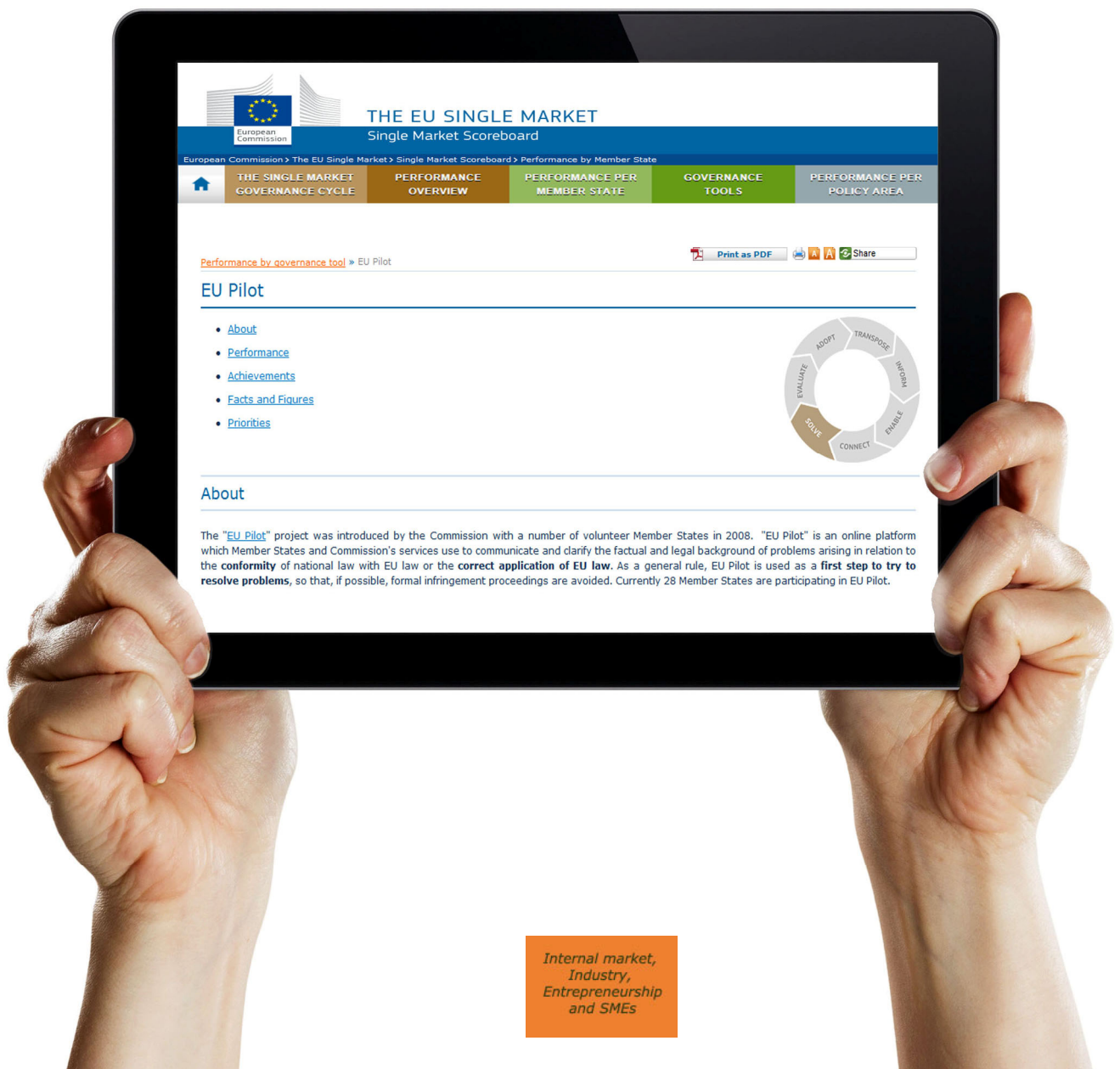# Single Market Scoreboard

Performance per governance tool

EU Pilot

(Reporting period: 01/2014 – 12/2014)

Internal market,
Industry,
Entrepreneurship
and SMEs

About

"EU Pilot" is a scheme designed to resolve compliance problems without having to resort to **infringement proceedings**.

It is based on a **website** which the Commission and national governments use to share information on the **detail** of particular cases, and give governments a chance to remedy any breaches through voluntary compliance.

⚠️ *EU Pilot does not cover 100% of single market law, as some areas were already covered by comparable systems before its introduction.*
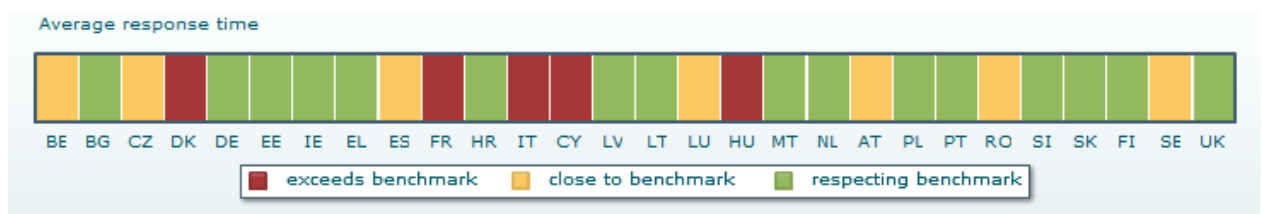
Performance

The Commission may need to gather information – on its own initiative or in response to a complaint - about whether EU law is being correctly applied or whether national law is consistent with EU law.

1. Using EU Pilot, it sends a query to the national government concerned, which has **10 weeks** to reply.

2. The Commission then has **10 weeks** to assess the response.

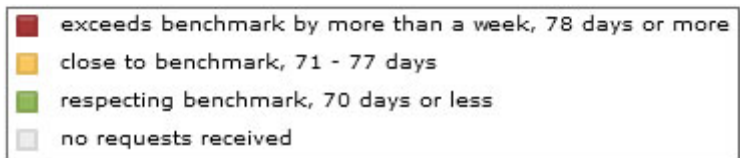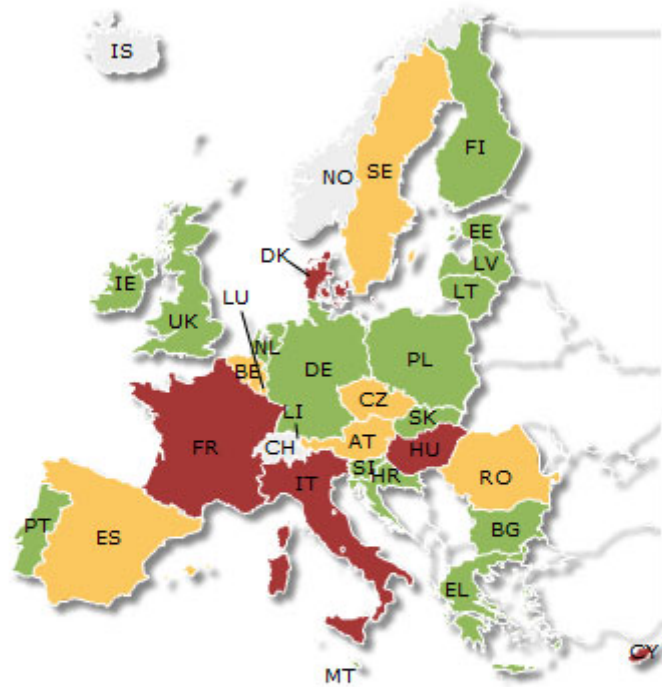3. If it is unsatisfactory, the Commission may start infringement proceedings.

The final goal of the system is to allow Member States to remedy potential EU law infringements by complying voluntarily with EU Law.
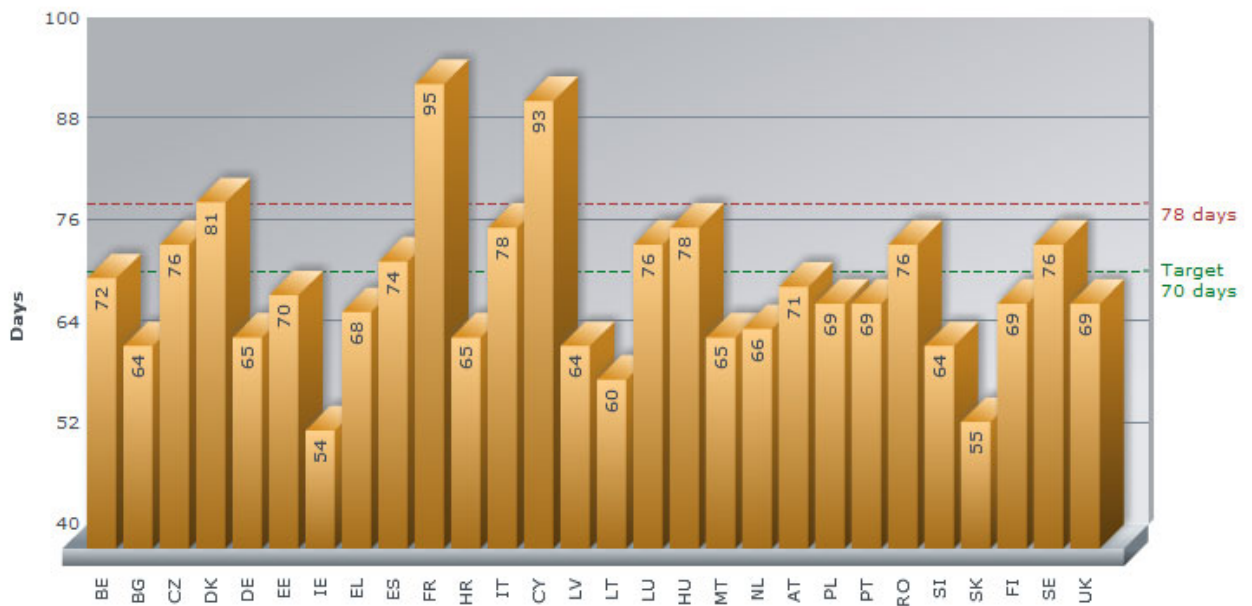
1. by indicator

The single indicator – **average time taken by each country to respond** to the Commission's query – has a benchmark figure of **70 days**.

2. overall
(based on one single indicator)

Legend:
- **exceeds benchmark by more than a week, 78 days or more** (dark red)
- **close to benchmark, 71 - 77 days** (orange)
- **respecting benchmark, 70 days or less** (green)
- **no requests received** (grey)

Indicator [1] - EU 28 governments' average response time

Achievements

- **All 28 EU countires** are now taking part in this scheme (Croatia joined in July 2013).

- **Resolution rate:** 75% (70% in 2013) (cases closed, following national governments' satisfactory responses, as a percentage of all cases).

Facts and Figures

Total cases in 2014:

- **Opened:** 1208

- **Processed:** 1336

- **Still open at end of 2014*:** 1348

* including backlog from previous years

Infringement proceedings opened in 2014 following closure of EU Pilot files: 325

Main countries - with most EU Pilot submissions at the end of 2014:
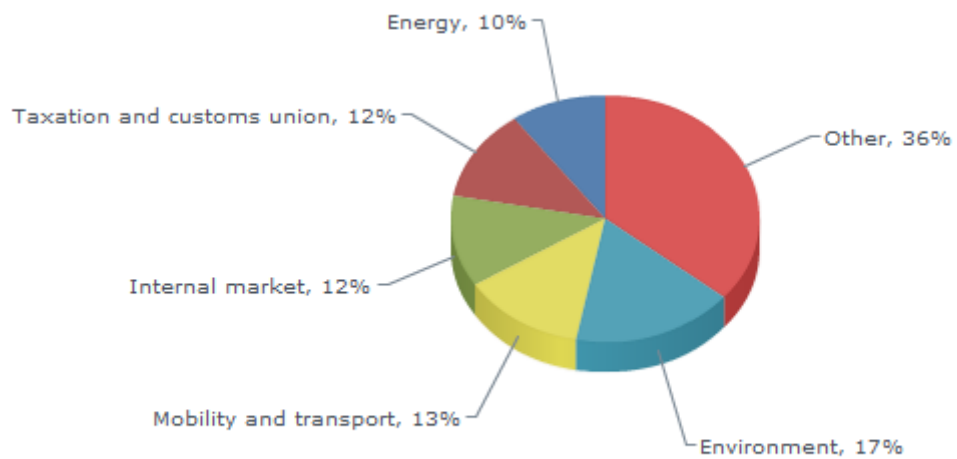
- **Italy:** 139

- **Spain:** 91

- **Greece and Poland:** 73

Main policy areas of the 1208 EU Pilot investigations started in 2014:

- **Environment:** 17% – e.g. protecting natural areas, waste, environmental impact assessment

- **Mobility and Transport:** 13% – air, rail & road transport, road safety

- **Taxation and customs:** 12% – customs, direct & indirect taxation

- **Internal Market:** 12% – public procurement, regulated professions (qualifications), freedom to provide services and set up a business abroad

- **Energy:** 10%

These policy areas together represent 64% of all new EU pilot files.

EU Pilot files opened in 2014: main policy areas

Energy, 10%

Taxation and customs union, 12%

Other, 36%

Internal market, 12%

Mobility and transport, 13%

Environment, 17%

Priorities

- Development of an improved IT tool in order to ensure task based workflow.