



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.

Sweden

2020 Edition

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

Transposition

Transposition deficit: 0.7 % (*last report: 0.1 %*) – sharp increase by 0.6 percentage point (the highest increase within a year), now just above the EU average deficit.

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

One year ago, Sweden was the Member State with the lowest transposition deficit. However, it transposed 19 of the 23 Single Market-related directives (83 %) due to have been transposed in the 6 months prior to the cut-off date for calculation (1 June 6 – 30 November 2019). This shows that Sweden could monitor the timely transposition of Single Market-related directives even better.

Overdue directives: 7 (*last report: 1*) including 3 in the environmental sector. **One** directive on the prevention of the use of the financial system for the purposes of money laundering or terrorist financing (Directive (EU) 2015/849) is more than 2 years overdue.

Average delay: 9.0 months (*last report: 2.9 months*) – marked increase by 6.1 months, but still below the EU average delay.

EU average = 8.4 months

Sweden added 1 long overdue directive (due for 2 years or more) to its backlog but most of its other outstanding directives (4/6) have been due for less than 6 months.

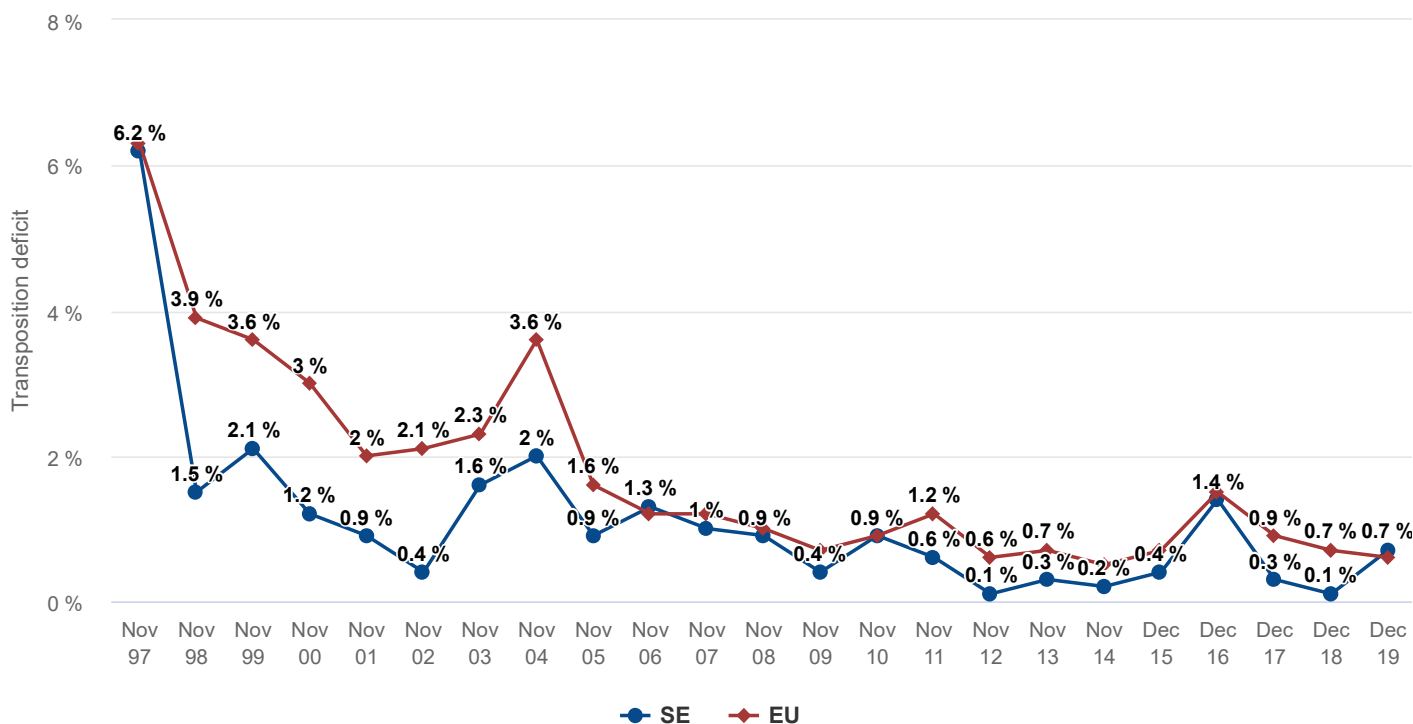
Conformity deficit: 1.6 % (*last report: 1.0 %*)

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

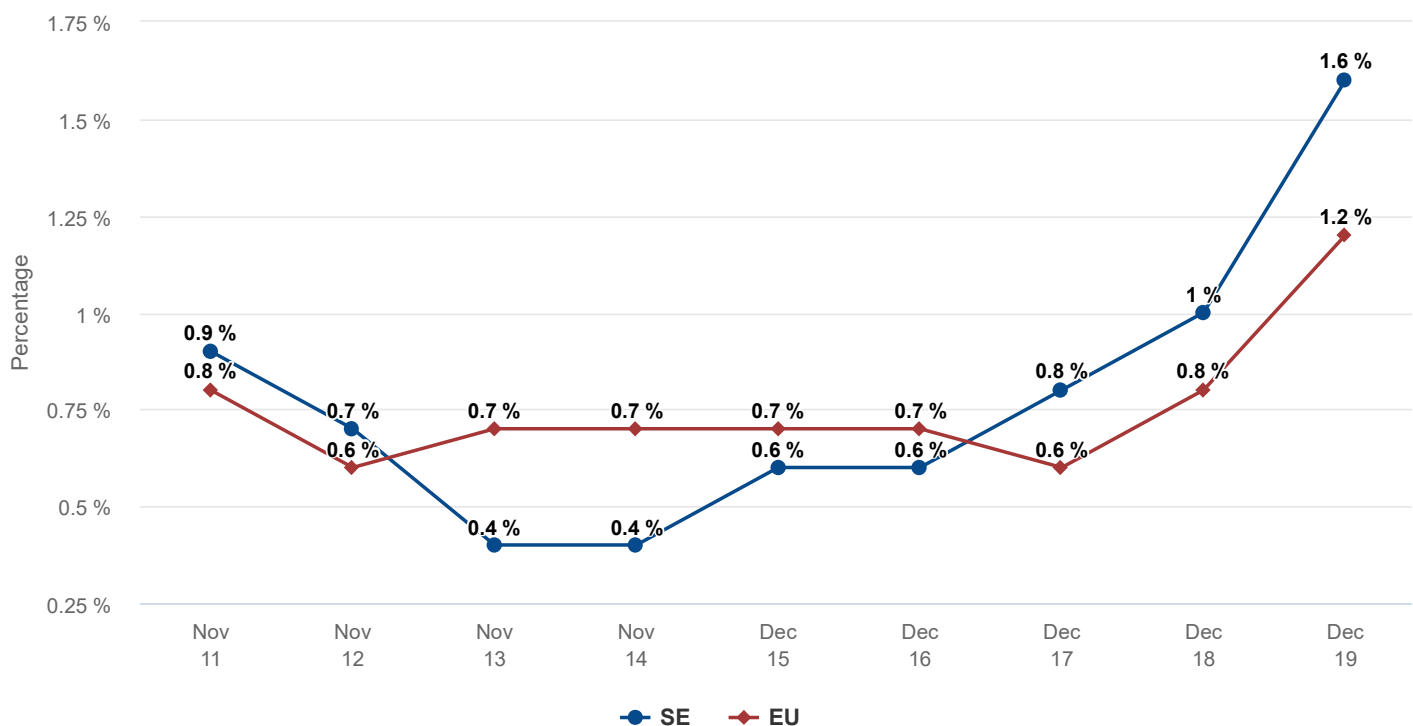
Due to limited use of the EU Pilot tool, the number of directives presumed to have been incorrectly transposed has increased in the vast majority of Member States. This is the case for Sweden (by 0.6 percentage point). With 16 such directives, Sweden is above the EU average deficit and is one of 7

Member States whose conformity deficit is 3 times or more higher than the 0.5 % proposed target.

Evolution of transposition deficit – Sweden



Evolution of conformity deficit – Sweden



Infringements

Pending cases: 23 (10 new cases, including 5 in the environment sector, and 8 cases closed, including 3 on environment; last report: 21 pending cases) – small increase of 2 cases.

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 the case for Sweden, although to a moderate extent. Sweden is still in a group of 10 Member States with the lowest number of infringement cases, well below the EU average.

Problematic sectors: environment (8), including 4 on water protection and management, and transport (3) = 48 % of all pending cases.

Average case duration: 35.4 months for the 21 Single Market related cases not yet sent to the Court (last report: 49.2 months)

EU average = 34.8 months

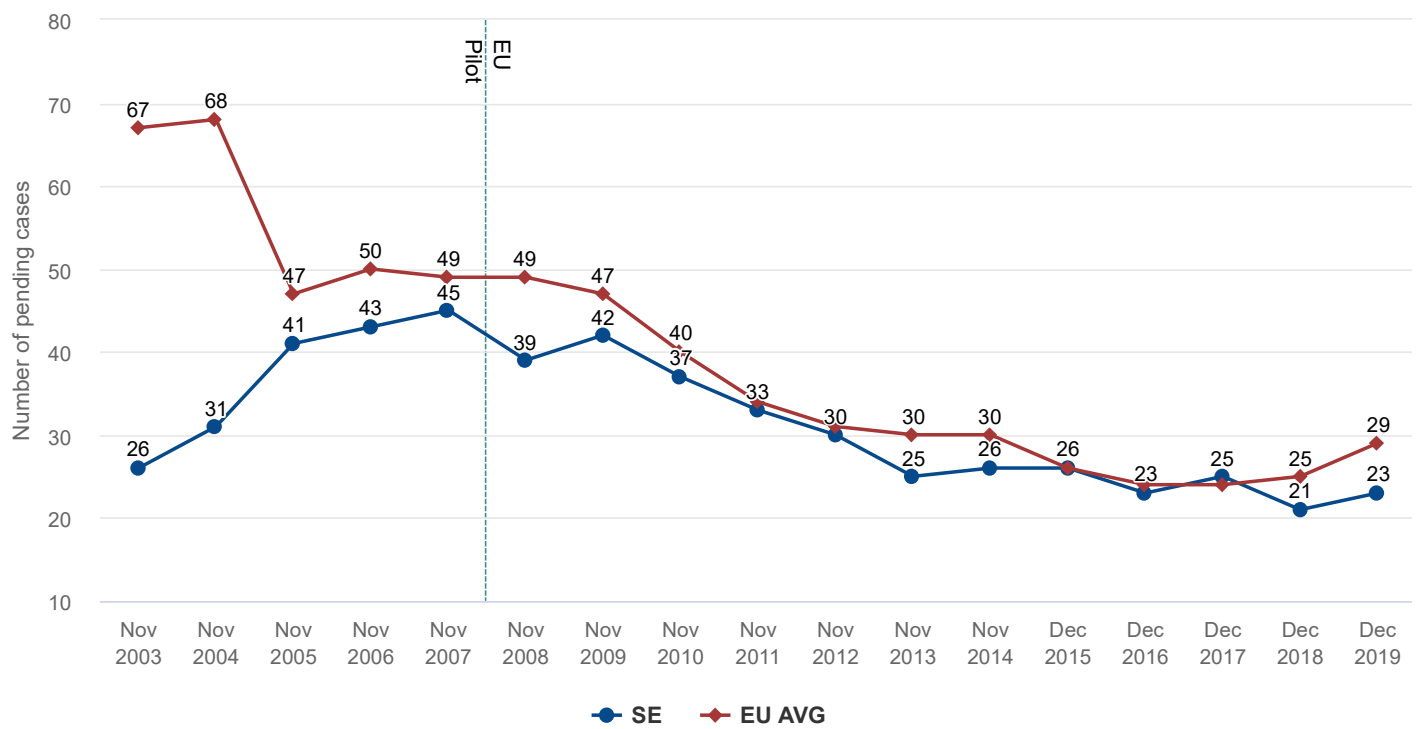
This is the 3rd highest decrease (13.8 months) within a year. Sweden is now below the EU average duration. This is because Sweden managed to resolve 7 cases recently, including 2 with long average duration (1 on water protection and management running for 11 years and the other on health and consumers running for almost 7 years). Concerning the remaining case, the number of cases with a longer duration (8) is balanced by the number of cases that have been recently launched (13).

Compliance with court rulings: 57.5 months for the 3 Single Market related cases at this stage of the procedure (last report: 27.5 months) – huge increase of 30 months, the highest rise within a year.

EU average = 29.5 months

This huge increase results from Sweden recently solving a case that needed almost 10 years for compliance. This weighs heavily in the calculation of the average duration (the 2 other cases have a compliance duration of 27.5 months on average). Sweden is now the Member State with the 2nd highest compliance duration.

Evolution of infringement cases – Sweden



EU Pilot

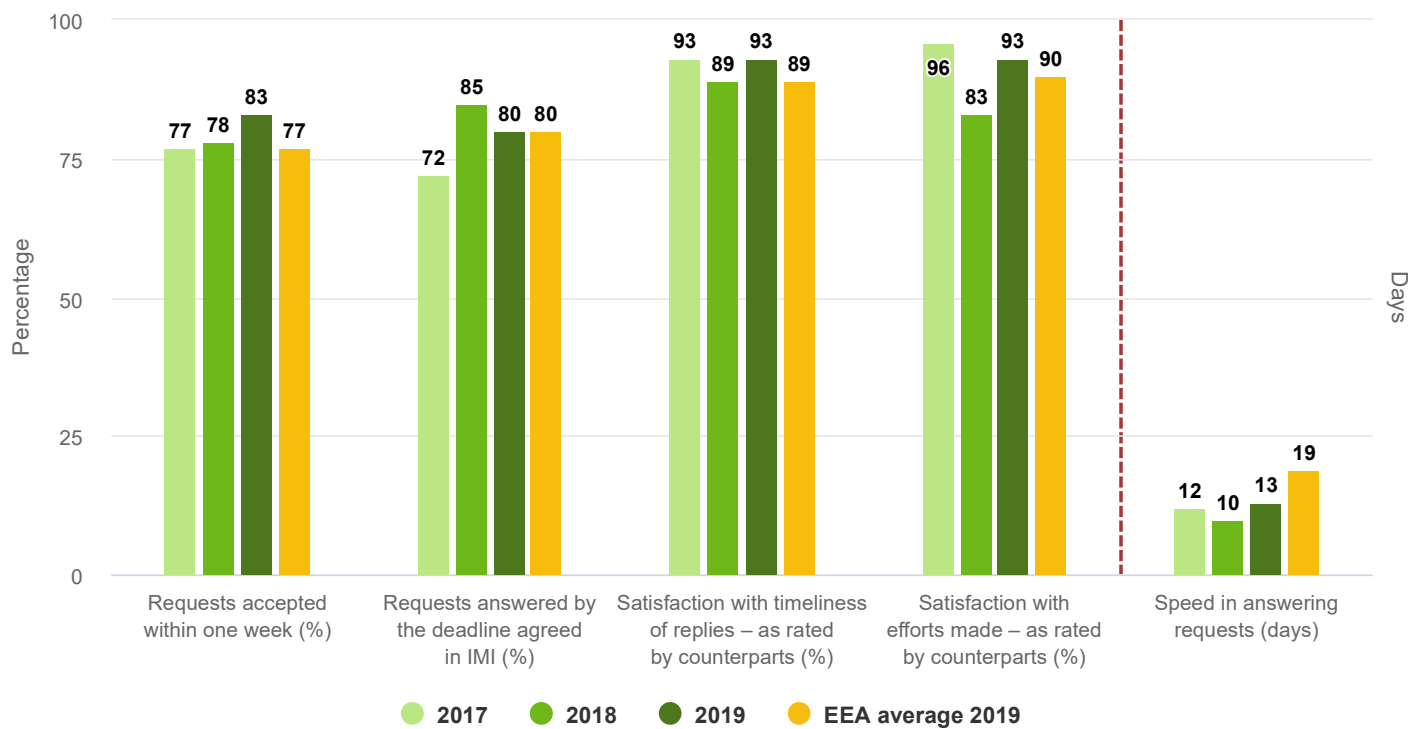
Sweden's average response time currently exceeds the 70-day time limit in EU Pilot by less than a week.

Internal Market Information System

Performance – Sweden performed very well.

- 3 of 5 indicators showed improvement compared to the previous year.
- The percentage of requests accepted in one week increased significantly.
- On average Sweden answered requests in less than 2 weeks, with 60% answered within 1 week.

Internal Market Information System – Sweden



EURES

National provider: [Arbetsförmedlingen](#) (Swedish Employment Service)

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?

Portal for citizens migrating to Sweden in Sweden in Swedish, English and Russian (plus selected content in a number of other languages): migrationsverket.se

Business portal in Swedish and English: verksam.se

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
- back-linking from national websites to Your Europe; no promotional activities reported

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
- link national websites to Your Europe

Make an effort to:

- raise awareness about Your Europe within the national administration and among potential end users



- **Caseload – medium**

Submitted cases – 43 (46 in 2018)

Received cases – 71 (81 in 2018)

Cases not accepted – 61 (new indicator)

- **Resolution rate – 63 % (78 % in 2018)**

- **Handling time (home centre)**

*Reply in 7 days: 80 % (66 % in 2018) – **good***

*Cases prepared in 30 days: 93 % (63 % in 2018) – **good***

*Solutions accepted within 7 days: 86 % (87 % in 2018) – **good***

*Cases not accepted within 30 days: 74 % (new indicator) – **poor***

- **Handling time (lead centre)**

*Cases accepted within 7 days: 85 % (73 % in 2018) – **good***

*Cases closed in 10 weeks: 86 % (81 % in 2018) – **good***

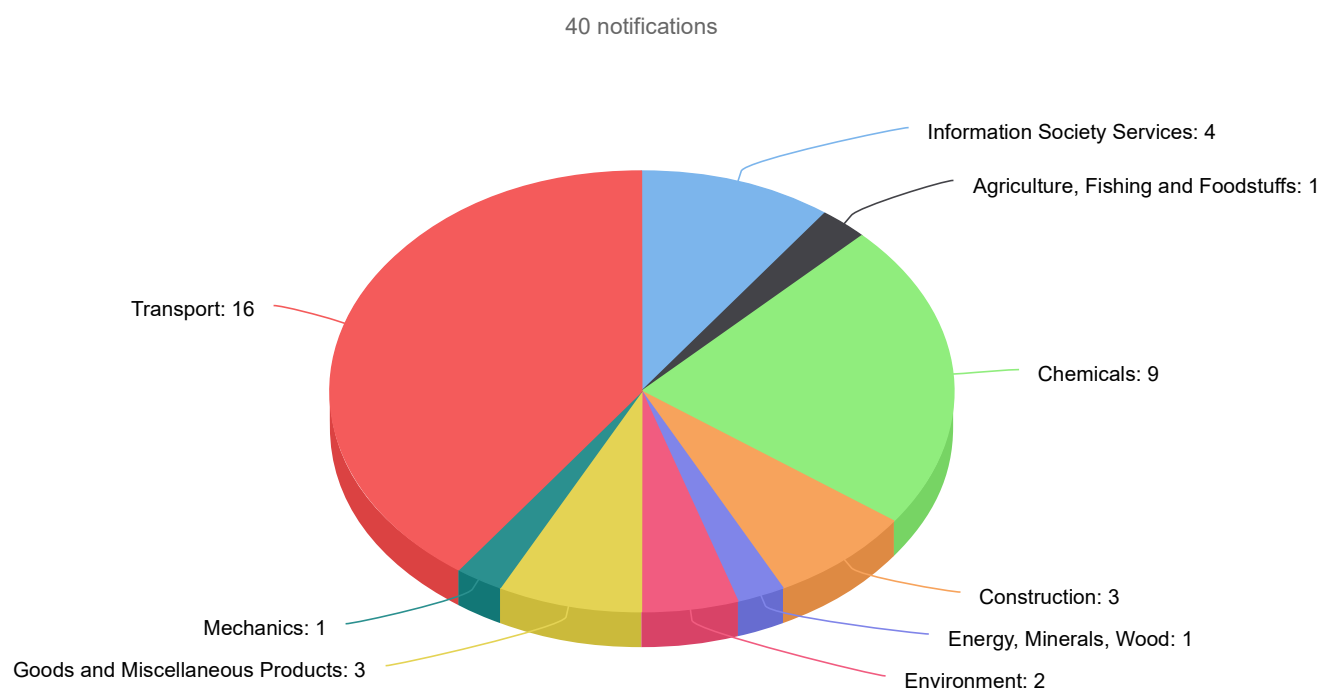
- **Staffing**

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

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

Technical Regulations Information System

Notifications per sector



Points of Single Contact

- 11 out of 20 analysed procedures (9 do not exist) are available partially online.
- Online procedures are not accessible for cross-border businesses.
- Broad range of information is available in another language.
- User feedback is collected systematically and used to improve the quality of the service provided.
- Points identified for improvement:
 - making procedures available fully online;
 - cross-border accessibility of online procedures.

Public procurement

Overall, Sweden's performance in 2019 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:

- **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:** better. In 2018, 98.6 % of letters were delivered the next day.



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

Sweden's trade integration in the single market for goods and services is just above the EU average. In 2018, trade integration for goods increased markedly, while trade integration for services decreased slightly.

		Goods	Services
Intra-EU trade integration	% GDP 2018	20.9	7.8
	Change 2017 – 2018	6.1	-0.8
Intra-EU imports	% GDP 2018	21.9	8.5
	Change 2017 – 2018	6.2	-0.2

Foreign Direct Investment (FDI)

In 2018, Sweden had a decrease in both its inward and outward intra-EU FDI flows, with the former decreasing more than the latter. Sweden's intra-EU FDI stocks, instead, did not change much compared to the previous year.

	Intra-EU FDI flows		Intra-EU FDI stocks	
	inward	outward	inward	outward
Year-on-year percentage change 2017 – 18	-1.07	-0.74	-0.02	0.03

For what concerns the extra-EU dimension, in 2018 changes in both extra-EU FDI flows and stocks were of modest magnitude in Sweden, with the largest change occurring in extra-EU FDI outflows.

	Extra-EU FDI flows		Extra-EU FDI stocks	
	inward	outward	inward	outward
Year-on-year percentage change 2017 – 18	-0.08	0.17	-0.01	0.07