

Single Market Scoreboard

Performance per Member State

Finland

(Reporting period: 2016)



Transposition of law

This last year the Member States had to transpose 66 new directives, which represents a large increase in their workload compared with the preparation of Scoreboard 2016 (47 directives). This situation has caused great difficulties, which are reflected in the results for most of the Member States. In general, since the transposition deficit has risen, the average delay has decreased because the significant number of recent directives counted heavily in the calculation of the delay for overdue directives.

Transposition deficit: 2.1% (*last report: 0.5%*) – Huge increase and one of the 5 Member States whose score is worse by at least 1.5 percentage points. Finland has a transposition deficit of 29% for the directives that had to be transposed in 2016 (until 30 November) and 44% for the 9 directives with a transposition date within the 3 months before the cut-off date for calculation. This shows that Finland has great difficulties in monitoring the timely transposition of the directives. In addition, its average delay (see below) is above the EU average.

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

Overdue directives: 22 (*last report: 5*) including 9 on capital goods. **No** directive is more than 2 years overdue.

Average delay: 8.4 months (*last report: 9.8 months*) – Slight decrease but in a group of 12 Member States above EU average. Finland managed to solve its long overdue directive and most of its outstanding directives (19/22) have been due for less than 12 months. Nevertheless, the 3 remaining ones have been due for 12 to 24 months and push up the average delay.

EU average = 6.7 months

Compliance deficit: 0.8% (*last report: 0.5%*) – Marked increase and the worst result ever. Finland is over both the EU average and the 0.5% proposed target.

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Infringements

Pending cases: 12 (4 new cases and 5 cases closed; last report: 13 pending cases) — Stable result and now the fourth lowest number of single market-related cases among all Member States.

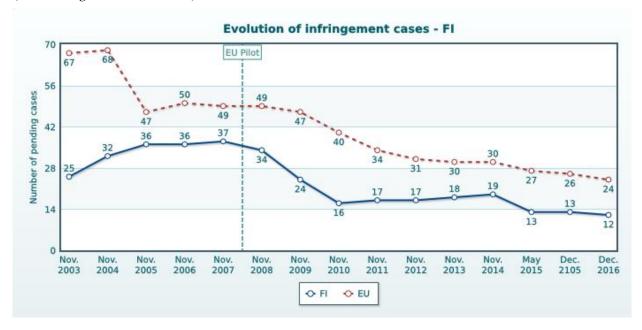
 $(EU \ average = 24 \ cases)$

Problematic sectors: transport (4 cases = one third of all pending cases).

Average case duration: 20.2 months for the 9 cases not yet sent to the Court (*last report: 25.5 months*) – Along with Luxembourg, Finland is the only Member State that managed to reduce the duration of its cases (-21%). Only 1 case, related to air transport, has been ongoing for more than 3 years.

 $(EU \ average = 36.9 \ months)$

Compliance with court rulings: 10.4 months for the 3 cases at this stage of the procedure (*last report: 10.4 months*) – No new case at this stage. (*EU average = 22.4 months*)



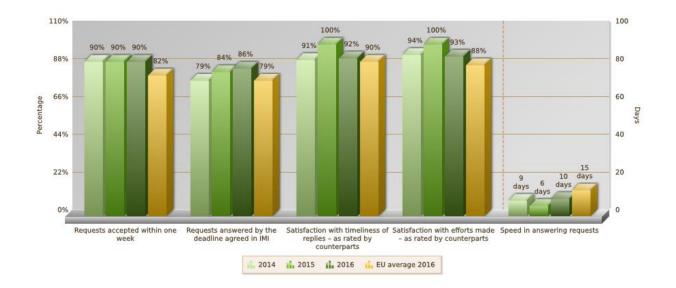
EU Pilot

Finland's average response time currently exceeds the 70-day benchmark in EU Pilot by two weeks.

Internal Market Information System

Performance – Finland continues to perform very well.

- Performance is stable and above the EU average for all 5 indicators.
- Counterpart satisfaction rates are now below 100 % but are still very good.
- Finland has been slower in answering requests, however is still faster than the EU average.



EURES

National provider: <u>TE</u> (Ministry of Employment and the Economy)

EURES advisers (nationally): 28

Performance: good.

Your Europe

National equivalent?

Citizens' portal in FI, SE, EN: www.suomi.fi

Business portal in FI, SE, EN: www.enterprisefinland.fi

Record for this period

- active participation in Editorial Board work
- responsive to all 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
- attend the Board meetings twice a year
- provide information, when requested, on how the country applies single market rules
- raise awareness about Your Europe within national administrations and among potential end users
- link national websites to Your Europe

SOLVIT

• Caseload - small

Submitted cases: 19 (13 in 2015) *Received cases:* 18 (10 in 2015)

• **Resolution rate:** 78% (80% in 2015)

• **Handling time** (*Home centre*)

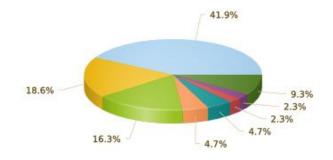
Reply in 7 days: 63% (43% in 2015) – **needs improving** *Cases prepared in 30 days:* 81% (92% in 2015) – **good**

- Handling time (Lead centre) Cases closed in 10 weeks: 78% (67% in 2015) good
- Staffing

Continuity – **needs improvement** Sufficient for current caseload? **No**

Technical Regulations Information System

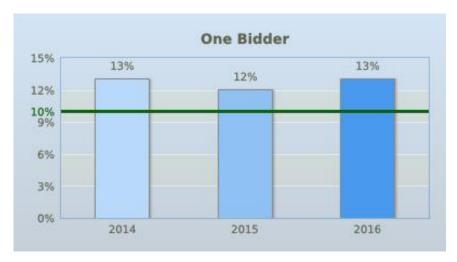






Public procurement

Overall, Finland's performance in 2016 was **satisfactory**. For further information and the methodology applied, please see the section on <u>Public procurement performance</u>.





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 <u>EU postal sector study</u> (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 Finland rose from 0.62 PPPs to 0.91 PPPs.
- Cross-border price developments 2012–15 (in PPP): Cross-border prices in Finland rose from 0.62 PPPs to 0.91 PPPs.
- Transit time performance D+1: Stable performance above 90% in all the years 2012-2014

Finnish performance target = 80%

⚠ 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

Finland's trade integration in the single market for goods is below the EU average, whereas its trade integration for services is in line with the EU average. In 2015, Finland's trade integration for goods showed a small decrease, while its trade integration in services increased slightly.

		Goods	Services
Intra-EU trade integration	% GDP 2015	17.1	6.6
	Change 2014-15	-1.8	2.8
Intra-EU imports	% GDP 2015	19	7.5
	Change 2014-15	-0.9	2.2

Foreign Direct Investment (FDI)

In 2015, the decrease of Finland's share of EU FDI inflows was the third highest of all EU Member States, the share of outflows decreased also quite strongly. The share of inward FDI stock was stable and the share of outward FDI stock showed a decrease.

	Share of El	J FDI Flows	Share of EU FDI Stocks		
	inward	outward	inward	outward	
% FDI 2015	1.9	-2.2	1.2	1	
Change 2014–15 (in pp)	-4	-2	0	-0.3	