

Single Market Scoreboard

Performance per Member State

Malta

(Reporting period: 2013 - 2014)

(April 2015 edition - Transposition and Infringements update)




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Performance per Member State



Austria	Lithuania
Belgium	Luxembourg
Bulgaria	Malta
Croatia	Netherlands
Cyprus	Poland
Czech Republic	Portugal
Denmark	Romania
Estonia	Slovakia
Finland	Slovenia
France	Spain
Germany	Sweden
Greece	United Kingdom
Hungary	
Ireland	Iceland
Italy	Liechtenstein
Latvia	Norway

Transposition of law

Transposition deficit: 0.1 % (last report: 0.2 %) – Malta recovers its usual place at the top of the class and is 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: 1 (last report: 2) and **none** more than 2 years overdue

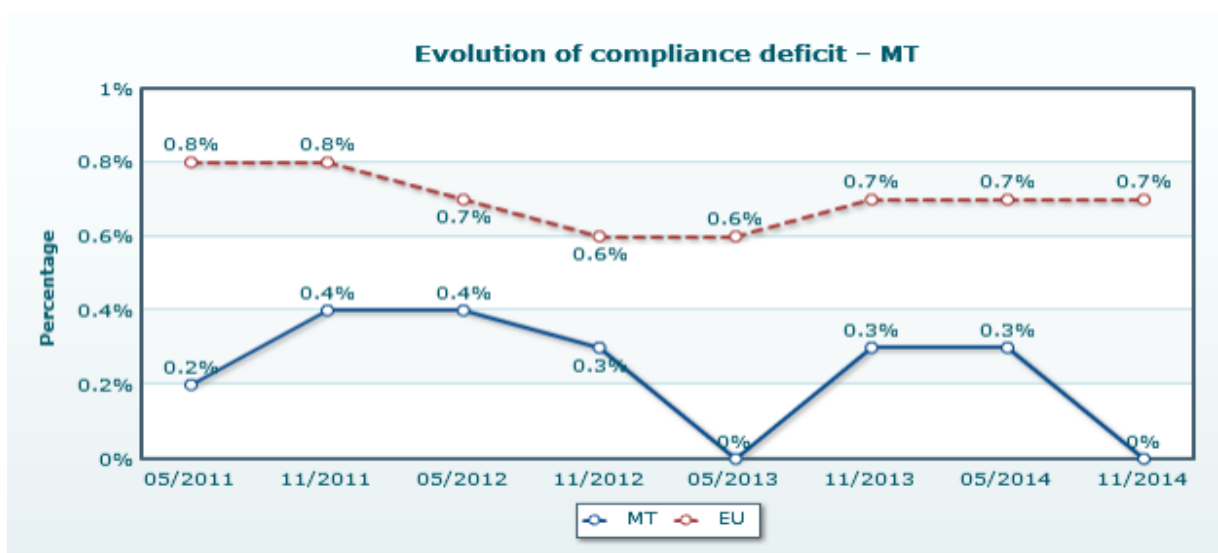
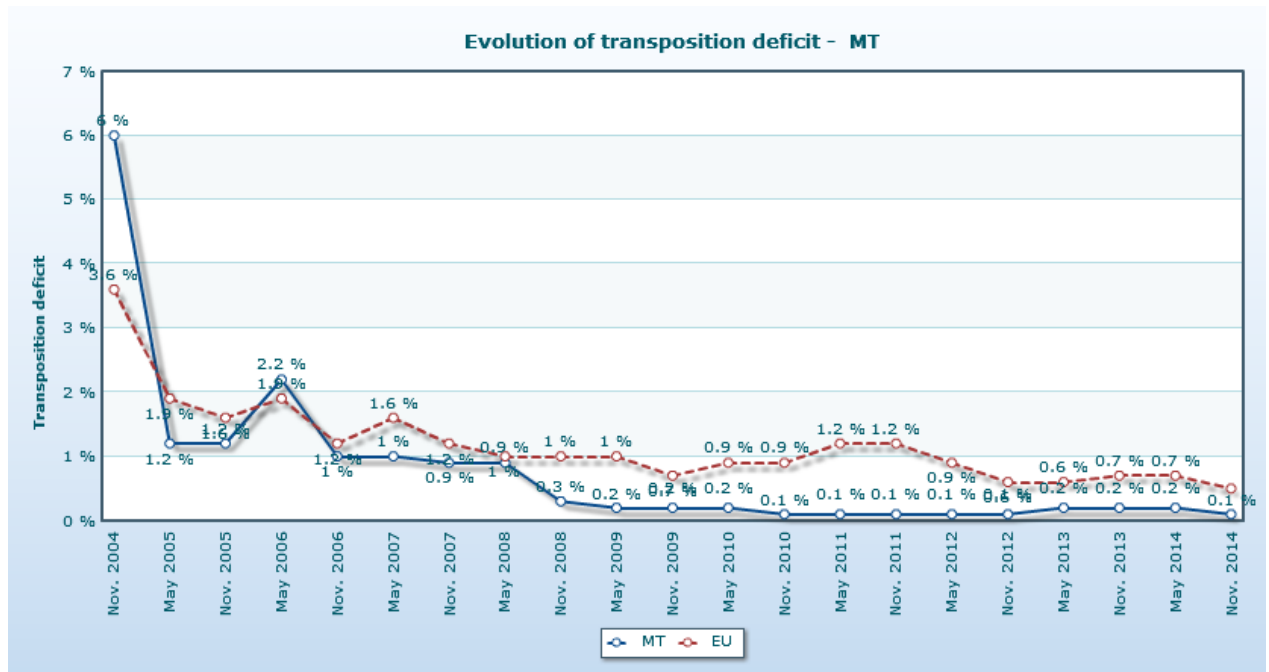
Average delay: 10.3 months (last report: 3.6 months) - the only directive not timely transposed is now a quite old one

EU average = 9.2 months

Compliance deficit: 0.0 % (last report: 0.0 %) – It is quite remarkable that Malta combines the best score for both the completeness and the compliance of the Single Market directives. Congratulations!

EU average = 0.7 %

Proposed target (in Single Market Act) = 0.5 %



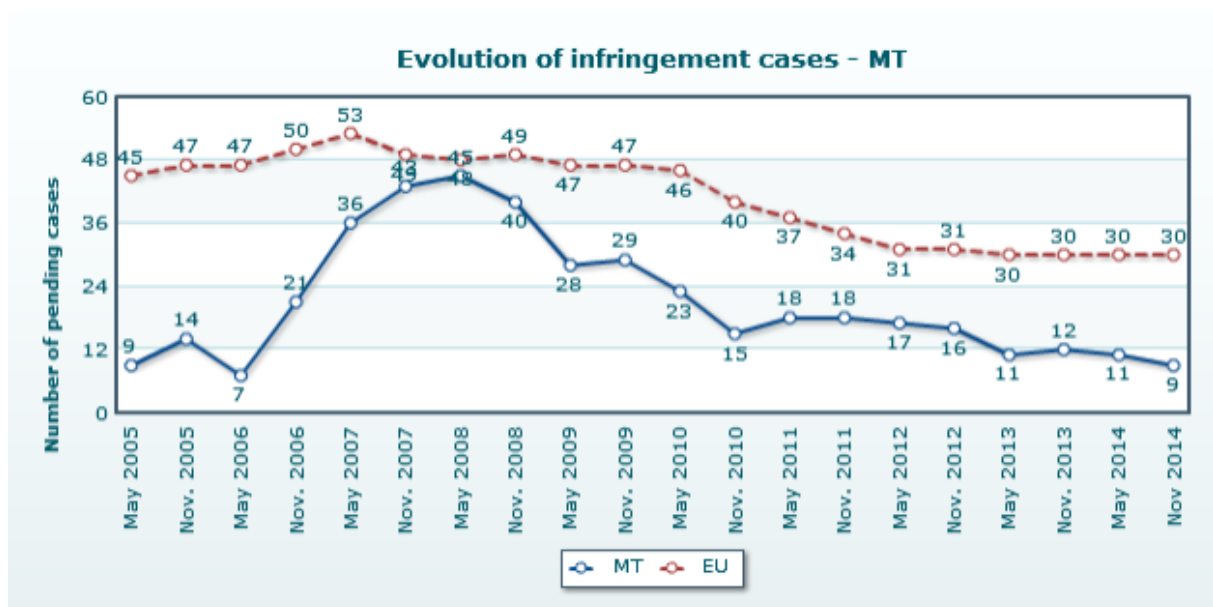
Infringements

Pending cases: 9 (last report: 11)
(EU average = 30 cases)

Problematic sectors: air transport (3 cases)

Average case duration: 50.8 months (last report: 38.3 months) - worst score among the Member States. 7 pending cases that were open more than 2 years ago (including 2 cases opened 8 and 9.5-year ago) weigh heavy in the calculation of this duration especially as Malta solved a number of quite recent cases.
(EU average = 26.9 months)

Compliance with court rulings: 10.6 months (last report: 10.6 months) - no such new cases
(EU average = 19.7 months)



EU Pilot

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

Internal Market Information System

- Malta performs very well in IMI. Almost all requests are accepted within one week, which is a clear improvement compared to the results in the last Scoreboard.
- Maltese authorities receive few requests from their European counterparts but they take care of them very quickly, which is appreciated by their counterparts.



EURES

ETC, the Employment and Training Corporation, is the EURES member organisation responsible for providing EURES services in Malta. There are currently two EURES Advisers in Malta. The overall performance is relatively good, but the number of contacts with employers as well as the ratio of placements could be improved.

Your Europe

Malta provides information to citizens and enterprises on portals that are also available in English. The country is cooperating very well with the Commission services as regards Your Europe and is committed to using content syndication for providing national information.

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

- providing information, through content syndication, on how Malta 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 – 5 (8 in 2012)
Received cases – 9 (7 in 2012)
- **Resolution rate – 100 %**
- **Handling time (Home centre)**
Reply in 7 days – 100 % - very good
Cases prepared in 30 days – 80 % - good
- **Handling time (Lead centre) – very good**
Cases closed in 10 weeks – 89 % – good

- **Staffing**
Continuity– good
Sufficient for current caseload? **YES**
- **More promotion needed?** **YES**

Points of Single Contact

Point of Single Contact – Businessfirst.com

Performance level – high (big improvement since last year).

Results from 2013 user testing

- *Information* – very good, with clear presentation of the steps to follow.
- *Online procedures* – good but more needed,
- *Accessibility for businesses from other countries* – good (easy to use solution implemented on the website for foreign businesses to complete procedures online).

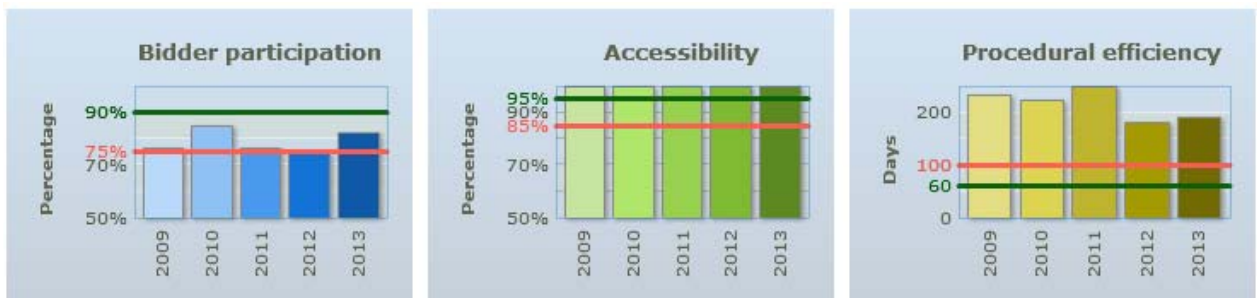
Usage trend (*compared with 2012*) – big increase.

Planned improvements (2014) – simplifying the language on the site and further improving online procedures (including a signing solution for foreign businesses).

Public procurement

In 2013, the reporting year,

- the **bidder participation** score was average. Overall, between 2009 and 2013, the score was also average.
- the **accessibility** score was satisfactory, amongst the top three. Overall, between 2009 and 2013, the score was also satisfactory.
- the **procedural efficiency** score was unsatisfactory, amongst the bottom three. Overall, between 2009 and 2013, the score was also unsatisfactory, but had an decreasing trend.



The colored lines mark the thresholds for **satisfactory** performance (green) and **unsatisfactory** performance (red). The scores in between are regarded as an **average** performance.

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 Malta, purchasing power parity (PPP) price levels have remained stable over the review period. The cost of a 20 g letter in Malta is the lowest among the Southern Member States, reaching 0.27 PPPs in 2012.

Cross-border price developments in PPPs

As for domestic price levels, cross-border prices remained stable over the review period and were lower than the average price for Southern Member States, reaching 0.49 PPPs in 2012.

Transit time performance:

Transit time performance remained stable over the review period and compares favorably with the average transit time for Southern Member States, reaching a performance of 95.58 % in 2012.