



Single Market Scoreboard

The United Kingdom withdrew from the EU on 31 January, 2020. The 2020 edition of the Single Market Scoreboard refers to time periods preceding the withdrawal of the UK, and the UK is therefore listed as a Member State.

Cyprus

2020 Edition

Here you can find the country-specific factsheet for *Cyprus*.

Transposition

Transposition deficit: 1.0 % (*last report: 1.4 %*) – marked decrease by 0.4 percentage point.

EU average = 0.6 %; Proposed target (in Single Market Act) = 0.5 %

Cyprus is now back in line with the 1 % threshold. Nevertheless, it only transposed 18 of the 23 Single Market-related directives (78 %) due to have been transposed in the 6 months prior to the cut-off date for calculation (1 June – 30 November 2019). This shows that Cyprus may have some difficulties in monitoring the timely transposition of the directives, although with a moderate delay (see below). Transposition is an ongoing process and any let-up may result in the deficit quickly increasing.

Overdue directives: 10 (*last report: 14*), including 4 directives in the environmental sector. **No** directive is more than 2 years overdue.

Average delay: 9.1 months (*last report: 5.8 months*) – increase by 3.3 months and below the EU average delay.

EU average = 11.5 months

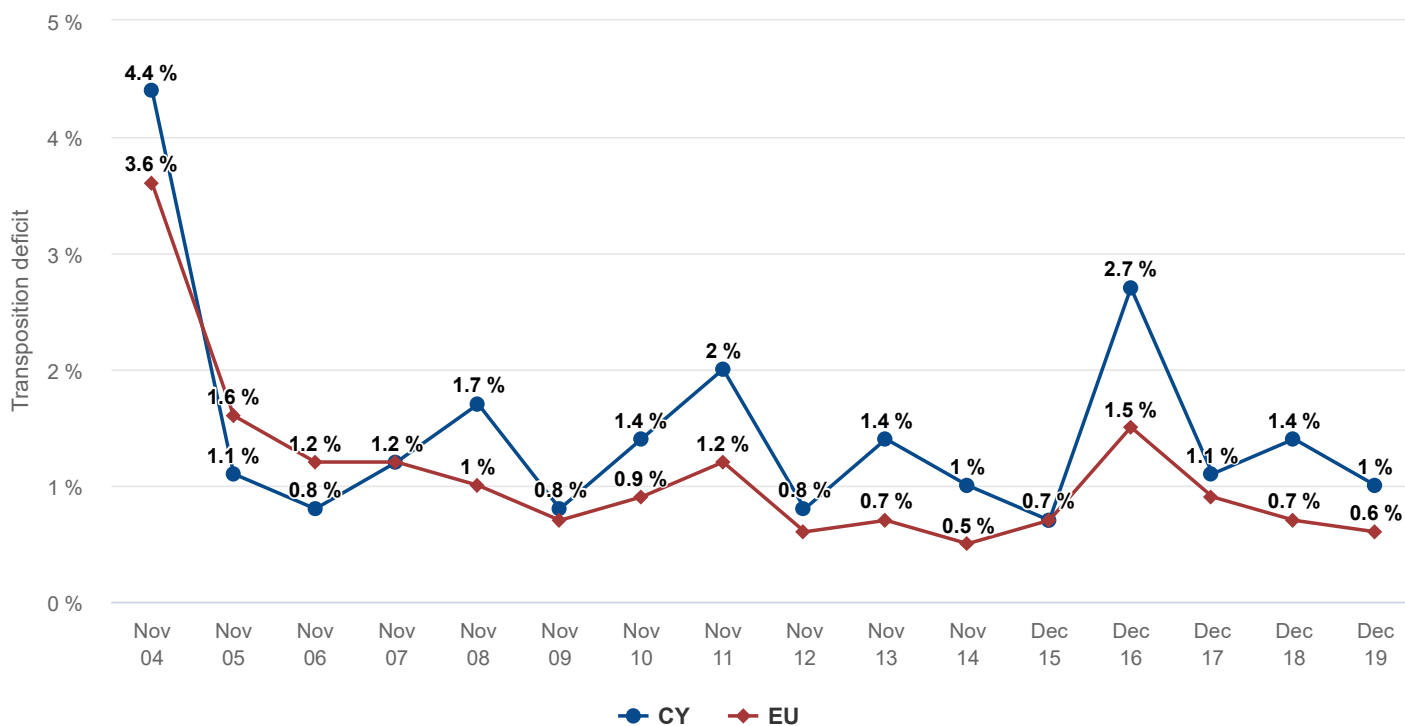
Cyprus has no long overdue directive (due for 2 years or more) and most of its outstanding directives (8/10) have been due for less than 6 months.

Conformity deficit: 0.6 % (*last report: 0.6 %*)

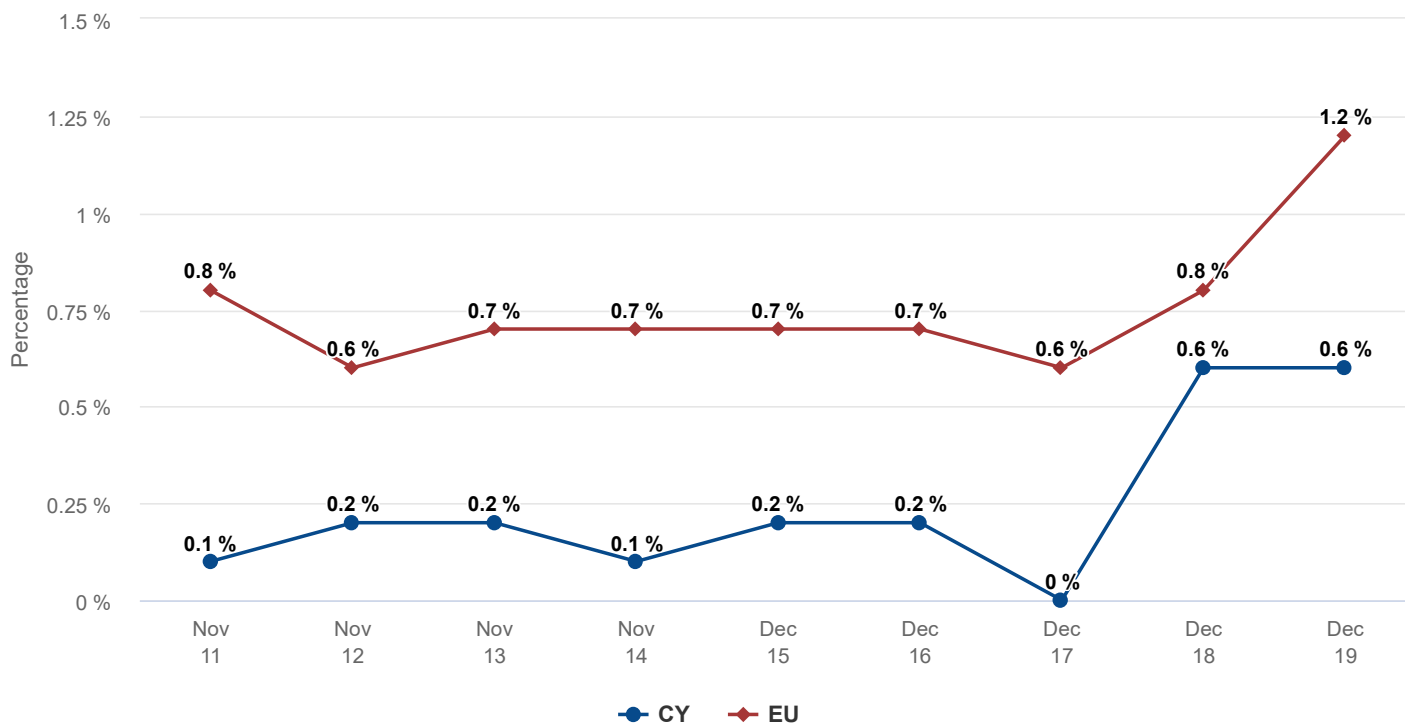
EU average = 1.2 %; Proposed target (in Single Market Act) = 0.5 %

Due to limited use of the EU Pilot tool, the number of directives presumed to have been incorrectly transposed has increased in the vast majority of Member States. This is not the case for Cyprus as the country maintained its previous score. With 6 such directives, its deficit is half of the EU average and close to the 0.5% proposed target

Evolution of transposition deficit – Cyprus



Evolution of conformity deficit – Cyprus



Infringements

Pending cases: 19 (8 new cases cases and 7 cases closed, including 4 on transport; last report: 18 pending cases) – new slight increase (of 1 case).

EU average = 29 cases

Due to limited use of the EU Pilot tool, the vast majority of Member States have seen an increase in the number of infringement proceedings against them. This is not really the case for Cyprus. It has not had this many Single Market-related cases since November 2007 but it is still among the Member States with the lowest number of infringement cases, well below the EU average.

Problematic sectors: environment (4) = 21 % of all pending cases.

Average case duration: 27.8 months for the 17 Single Market related cases not yet sent to the Court (last report: 25.6 months)

EU average = 34.8 months

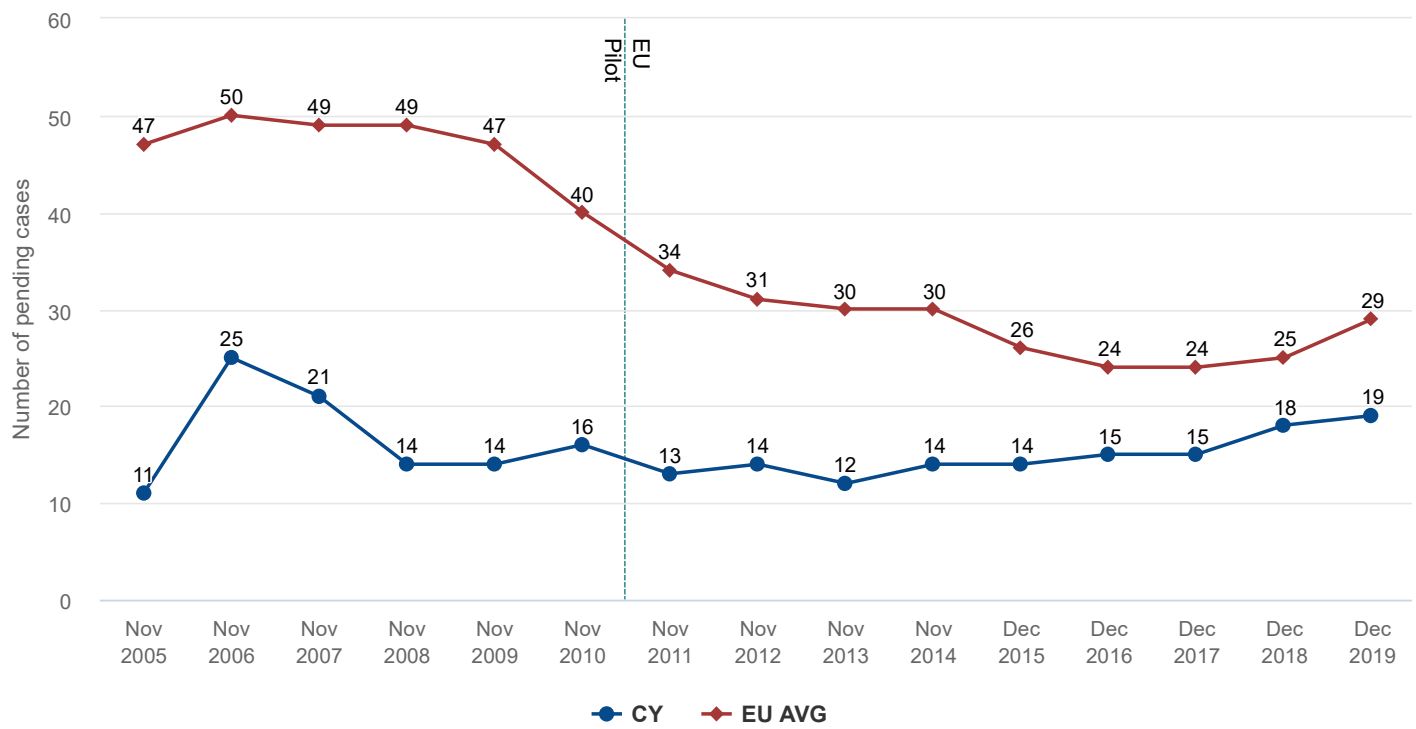
Cyprus is in a group of 9 Member States whose average case duration increased within the last year, although to a moderate extent (by 2.2 months). Cyprus has 3 cases which have been running for between 5 and 9 years (on air transport and consumers), which have a big impact on the average duration on the moderate number of Cypriot cases. In addition, 7 Cypriot cases were resolved within the last year but this closure has little impact on the final result as the cases' average duration was quite moderate (16 months).

Compliance with court rulings: 22.5 months for the only Single Market-related case at this stage of the procedure and closed in the last 5 years (last report: 22.8 months)

EU average = 29.5 months

Cyprus is in a group of 7 Member States whose average compliance decreased within the last year (-0.3 months). With a single case on pension rights that needed 22.5 months for compliance, Cyprus is above the 18-month threshold for compliance with Court rulings but well below the EU average time lag.

Evolution of infringement cases – Cyprus



EU Pilot

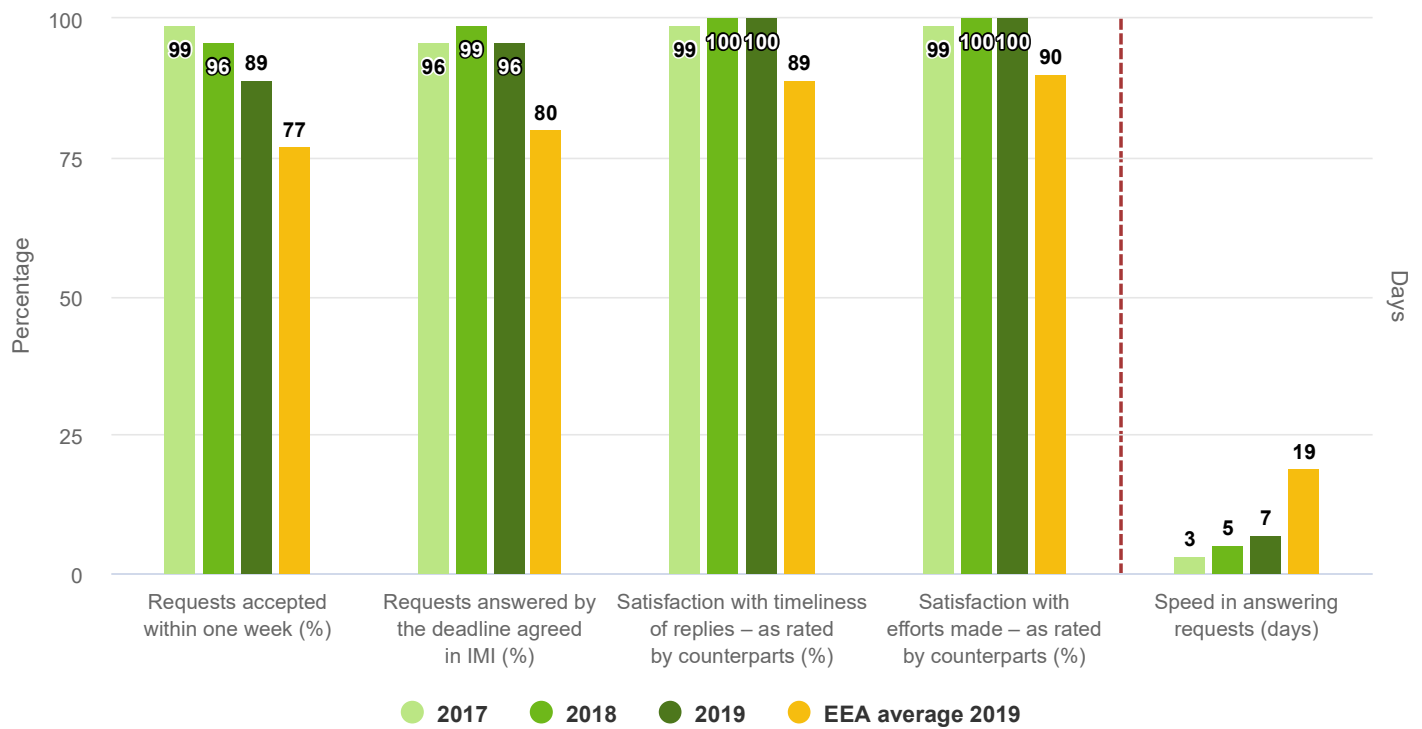
Cyprus' average response time currently complies with the 70-day time limit in EU Pilot.

Internal Market Information System

Performance – Cyprus maintained its excellent performance.

- Cyprus performed well above the EEA average in all 5 indicators.
- It responded to almost 100 IMI requests within 5 days on average.
- Counterparts expressed 100% satisfaction in the feedback survey.

Internal Market Information System – Cyprus



EURES

National provider: [YEKA/MLSI](#) (Department of Labour)

Compliance: Partially compliant

Performance: could be improved by transferring both job vacancies and CVs to the EURES Portal.

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 different configurations, with one devoted to information that meets twice a year. The other two configurations are dedicated to ICT and e-procedures and assistance services.

The information group continues the work of the former 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?

Citizens' Portal in Greek and English: www.cyprus.gov.cy

Business Portal in English: www.businessincyprus.gov.cy/

Record for this period

- active participation in the single digital gateway information group
- responsive to all requests for information to be published on 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 on how the country applies single market rules, in line with the requirements of the single digital gateway Regulation
- raise awareness about Your Europe within the national administration and among potential end users
- link national websites to Your Europe

SOLVIT

- **Caseload – small**

Submitted cases – 15 (16 in 2018)

Received cases – 64 (64 in 2018)

Cases not accepted – 16 (new indicator)

- **Resolution rate – 93 % (95 % in 2018)**

- **Handling time (home centre)**

*Reply in 7 days: 81 % (100 % in 2018) – **good***

*Cases prepared in 30 days: 93 % (100 % in 2018) – **very good***

*Solutions accepted within 7 days: 86 % (86 % in 2018) – **good***

*Cases not accepted within 30 days: 81 % (new indicator) – **good***

- **Handling time (lead centre)**

*Cases accepted within 7 days: 95 % (100 % in 2018) – **very good***

*Cases closed in 10 weeks: 81 % (91 % in 2018) – **good***

- **Staffing**

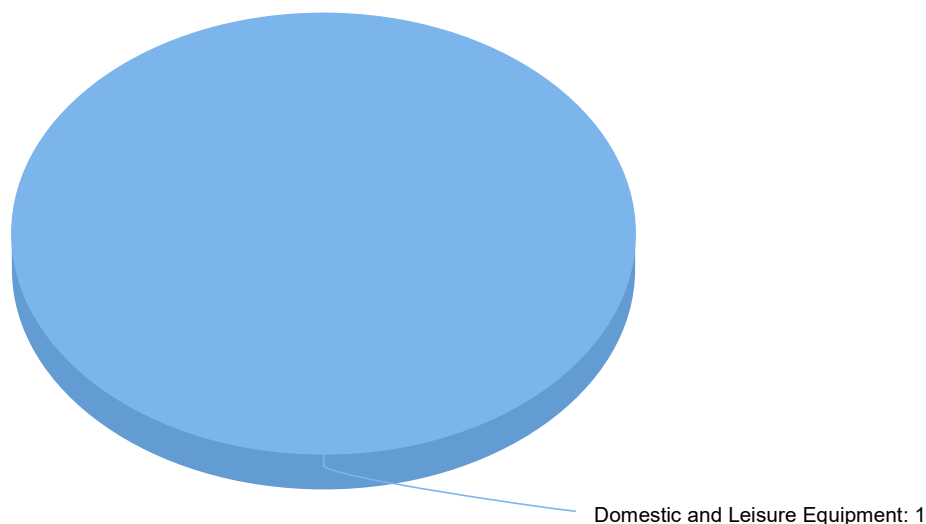
*Adequacy for 2019 caseload – **sufficient***

*Adequacy for ongoing objectives – **sufficient***

Technical Regulations Information System

Notifications per sector

1 notifications



Points of Single Contact

- 6 out of 20 analysed procedures (5 do not exist) are available online.
- Online procedures are available for cross-border users (they can submit evidence online, identify themselves and sign electronically).
- Information on different parts of procedures is available.
- Broad range of information is available in another language.
- User feedback is collected and managed in relation to information and procedures.
- Points identified for improvement:
 - making procedures available fully online;
 - cross-border accessibility of online procedures.

Public procurement

Overall, Cyprus' performance in 2019 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:

- **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**: quality of service, decreased slightly to 89.3 % for all reported years.



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

Cyprus has a level of trade integration in the single market for goods that falls well below the EU average, while its trade integration for services is one of the highest in the Union. Trade integration in both goods and services increased slightly in the course of 2018.

		Goods	Services
Intra-EU trade integration	% GDP 2018	15.1	23.6
	Change 2017 – 2018	0.8	1.6
Intra-EU imports	% GDP 2018	23.6	17.9
	Change 2017 – 2018	-0.3	1.9

Foreign Direct Investment (FDI)

In 2018, Cyprus had an increase in both its inward and outward intra-EU FDI flows, albeit with smaller magnitudes. The same was true for Cyprus's intra-intra-EU FDI stocks in 2018.

	Intra-EU FDI flows		Intra-EU FDI stocks	
	inward	outward	inward	outward
Year-on-year percentage change 2017 – 18	0.93	1.01	0.03	0.10

For what concerns the extra-EU dimension, in 2018 Cyprus saw its extra-extra-EU FDI flows decrease in both their inward and outward dimension. Extra-EU FDI stocks, instead, largely stagnated.

	Extra-EU FDI flows		Extra-EU FDI stocks	
	inward	outward	inward	outward
Year-on-year percentage change 2017 – 18	-0.83	-1.72	0.03	0.0