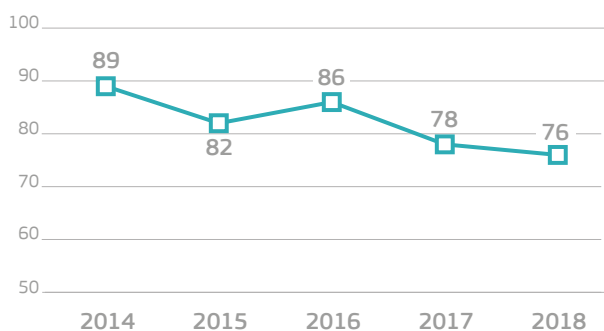


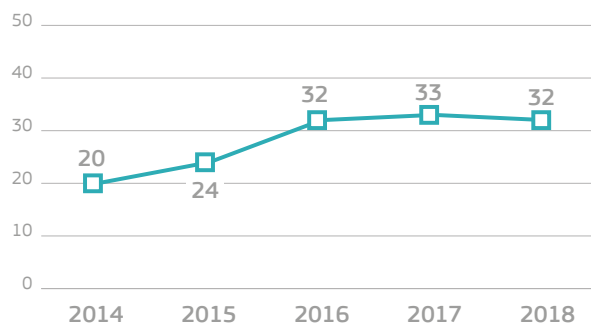
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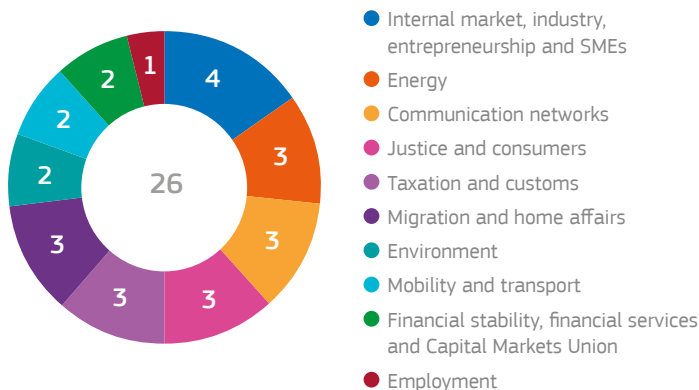
Infringement cases open as of 31 December 2018



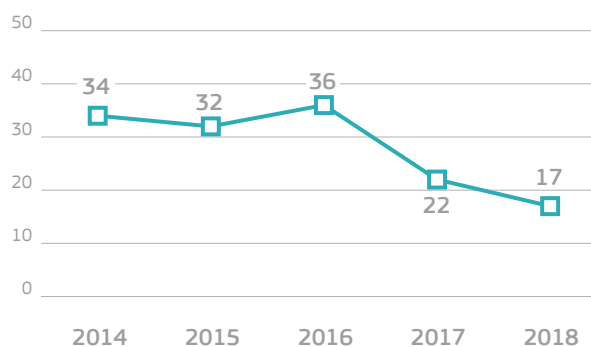
Late transposition¹ infringement cases open as of 31 December 2018



New infringement cases opened in 2018: main policy areas



New late transposition infringement cases opened in 2018



1. Number of infringement cases due to failure to implement an EU Directive into national law on time.



Relevant rulings of the European Courts:

In rulings, the Court held, amongst others, that:

- Greece has failed to comply with an earlier Court judgment² that it had failed to fulfil its obligations under the Urban Waste Water Treatment Directive by not taking the measures necessary for the installation of a collection system for urban waste water from the Thriasio Pedio area and by not subjecting the area's waste water to more stringent treatment before its discharge into the sensitive area of the Gulf of Elefsina, Greece. The Court ordered Greece to pay a lump sum of EUR 5 million and a sliding-scale periodic penalty payment of EUR 3 276 000 for each six-month period of delay until full compliance is achieved³.*
- The Greek rules allowing the sale of tax-exempt fuel by filling stations located in certain border posts at frontiers with third countries are contrary to the EU provisions on general arrangements for excise duty⁴.*
- Greece has failed to comply with an earlier Court judgment⁵ finding that it had failed to implement a Commission decision ordering the recovery of State aid granted to Hellenic Shipyards. The Court ordered Greece to pay a lump sum of EUR 10 million and a penalty payment of EUR 7 294 000 for each 6 months of delay until full compliance is achieved⁶.*

2. Commission v Greece, [C-119/02](#).

3. Commission v Greece, [C-328/16](#) and Court press release No 17/18.

4. Commission v Greece, [C-590/16](#).

5. Commission v Greece, [C-485/10](#).

6. Commission v Greece, [C-93/17](#) and Court press release No 172/18.