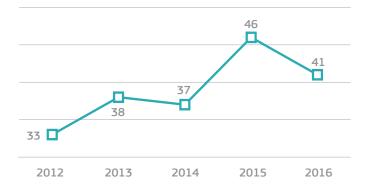
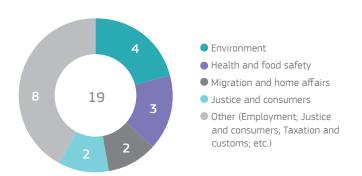


New complaints against Slovakia in 2016 continued the steady fall seen since 2012. New EU Pilot files have decreased since 2012 and are now at their lowest for 5 years. Open infringement cases also fell from their 2015 peak. New infringement cases for late transposition held steady.

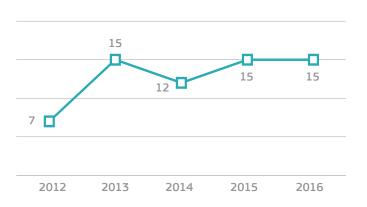
#### Infringement cases open on 31 December



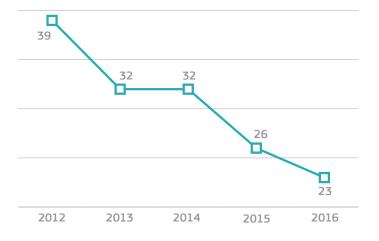
## New infringement cases opened in 2016: main policy areas



# New late transposition infringement cases



## New EU Pilot files opened





### Relevant rulings of the European Courts

In preliminary rulings, the Court held, amongst others, that a lender must include in a consumer credit agreement all the information required under the Directive on consumer credit.<sup>1</sup> Failure to do so may be penalised by Member States by depriving the lender of an entitlement to interest and charges. Such a penalty is permitted where the information covers matters which, if not included may compromise the consumer's ability to assess the extent of his liability.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Directive 2008/48/EC.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Home Credit Slovakia, <u>C-42/15</u> and Court press release <u>No 119/16.</u>