



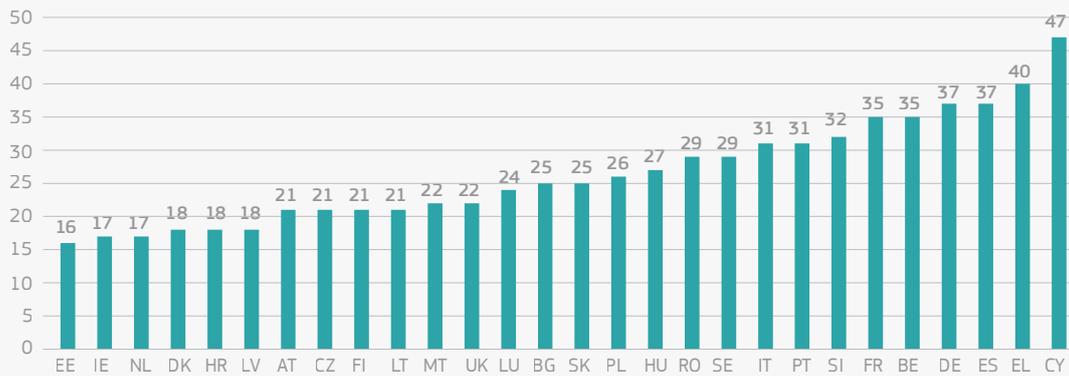
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Monitoring the Application of European Union Law

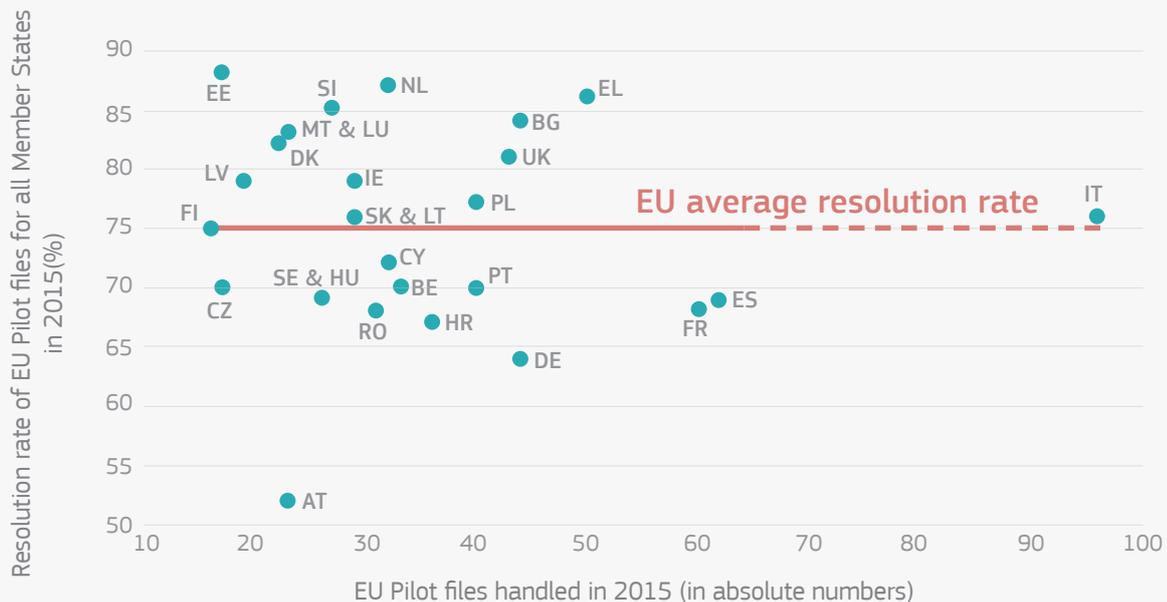
Annual Report 2015

In 2015, the Commission launched 742 new procedures - by sending a letter of formal notice - and issued 248 reasoned opinions. At the end of 2015, there were 1,368 open infringement cases. The number of new late-transposition infringement cases went down in 2015 (543) compared to 2014 (585).

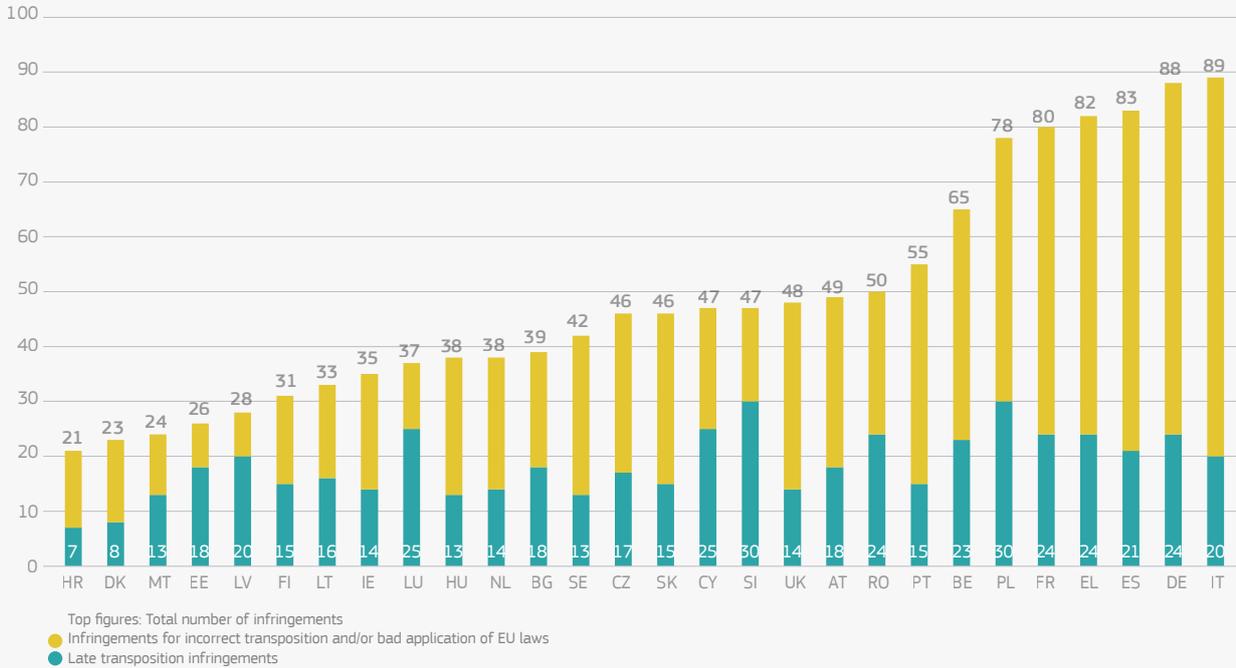
New infringement cases by Member State on 31 December 2015



EU Pilot files: resolution rate by Member State in 2015



Number of infringement cases in EU-28 on 31 December 2015



1368 open infringement cases in 2015: main policy areas



Conclusions

- The number of infringement procedures in 2015 shows that ensuring the timely and correct application of EU legislation in the Member States remains a challenge. The Commission will further strengthen its response when breaches of EU law are detected. The adoption of the Better Regulation Package in May 2015 provides Member States with support and assistance to facilitate implementation. This includes a wide array of tools (guidance documents, meetings, workshops, expert bodies, implementation and ex-post evaluation reports, etc.). At the same time, the Commission intends to strengthen the enforcement of EU law based on structured and systematic transposition and conformity checks of national legislation.
- Member States should also step up their efforts to comply, for the benefit of the public and businesses alike.
- In line with the Juncker Commission's focus on priority files ("big on big, small on small"), current approaches to the Commission's enforcement policy are evolving and new approaches are being examined.