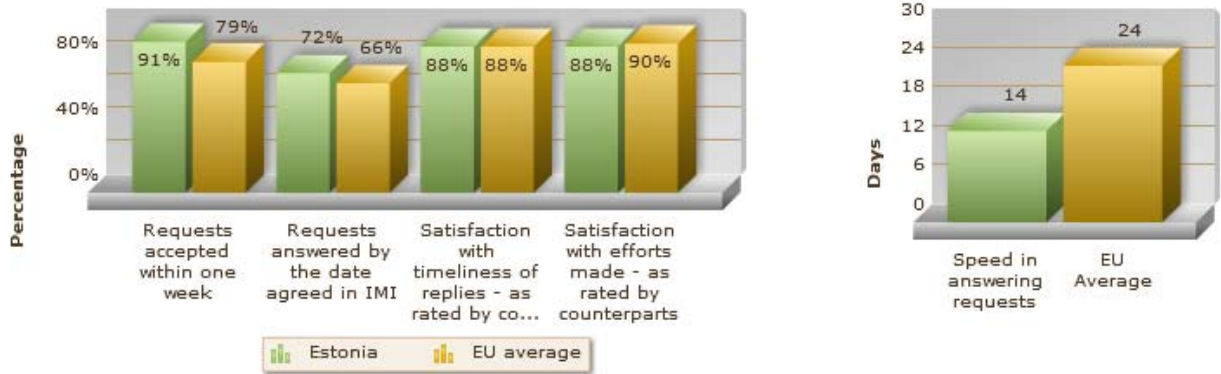


EU Pilot

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

Internal Market Information System

- Estonia continues to perform very well in IMI with overall results mostly above the EU average. However, it should be noted that the number of requests sent or received by the country remains relatively low.
- Estonian authorities have continued to improve, reducing the time taken to accept requests and increasing the proportion of requests answered by the agreed deadline.
- Estonia should keep up this excellent work, which is appreciated by its counterparts.



EURES

Eesti Töötukassa is the EURES member organisation responsible for providing EURES services in Estonia. There are currently 5 EURES Advisers in Estonia. The overall performance is good, but they could still work on the number of contacts with employers, which may lead to a higher ratio of placements.

Your Europe

Estonia provides information, including in English, for citizens and enterprises on a national portal and is cooperating well with the Commission services as regards Your Europe. The country participated in a pilot project to syndicate national information into Your Europe, but is, unfortunately, not able to continue for the time being. Estonia was represented at both Editorial Board meetings and linked its national portal to Your Europe. It has, however, not reported promotional activities.

Estonia should build on previous performance and continue to invest in and promote Your Europe by:

- providing information on how Estonia applies single market rules when requested via the Editorial Board member;
- attending the Editorial Board meetings organised twice a year;
- raising awareness about Your Europe within the national administrations and among potential end users;
- linking national websites to Your Europe.

SOLVIT

- **Caseload – low**
Submitted cases – 9 (3 in 2012)
Received cases – 2 (1 in 2012)
- **Resolution rate – 100 %**
- **Handling time (Home centre)**
Reply in 7 days – 0 % – poor
Cases prepared in 30 days – 100% -very good
- **Handling time (Lead centre) – very good**
Cases closed in 10 weeks – 100 %
- **Staffing**
Continuity– good
Sufficient for current caseload? YES

Points of Single Contact

Point of Single Contact – Eesti.ee

Performance level – high (*with clear links to Estonia's national e-government site*).

Results from 2013 user testing

- *Information – very good.*
- *Online procedures – very good.*
- *Usability – could be improved (currently not always easy to get a whole picture of what is needed to start an activity).*
- *Accessibility for businesses from other countries – although the site accepts electronic identification (e-IDs) from some EU countries, this doesn't apply to e-signatures).*

Planned improvements (2014) – launch of new system for e-forms and improvements to overall usability.

Public procurement

In 2013, the reporting year,

- the **bidder participation** score was average. Overall, between 2009 and 2013, the score was unsatisfactory, but had an increasing trend.
- the **accessibility** score was unsatisfactory. Overall, between 2009 and 2013, the score was also unsatisfactory.
- the **procedural efficiency** score was satisfactory. Overall, between 2009 and 2013, the score was on the border between a satisfactory and an average score.



Postal Services

In the Study on the Main developments in the postal sector (2010 - 2013) carried out by WIK Consult, the European countries are grouped into three clusters. Criteria for this categorisation are the absolute gross domestic product (GDP) per capita and the accession date to the European Union:

- Western Member States: Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Ireland, Luxembourg, The Netherlands, Sweden and UK;
- Southern Member States: Cyprus, Greece, Italy, Malta, Portugal and Spain;
- Eastern Member States: Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia and Croatia.

This methodology was also followed in the Scoreboard.

Evolution of domestic prices in PPPs

In Estonia, purchasing power parity (PPP) price levels went up significantly in the last year of the review period – 0.64 PPPs in 2012 compared to 0.51 PPPs in 2009 and 2010 and 0.50 PPPs in 2011. This has taken Estonia, being among the cheapest of the Eastern Member States, closer to the average price level of its peer group.

Cross-border price developments in PPPs

In Estonia, cross-border price levels increased substantially during the review period – 1.42 PPPs in 2012 compared to 0.84 PPPs in 2009, 0.85 PPPs in 2010 and 0.83 PPPs in 2011. While they used to be among the lowest of the Eastern Member States, they are in line with the average of this group.

Transit time performance:

In Estonia, D+1 transit time performance has been quite variable during the review period: performance improved from 81.80 % in 2009 to 91.80 % in 2010, then dropped to 86.20 % in 2011 to improve to 91.50 % in 2012. The country is in line with the median performance on transit time among Eastern Member States.