



Single Market Scoreboard

2019 Edition

Performance per Member State

Austria

Transposition of law

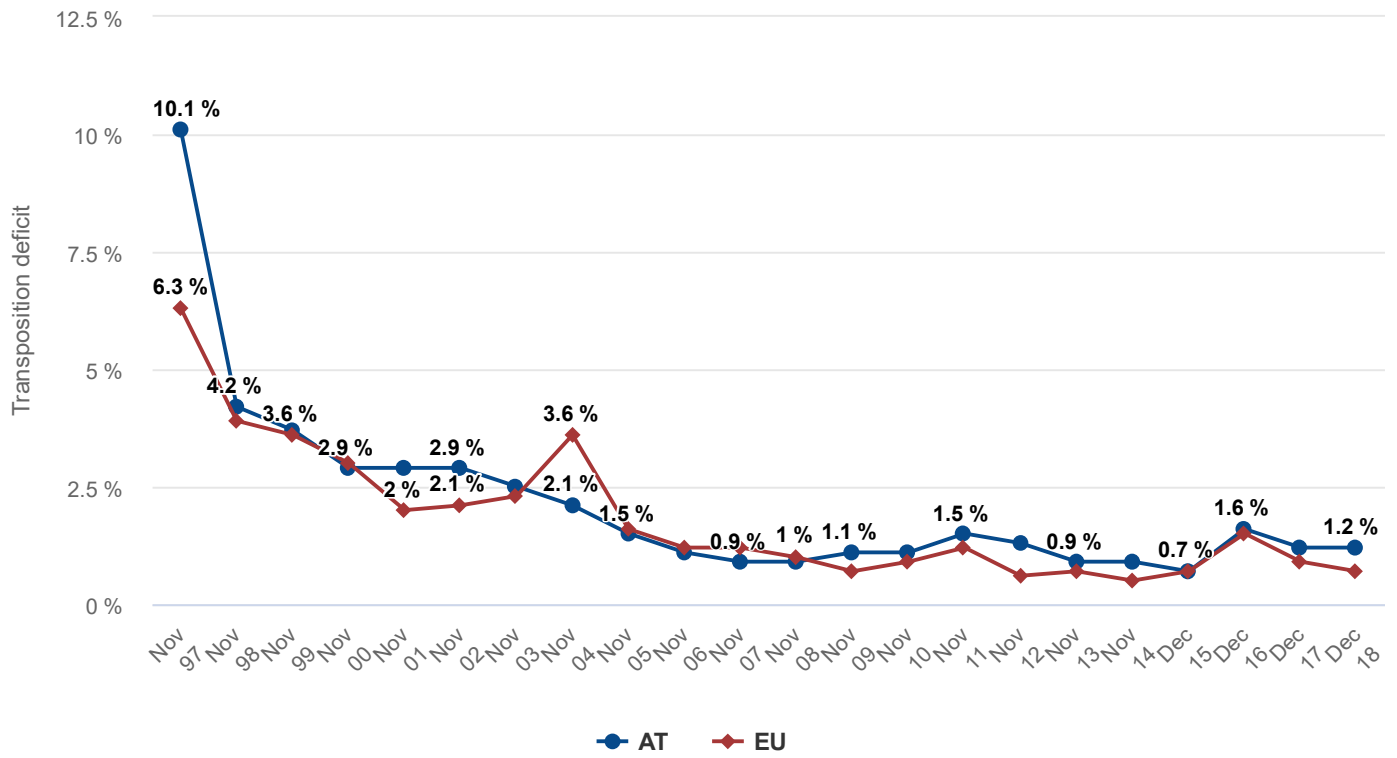
Transposition deficit: 1.2% (*last report: 1.2%*) – Stable result, still above the 1% threshold (with 6 other Member States). In addition, Austria has transposed 17 of the 23 directives (74%) with a transposition date within 6 months before the cut-off date for calculation (1.6.2018 – 30.11.2018). This shows that this Member State could monitor the timely transposition of Single Market-related directives even better.
EU average = 0.7%; Proposed target (in Single Market Act) = 0.5%

Overdue directives: 12 (*last report: 16*) including 3 environmental directives. **Two** directives are more than 2 years overdue: (1) Directive (EU) 2016/882 amending Directive 2007/59/EC as regards language requirements for train drivers, and (2) Directive (EU) 2015/720 regarding the reduction of the consumption of lightweight plastic carrier bags.

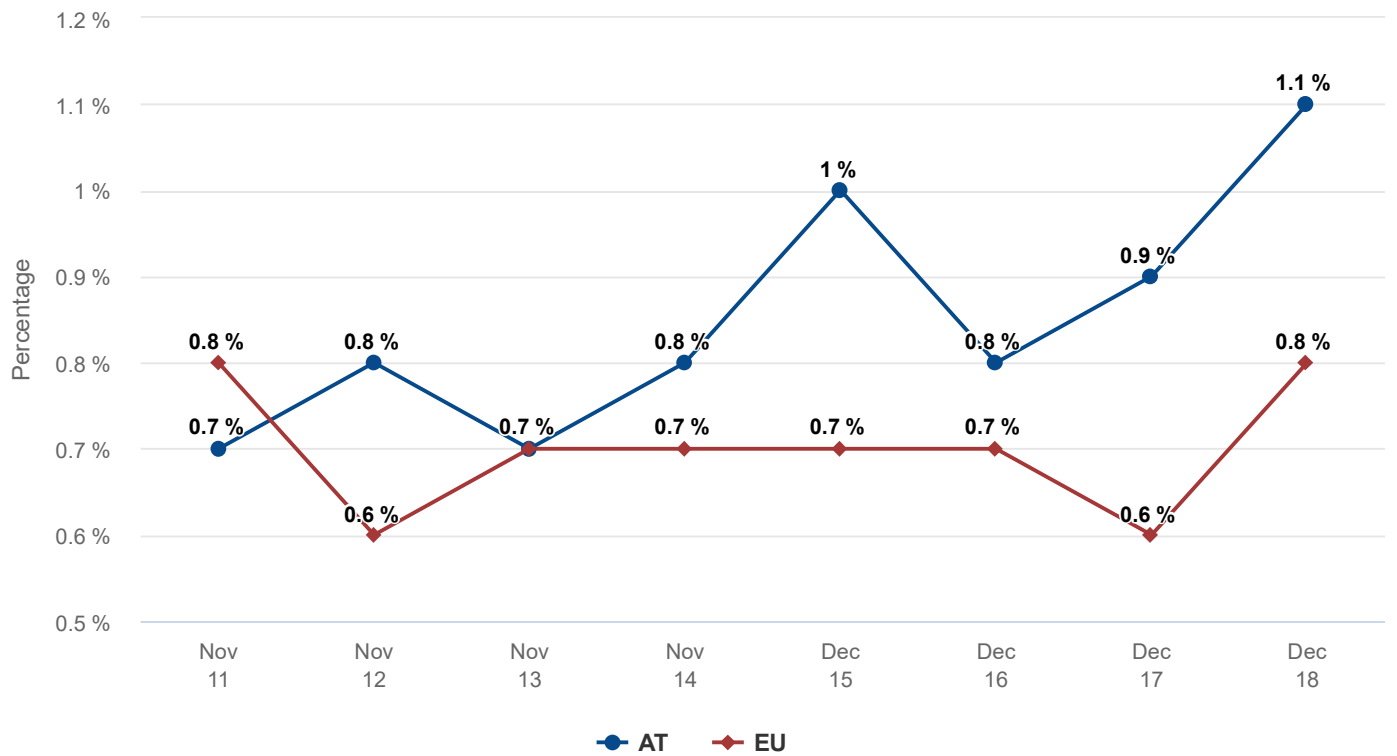
Average delay: 9.4 months (*last report: 10.8 months*) – Decrease by 1.4 months. Austria added two long overdue directives (due for 2 years or more) to its backlog, but all of its remaining 10 outstanding directives have been due for less than 12 months.
EU average = 8.4 months

Conformity deficit: 1.1% (*last report: 0.9%*) – New increase that puts Austria in a group of 8 Member States whose deficit is more than twice the target proposed in the Single Market Act. Austria has now 11 directives presumably incorrectly transposed.
EU average = 0.8%; Proposed target (in Single Market Act) = 0.5%

Evolution of transposition deficit – Austria



Evolution of conformity deficit – Austria



Infringements

Pending cases: 27 (6 new cases and 7 cases closed; last report: 28 pending cases) – Slight decrease by 1 case and stable result since May 2012 (between 23 and 29 cases). Austria is now close to the EU average number of Single Market-related cases.

EU average = 25 cases.

Problematic sectors: transport (7 cases) and public procurement (5) = 44% of all pending cases.

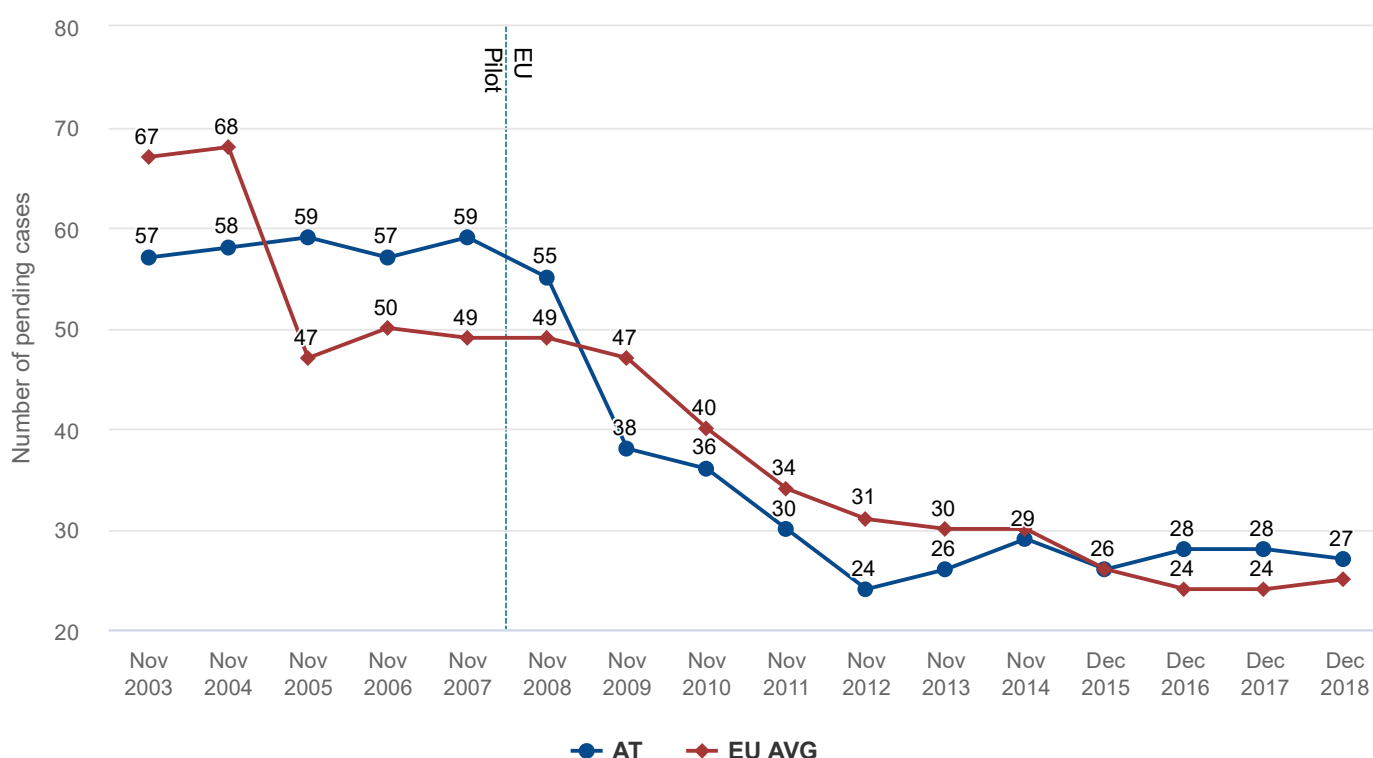
Average case duration: 33 months for the 22 cases not yet sent to the Court (*last report: 30 months*) – Increase by 3 months. Austria is no longer in the top 5 Member States with the shortest average case duration. However, it remains well under the EU average. Since December 2017, Austria managed to resolve 7 cases whose average duration was around 2 years. Only 2 out of its 22 remaining cases have been ongoing for more than 5 years.

EU average = 38.1 months

Compliance with court rulings: 56.7 months for the 3 cases at this stage of the procedure and closed in the last 5 years (*last report: 32.5 months*) – Highest increase (by 24.2 months) among the 25 Member States that complied with judgments of the Court within the last 5 years. This huge increase adds to the increase by 23.1 months registered in December 2017. Austria is now the Member State with the longest time lag for compliance (moving up from 3rd position a year ago). Austria now has 3 cases older than 5 years – all of them with a short compliance duration (8.4 months on average) – which are no longer part of the calculation. On the other hand, Austria managed to resolve a case on education that had been ongoing for more than 11 years, and which weighs heavily in the calculation of the average duration of its moderate number of cases (3).

EU average = 28.2 months

Evolution of infringement cases – Austria



EU Pilot

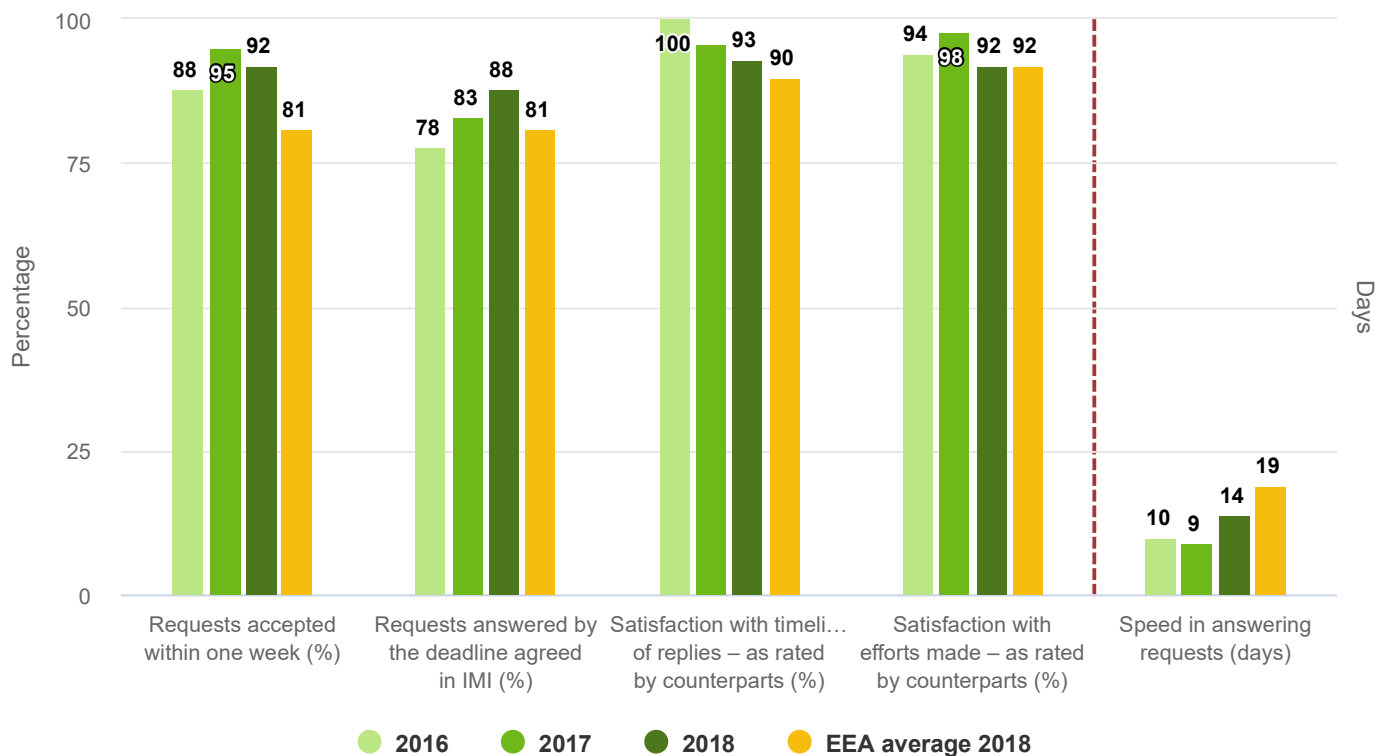
Austria's average response time currently exceeds the 70-day time limit in EU Pilot by less than a week.

Internal Market Information System

Performance – Austria continues to perform very well.

- The percentage of requests answered by the agreed deadline improved significantly.
- 4 out of 5 indicators were above the EEA average.
- Austria continues to be one of the most active Member States in sending requests based on the Services Directive: It sent 58% of all requests in this area.

Internal Market Information System – Austria



EURES

National provider: [AMS](#) (Austrian Public Employment Service)

EURES advisers (nationally): 13

Performance: could be improved by a higher number of EURES advisers.

Your Europe

The EU has set up a **single digital gateway** providing access to information, to procedures and to assistance and problem-solving services.

The specific regulation setting up the single digital pathway is Regulation 2018/1724 of 2 October 2018. Article 29 of the Regulation establishes a group to coordinate work on the gateway. The gateway coordination group will meet in three configurations, one devoted to information, meeting twice a year. The other two configurations are dedicated to ICT and e-procedures and assistance services.

The information group will largely continue the work of the Your Europe Editorial Board. This is to ensure that the gateway coordination group's work does not overlap with that of other expert groups or sub-groups.

National equivalent?

Citizen' portal in German and English: www.help.gv.at

Business portal in German and English: www.usp.gv.at

Record for this period

- organisation and hosting of an Editorial Board meeting in Vienna
- 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 in the single digital gateway information group
- attend the single digital gateway information group meetings twice a year
- provide information, when requested, on how the country applies single market rules
- raise awareness about Your Europe within the national administration and among potential end users
- link national websites to Your Europe

SOLVIT

- **Caseload – medium**

Submitted cases: 82 (58 in 2017)

Received cases: 85 (61 in 2017)

- **Resolution rate:** 75% (73% in 2017)

- **Handling time (home centre)**

Reply in 7 days: 80% (81% in 2017) – **good**

Cases prepared in 30 days: 88% (97% in 2017) – **good**

Solutions accepted in 7 days: 74% (67% in 2017) – **poor**

- **Handling time (lead centre)**

Cases accepted within 7 days: 62% (72% in 2017) – **poor**

Cases closed in 10 weeks: 52% (47% in 2017) – **poor - needs improving**

- **Staffing**

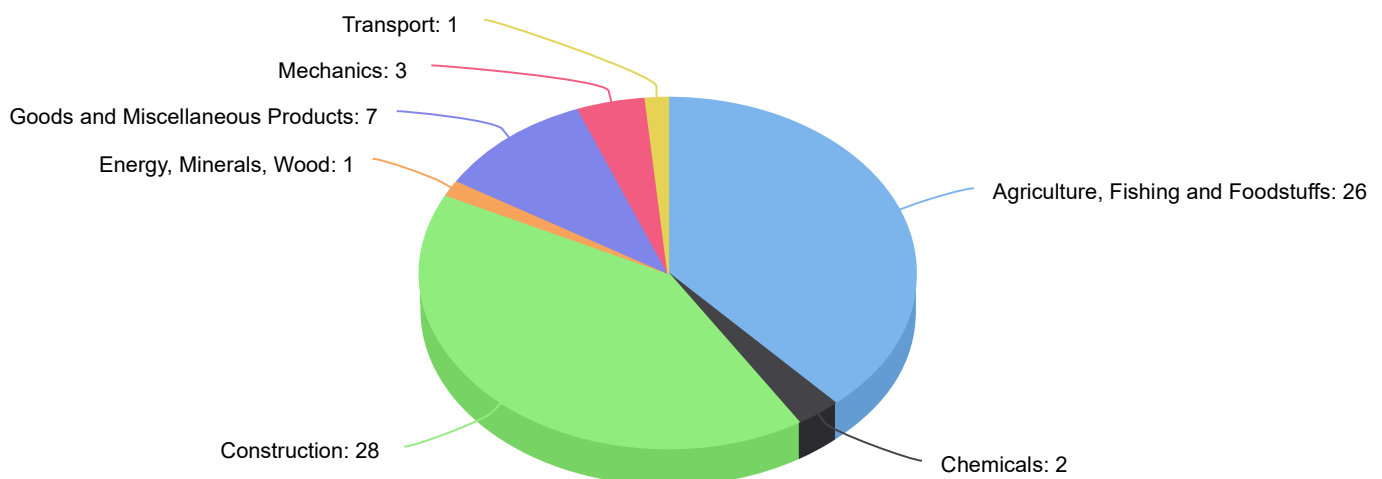
Continuity – yes

Sufficient for current caseload? no

Technical Regulations Information System

Notifications per sector

68 notifications



Points of Single Contact

- 18 out of 20 analysed procedures are available fully online.
- 10 general procedures are easily accessible for cross-border users as Austrian mobile phone signatures and e-ID can be used by cross border service providers. No payment of fees is required for these procedures.
- Points identified for improvement:
 - translation of more specific information;
 - collection of user feedback.

Public procurement

Overall, Austria's performance in 2018 was **average**. 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 reflecting absolute GDP per capita and EU accession date (as in the [EU postal sector study \(2010–13\)](#)):

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

- **Transit time performance D+1**: no figures available for 2017.



Some countries' reference figures for the previous period may differ slightly from those in the last Scoreboard. This is because these countries updated their data after publication.

Trade in goods and services

Austria's trade integration in the single market for goods and services is above the EU average. In 2017, Austria's trade integration in goods increased slightly, whereas its trade integration in services rose in line with EU average.

		Goods	Services
Intra-EU trade integration	% GDP 2017	27.2	11.4
	Change 2016 – 2017	3.2	4.2
Intra-EU imports	% GDP 2017	28.1	10.5
	Change 2016 – 2017	3.7	5.2

Foreign Direct Investment (FDI)

In 2017, Austria's share of intra-EU FDI inflows increased markedly whereas outflows increased at a lower rate. Its shares of both inward and outward intra-EU FDI stock saw a small increase in 2017.

	Share of intra-EU FDI flows		Share of intra-EU FDI stocks	
	inward	outward	inward	outward
% FDI 2017	0.6	3.2	1.5	1.6
Change 2016 – 17 (in pp)	9.3	1.4	0.1	0.1

In 2017, Austria's share of extra-EU FDI outflows increased markedly whereas inflows increased at a lower rate. The share of inward extra-EU FDI stock saw a small increase in 2017, while the share of outward extra-EU FDI stock remained unchanged.

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% FDI 2017	6.1	1.5	1.4	1.3
Change 2016 – 17 (in pp)	5.2	11.4	0.1	0.0