



# 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.

## Romania

2020 Edition

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

### Transposition

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**Transposition deficit: 1.1 %** (*last report: 1.1 %*) – stable result.

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

Romania is one of the 2 Member States with the highest deficit, although still close to the 1% threshold. Nevertheless, it transposed only 17 of the 23 Single Market-related directives (74 %) 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 Romania may have some difficulties in monitoring the timely transposition of the directives. Transposition is an ongoing process and any let-up may result in the deficit quickly increasing.

**Overdue directives: 11** (*last report: 11*) including 3 on financial services and **none** more than 2 years overdue.

**Average delay: 7.6 months** (*last report: 8.4 months*) – slight decrease by 0.8 percentage point, now well below the EU average delay.

*EU average = 11.5 months*

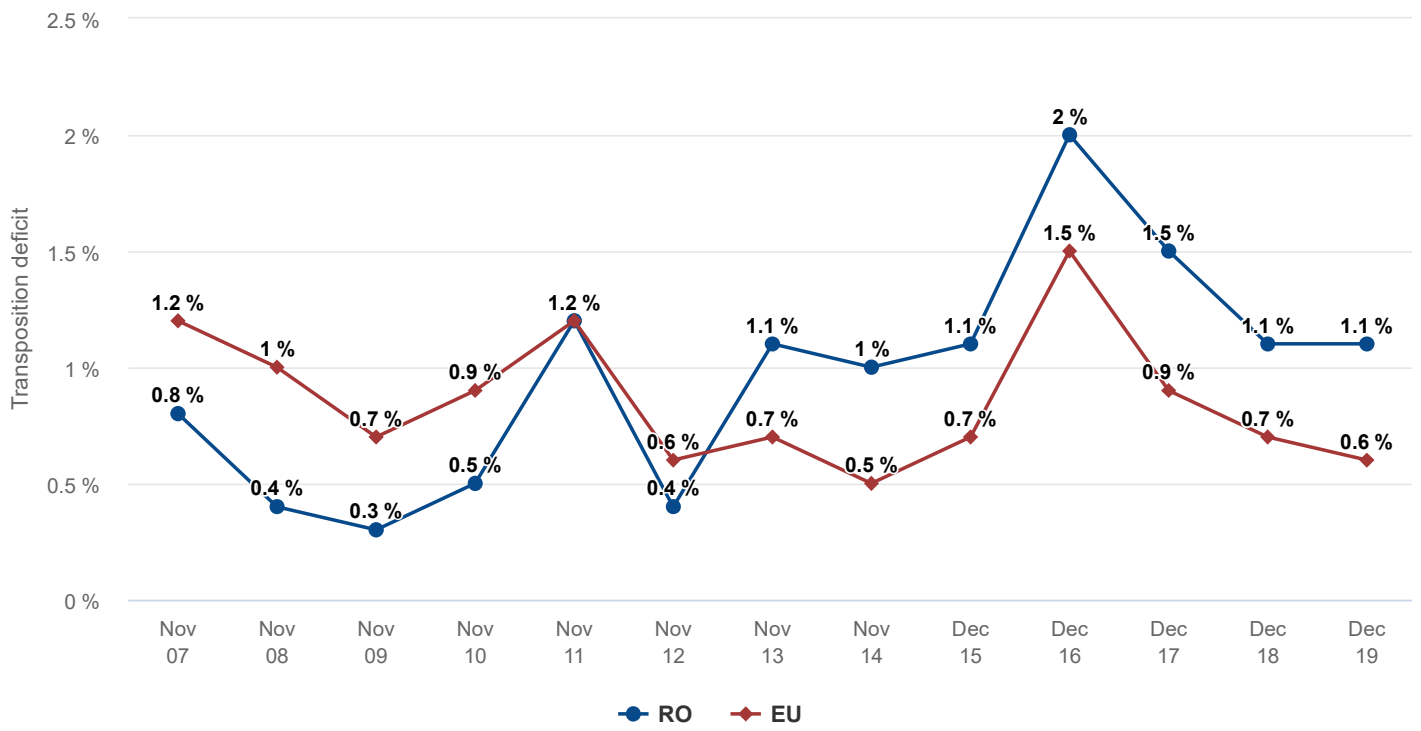
Romania has no long overdue directive (due for 2 years or more) and most of its outstanding directives (10/11) have been due for less than 12 months.

**Conformity deficit: 1.3 %** (*last report: 0.9 %*)

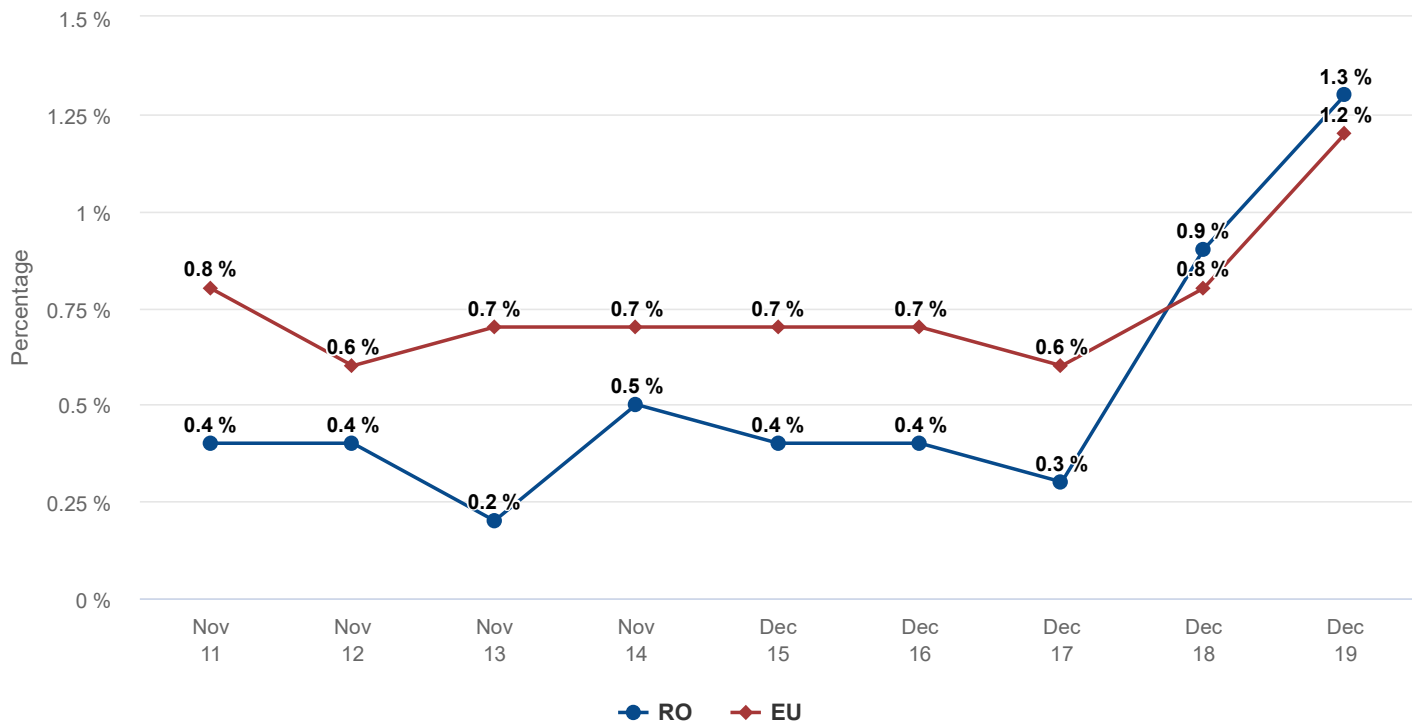
*EU average = 1.2 %; Proposed target (in Single Market Act) = 0.5 %*

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 the case for Romania (by 0.4 percentage point). With 13 such directives, Romania is just above the EU average deficit.

### Evolution of transposition deficit – Romania



### Evolution of conformity deficit – Romania



## Infringements

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**Pending cases: 36** (16 new cases, including 3 on taxation, and 4 cases closed; last report: 24 pending cases) – sharp increase of 12 cases (50 %, the highest percentage increase within a year).

*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 particularly the case for Romania, which is now in the top 10 Member States with the highest average number of Single Market related cases.

**Problematic sectors:** environment (10 cases) including 4 on atmospheric pollution and 4 on waste management, energy (5) and indirect taxation (4) = 53 % of all pending cases.

**Average case duration: 19 months** for the 33 Single Market related cases not yet sent to the Court (*last report: 22.3 months*) – a further decrease of 3.3 months (a fall by 40 % within 2 years).

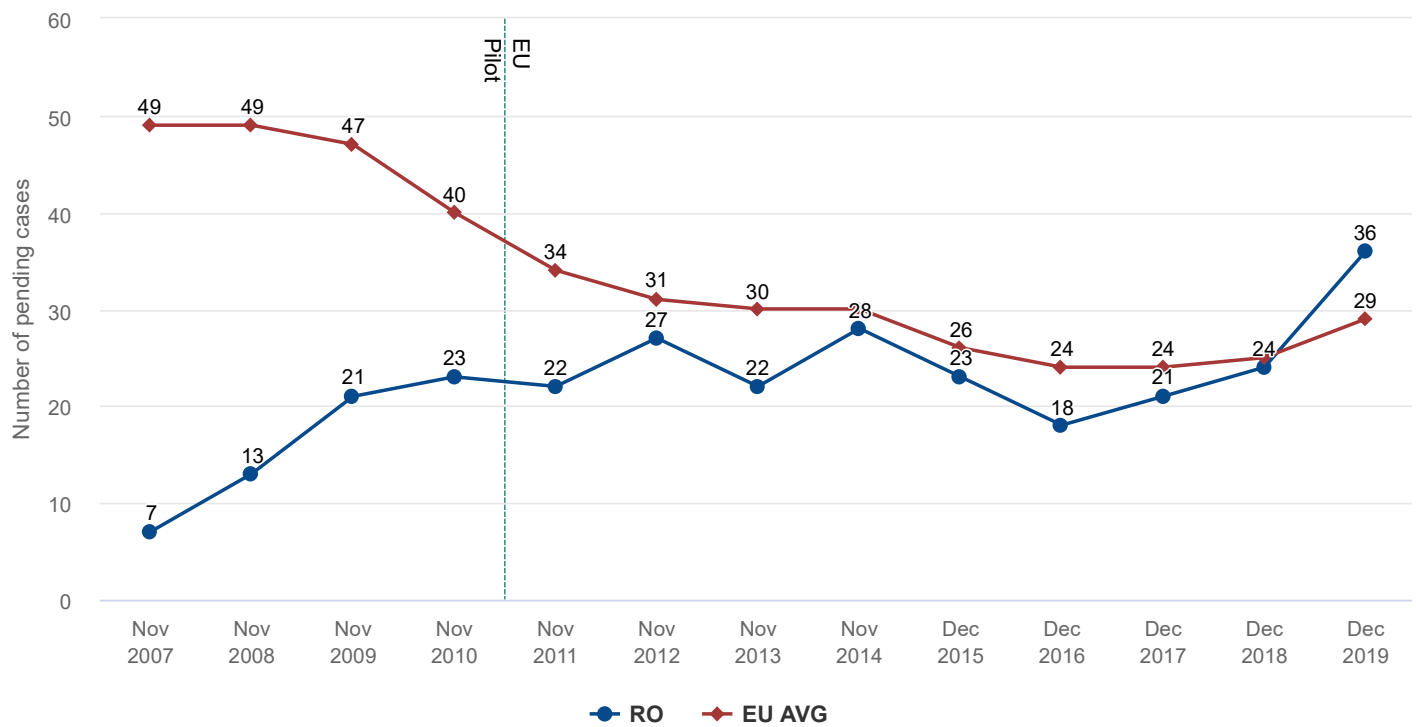
*EU average = 34.8 months*

Since December 2018, Romania managed to resolve 4 cases whose average duration was almost 3 years. Among its remaining cases, the duration of 2 old outstanding cases on air transport and free movement of goods (that have been ongoing for between 7 and 8.5 years) is offset by 16 new cases (each with an average duration less of than 12 months). Romania is now in 3rd position in the Member State ranking for the shortest duration of cases, down from 1st a year ago.

**Compliance with court rulings:** no Single Market-related case at this stage of the procedure and closed in the last 5 years (*last report: same*).

*EU average = 29.5 months*

## Evolution of infringement cases – Romania



## EU Pilot

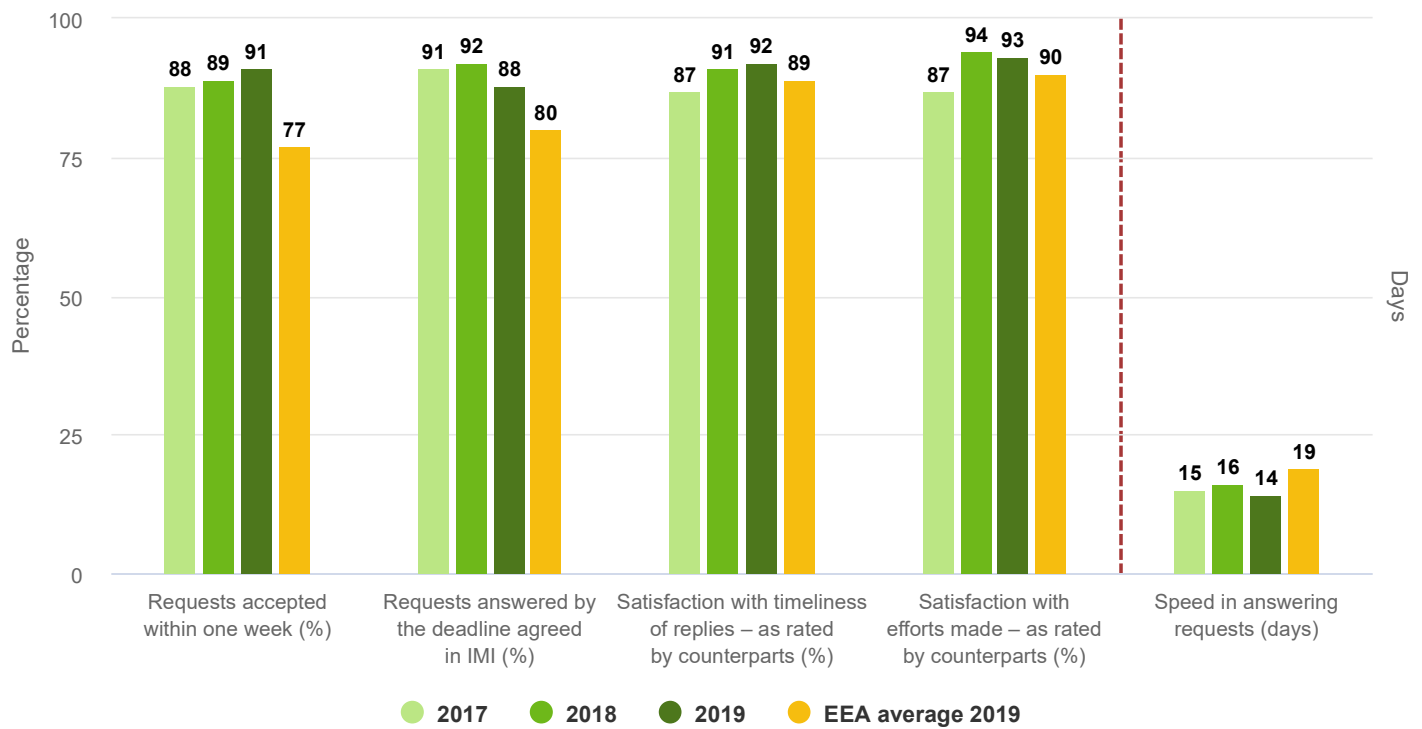
Romania's average response time currently exceeds the 70-day time limit in EU Pilot by only 5 days.

## Internal Market Information System

**Performance** – Romania maintained its excellent performance.

- Romania further improved its performance despite very high volumes of incoming requests – Romania receives 13% of all requests sent through IMI.
- All 5 indicators showed performance above the EEA average.
- On average Romania answered requests in 2 weeks, 50% were answered within 1 week.

## Internal Market Information System – Romania



## EURES

**National provider:** [ANOFM](#) (National Employment Agency Romania)

**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?

National portal in Romanian, English and French: [edirect.e-guvernare.ro](https://edirect.e-guvernare.ro)

## Record for this period

- active participation in the single digital gateway information group
- responsive to most of the 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

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- **Caseload – very large**

*Submitted cases* – 125 (124 in 2018)

*Received cases* – 69 (63 in 2018)

*Cases not accepted* – 321 (new indicator)

- **Resolution rate – 88 %** (98 % in 2018)

- **Handling time (home centre)**

*Reply in 7 days:* 91 % (81 % in 2018) – **good**

*Cases prepared in 30 days:* 74 % (55 % in 2018) – **poor**

*Solutions accepted within 7 days:* 79 % (83 % in 2018) – **good**

*Cases not accepted within 30 days:* 53 % (new indicator) – **very poor**

- **Handling time (lead centre)**

*Cases accepted within 7 days:* 70 % (81 % in 2018) – **poor**

*Cases closed in 10 weeks:* 64 % (57 % in 2018) – **poor**

- **Staffing**

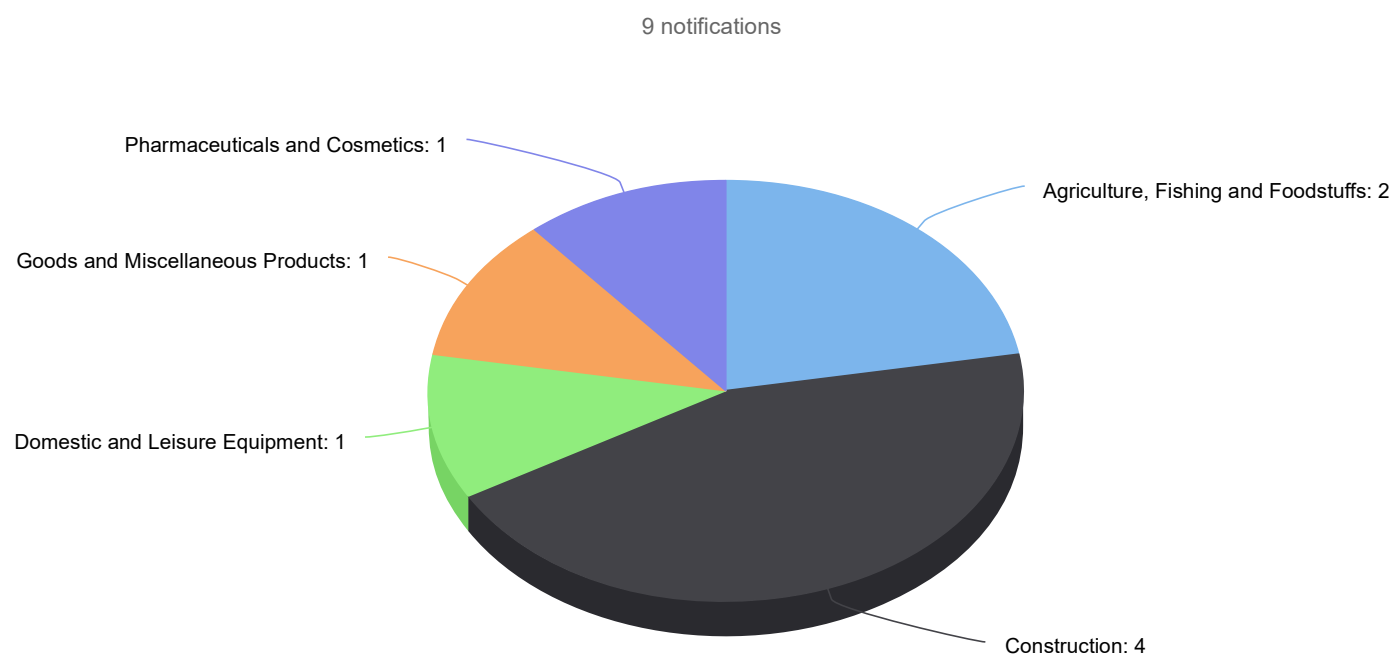
*Adequacy for 2019 caseload* – **insufficient**

*Adequacy for ongoing objectives* – **insufficient**

## Technical Regulations Information System

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### Notifications per sector



## Points of Single Contact

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- 11 out of 20 analysed procedures (3 do not exist) are available online through the PSC.
- The online procedures related to the company registration are available for cross-border users although the use of eID, eSignature, payment of fees is not possible in other procedures.
- Broad range of information is available in another language.
- User feedback is collected and managed in relation to all the services.
- Points identified for improvement:
  - making procedures available fully online;
  - cross-border accessibility of online procedures;
  - procedures to be explained in more detail.

## Public procurement

Overall, Romania's 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**: improved to 57.1 % in 2018.



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

Romania's trade integration in the single market for goods is well above the EU average, while trade integration for services is only slightly higher than the EU average. In 2018, the country's trade integration for goods increased slightly, while its trade integration for services increased more markedly.

		Goods	Services
Intra-EU trade integration	% GDP 2018	25.6	7.9
	Change 2017 – 2018	0.6	2.9
Intra-EU imports	% GDP 2018	28.2	6.2
	Change 2017 – 2018	0.1	5.9



## Foreign Direct Investment (FDI)

In 2018, Romania saw an increase in all its figures concerning intra-EU FDI flows and stocks, intra-EU FDI outflows having the largest increase.

	Intra-EU FDI flows		Intra-EU FDI stocks	
	inward	outward	inward	outward
<b>Year-on-year percentage change 2017 – 18</b>	0.3	1.05	0.08	0.53

For what concerns the extra-EU, in 2018 Romania had a significant decrease in its extra-EU FDI inflows, and a much smaller decrease in its extra-EU FDI outflows. As far as stocks are concerned, in 2018 Romania's inward extra-EU FDI stocks decreased only marginally, while its outward extra-EU FDI stocks increased more markedly.

	Extra-EU FDI flows		Extra-EU FDI stocks	
	inward	outward	inward	outward
<b>Year-on-year percentage change 2017 – 18</b>	-1.44	-0.02	-0.07	1.85