

Single Market Scoreboard

Performance per Member State

Croatia

(Reporting period: 2016)



Transposition of law

Transposition deficit: 2.2% (*last report: 0.3%*) – Huge increase, worst result ever and one of the 5 Member States whose score is worse by at least 1.5 percentage points. Croatia has a transposition deficit of 30% for the directives that had to be transposed in 2016 (until 30 November) and 78% for the 9 directives with a transposition date within the 3 months before the cut-off date for calculation. This shows that Croatia has great difficulties in monitoring the timely transposition of the directives although its average delay (see below) is under the EU average.

EU average = 1.5%; Proposed target (in Single Market Act) = 0.5%

Overdue directives: 22 (*last report: 3*) including 5 in the environmental sector and 5 on social policy. **No** directive is more than 2 years overdue.

Average delay: 6.3 months (*last report: 9.2 months*) – Sharp decrease. Croatia has no long overdue directive and most of its outstanding directives (21/22) have been due for less than 12 months.

EU average = 6.7 months

Compliance deficit: 0.6% (*last report: 0.5%*) – Slight increase. Croatia remains under the EU average but is now above the proposed target.

EU average = 0.7%; Proposed target (in Single Market Act) = 0.5%



Infringements

Pending cases: 14 (*3 new cases and 3 cases closed; last report: 14 pending cases*) – After an upward trend due to the country's relatively recent accession, the number of Croatian cases seems now to have stabilised.

(EU average = 24 cases)

Problematic sectors: waste management (3 cases = 21% of all pending cases)

Average case duration: 16.4 months for the 14 cases not yet sent to the Court (*last report: 7.6 months*) – Doubling of the average duration of cases, although Croatia remains the Member State with the shortest duration. This increase is because the 3 cases solved by

Croatia within the last year were recent cases, while the older remaining cases weigh more heavily in the calculation of the average duration.

(EU average = 36.9 months)

Compliance with court rulings: no case yet at this stage of the procedure (*last report: idem*).

(EU average = 22.4 months)

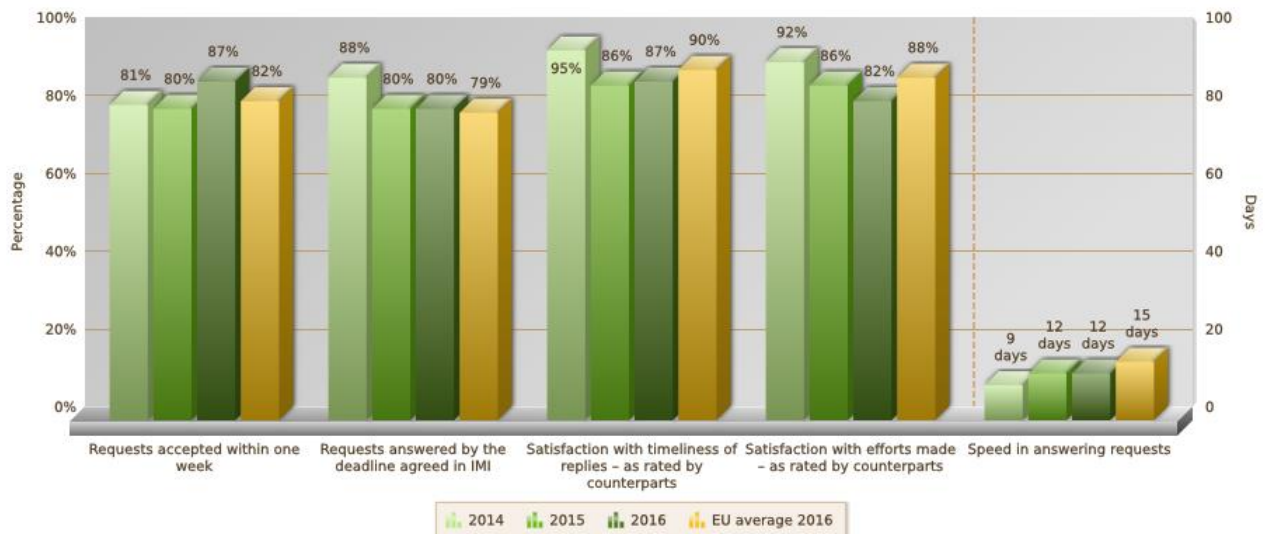
EU Pilot

Croatia's average response time respects the 70-day benchmark in EU Pilot.

Internal Market Information System

Performance – Croatia continues to perform well.

- Croatia is now above the EU average for three indicators.
- Percentage of requests accepted within one week has improved significantly.
- Satisfaction of counterparts is below the EU average and should be improved.



EURES

National provider: [HZZ](#) (Croatian Employment Service)

EURES advisers (nationally): 10

Performance: could be improved by providing more vacancies held by the PES to the EURES portal and a higher number of EURES advisers.

Your Europe

National equivalent?

Citizens' portal in HR: www.gov.hr

Business portal in HR, EN: www.psc.hr

Record for this period

- automatic exchange of content ('syndication') from national portal to Your Europe
- limited participation in Editorial Board work
- responsive to the majority of requests for information for the website
- promotional activities and back-linking from national websites to Your Europe

Recommended action

Continue to:

- ensure stable representation on the Editorial Board
- syndicate content/provide information, when requested, on how the country applies single market rules
- raise awareness of Your Europe within national administrations and potential end users
- link national websites to Your Europe

Make an effort to:

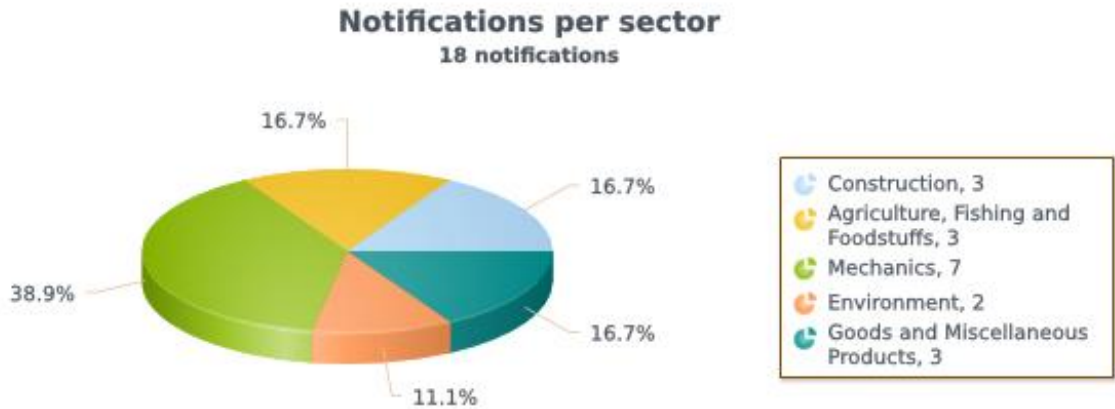
- syndicate content/provide all missing information on how the country applies single market rules
- attend the Board meeting twice a year

SOLVIT

- **Caseload – medium**
Submitted cases: 32 (24 in 2015)
Received cases: 21 (63 in 2015)
- **Resolution rate:** 90% (86% in 2015)
- **Handling time (Home centre)**
Reply in 7 days: 91% (89% in 2015) – **good**
Cases prepared in 30 days: 100% (96% in 2015) – **very good**
- **Handling time (Lead centre)**
Cases closed in 10 weeks: 95% (73% in 2015) – **very good**

- **Staffing**
Continuity – good
Sufficient for current caseload? – No

Technical Regulations Information System



Public procurement

Overall, Croatia's performance in 2016 was **unsatisfactory**. For further information and the methodology applied, please see the section on [Public procurement performance](#).




Postal Services

For easier analysis, EU countries are divided into 3 groups on the basis of absolute GDP per capita and EU accession date (method used in [EU postal sector study \(2010–13\)](#)):

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

Prices in purchasing power parity (PPP)

- **Domestic prices 2012–15 (in PPP):** PPP prices in Croatia were stable between 2012 (0.63 PPPs) and 2015 (0.66 PPPs).
- **Cross-border price developments 2012–15 (in PPP):** Cross-border prices in Croatia increased from 1.44 to 1.63 PPPs.
- **Transit time performance D+1:** Quality of service in Croatia, in terms of transit time performance, gradually increased from 78% in 2012 to 86.4% in 2015

 For some countries, the reference figures for the previous period may differ slightly from the last Scoreboard, due to subsequent updates that they provided.

Trade in goods and services

Croatia's integration in the Single Market for goods and services is above the EU average. In 2015, both indicators increased strongly; the percentage increase for goods was the highest of all Member States.

		Goods	Services
Intra-EU trade integration	% GDP 2015	25.2	11
	Change 2014–15	10.1	7.4
Intra-EU imports	% GDP 2015	33	3.5
	Change 2014–15	8.2	13.9

Foreign Direct Investment (FDI)

In 2015, Croatia's share of EU FDI inflows and outflows decreased slightly. Both shares of inward and outward FDI stock remained unchanged.

	Share of EU FDI Flows		Share of EU FDI Stocks	
	inward	outward	inward	outward
% FDI 2015	0	0	0.3	0.1
Change 2014-15 (in pp)	-1.2	-0.7	0	0