

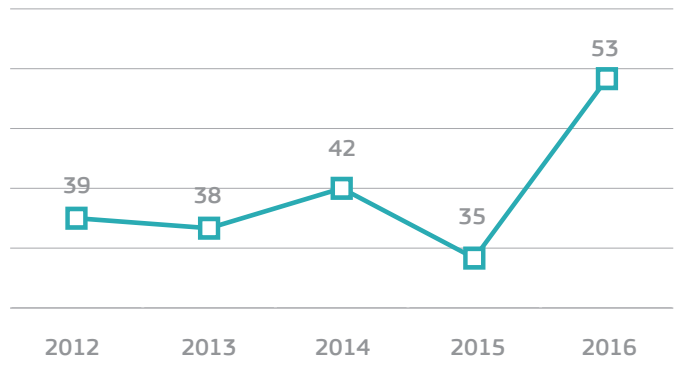


Monitoring the Application of European Union Law

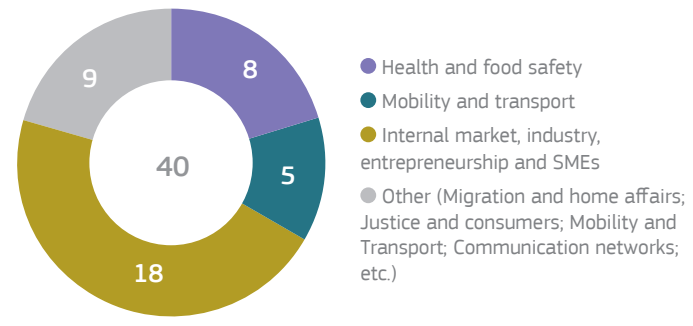
Annual Report 2016

New complaints against Ireland more than doubled in 2016 and open infringement cases at year-end jumped to a five-year high. New infringement cases for late transposition of directives also more than doubled to the highest level for 5 years. On a more positive note, the number of new EU Pilot files fell to a five-year low.

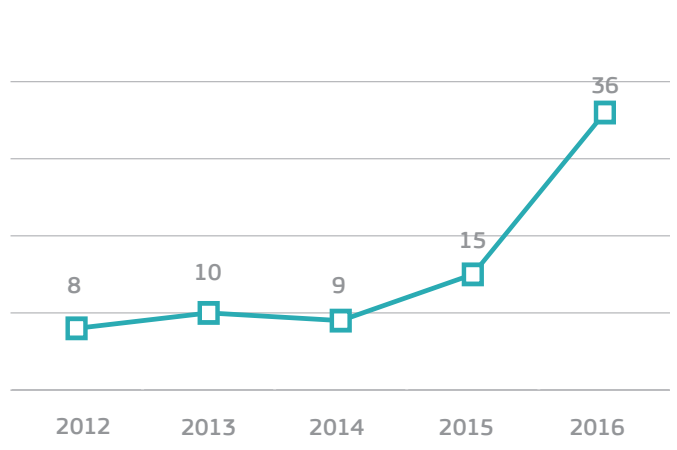
Infringement cases open on 31 December



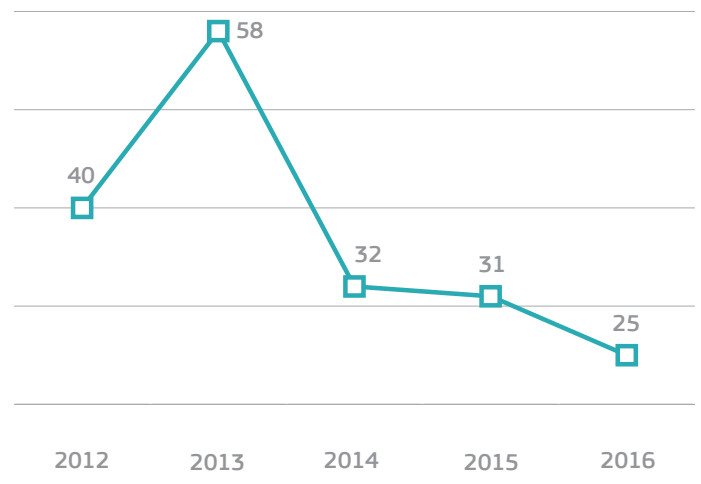
New infringement cases opened in 2016: main policy areas



New late transposition infringement cases



New EU Pilot files opened





Relevant rulings of the European Courts:

In preliminary rulings, the Court ruled, amongst others, that the principle of effectiveness must be interpreted as precluding a national procedural rule which requires an application for subsidiary protection status to be made within 15 working days of notification, by the competent authority, that an applicant whose asylum application has been rejected may make an application for subsidiary protection.¹

¹ Danqua, [C-429/15](#).