

Single Market Scoreboard

Performance per Member State

Malta

(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: 0.4% (last report: 0.2%) – Doubling of the former deficit but in a group of 8 Member States that managed to stay under the 1% threshold and also in a group of 6 Member States whose deficit increased by only 0.1 or 0.2 of a percentage point. Malta is the Member State with the smallest deficit. Malta has a transposition deficit of only 6% for the directives that had to be transposed in 2016 (until 30 November) and 33% for the 9 directives with a transposition date within the 3 months before the cut-off date for calculation. This shows that Malta monitors the timely transposition of the directives quite well, although with a small delay (see average delay below).

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

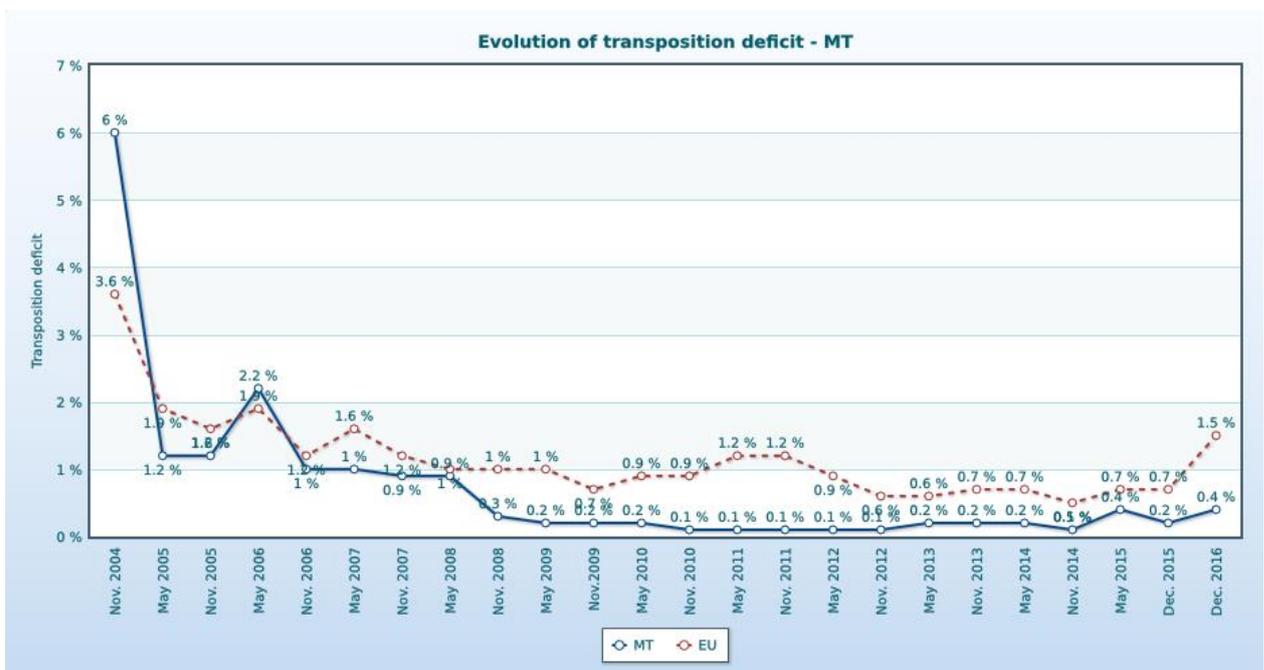
Overdue directives: 4 (last report: 2) - and **none** more than 2 years overdue.

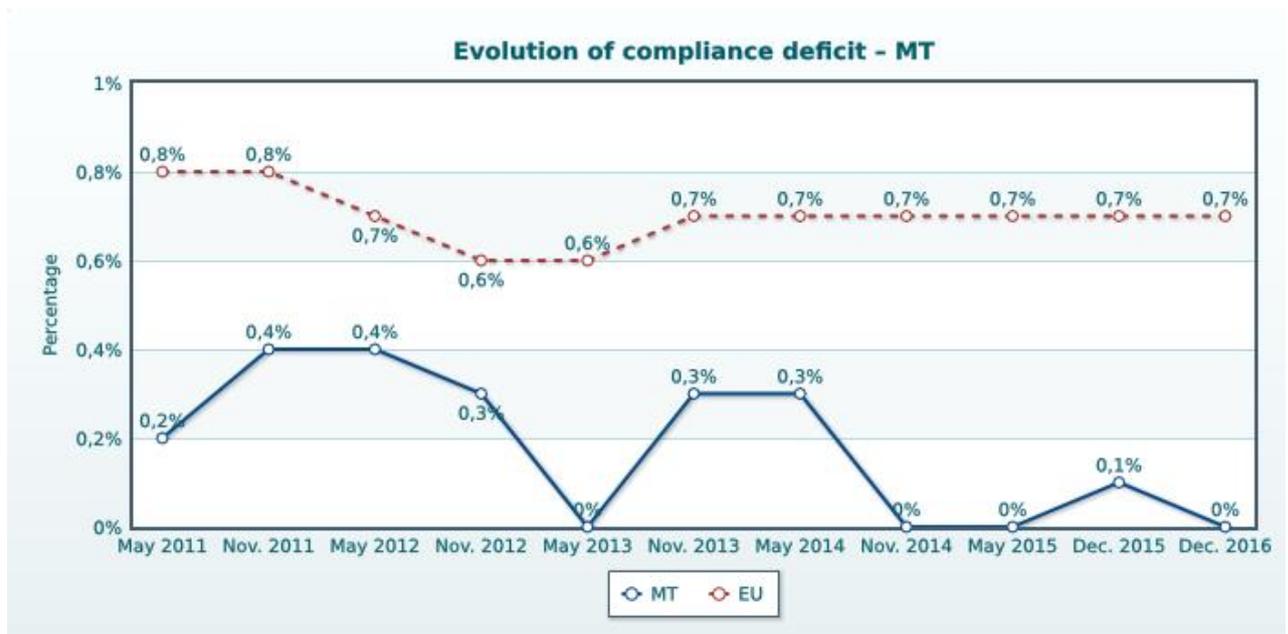
Average delay: 3.2 months (last report: 7 months) – Sharp decrease and now in the top 3 of Member States with the shortest delay. Malta has no long overdue directive and all its outstanding directives have been due for a short time.

EU average = 6.7 months

Compliance deficit: 0.0% (last report: 0.1%) – Back to a perfect score, score (for the fourth time) and the best performing Member State (along with Estonia) on this issue.

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





Infringements

Pending cases: 5 (no new cases and 3 cases closed; last report: 8 pending cases) – decrease. Now the second lowest number of single market-related cases (third position 1 year ago).

(EU average = 24 cases)

Problematic sectors: air transport (3 cases = 60% of all cases)

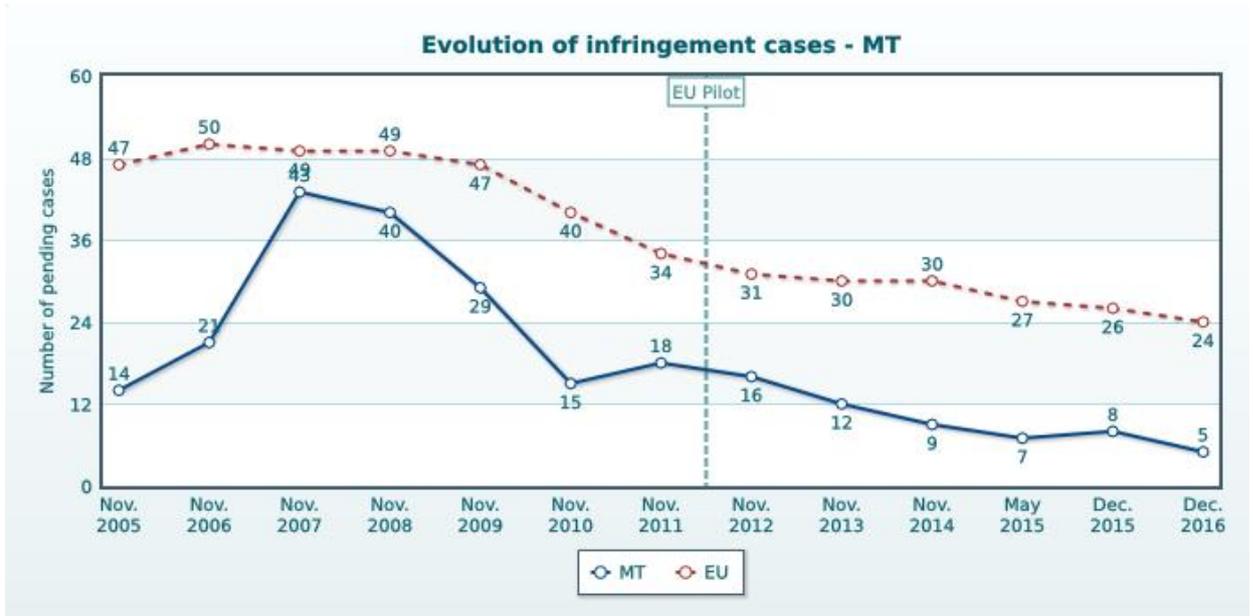
Average case duration: 75.8 months for the 5 cases not yet sent to the Court (last report: 51.2 months) – Worst score and also the highest increase among the Member States. Malta was able to solve 3 cases and has now only 5 pending infringement cases. 2 of them have been ongoing for around 10 years, which pushes the average duration up significantly.

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(EU average = 36.9 months)

Compliance with court rulings: 21.1 months for the 3 cases at this stage of the procedure (last report: 21 months) – No new infringement cases.

(EU average = 22.4 months)



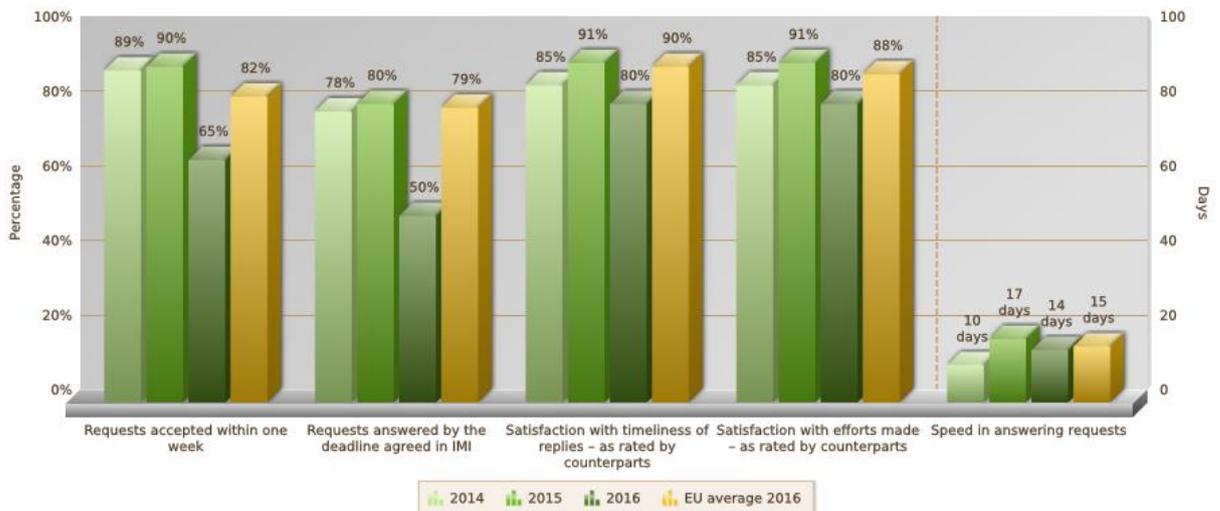
EU Pilot

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

Internal Market Information System

Performance – Malta’s performance has fallen significantly.

- Malta is involved in a small number of requests, many of which were not accepted within one week.
- Only half of the requests were answered by the deadline agreed in IMI, however the speed in answering requests is below the EU average.
- Efforts should be made to accept requests within one week and to respond to them within the deadline agreed in IMI.



EURES

National provider: [ETC](#) (Employment and Training Corporation)

EURES advisers (nationally): 2

Performance: good.

Your Europe

National equivalent?

National portal in MT, EN: www.gov.mt

Record for this period

- content has been syndicated from national portal to Your Europe
- 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:

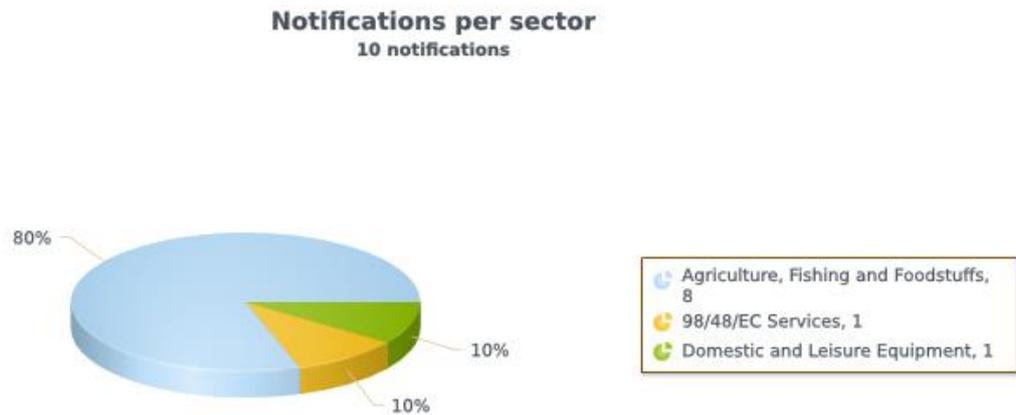
- ensure stable representation on the Editorial Board
- attend the Board meetings twice a year
- syndicate content/provide information, when requested, on how the country applies single market rules
- link national websites to Your Europe
- raise awareness of Your Europe within national administrations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

SOLVIT

- **Caseload – small**
Submitted cases: 4 (4 in 2015)
Received cases: 22 (9 in 2015)
- **Resolution rate:** 64% (89% in 2015)
- **Handling time** (*Home centre*)
Reply in 7 days: 75% (same as in 2015) – **good**
Cases prepared in 30 days: 100% (75% in 2015) – **very good**

- **Handling time** (*Lead centre*) *Cases closed in 10 weeks: 7% (78% in 2015) – needs improving*
- **Staffing**
Continuity – good
Sufficient for current caseload? Yes

Technical Regulations Information System



Public procurement

Overall, Malta's performance in 2016 was **satisfactory**. 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):** In Malta, PPP price levels increased from 0.26 to 0.32 PPPs
- **Cross-border price developments 2013–15 (in PPP):** PPP prices increased from 0.49 PPPs to 0.73 PPPs
- **Transit time performance D+1:** There is a stable performance for Malta. In 2015, transit time performance stood at 95.4%
Maltese performance target = 94%

 *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

Trade integration of Malta in the Single Market for goods and services is above EU average, trade integration in services is even the second highest of all Member States. In 2015, both indicators showed a strong decrease.

		Goods	Services
Intra-EU trade integration	% GDP 2015	24.1	29.5
	Change 2014–15	-6	-5.4
Intra-EU imports	% GDP 2015	37	21.3
	Change 2014–15	-3.5	-7.8

Foreign Direct Investment (FDI)

In 2015, Malta's share of EU FDI inflows and outflows decreased slightly. The share of FDI inward stock was stable whereas the share of the outward stock decreased slightly..

	Share of EU FDI Flows		Share of EU FDI Stocks	
	inward	outward	inward	outward
% FDI 2015	2.2	0	2.1	0.7
Change 2014-15 (in pp)	-1.8	-0.8	0	-0.1