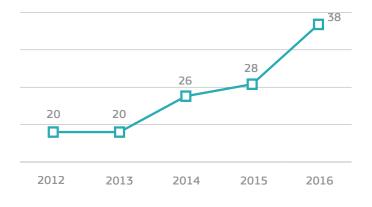
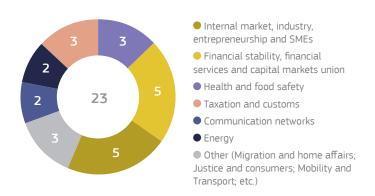


Compared to 2016, new complaints doubled to their highest level since 2012 while the number of new EU Pilot files rose slightly after several years of steady decrease. Open infringement cases and new cases for late transposition also continued to increase.

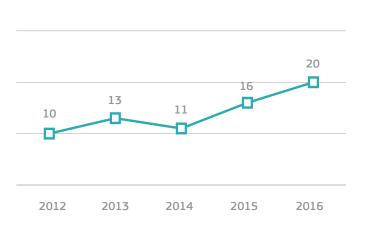
Infringement cases open on 31 December



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 Member State is not required to grant every EU citizen who has moved within its territory the same protection against extradition as that granted to its own nationals. However, before extraditing the citizen, the Member State concerned must give priority to the exchange of information with the Member State of origin and allow that Member State to request the citizen's surrender for the purposes of prosecution.¹

 1 Petruhhin, <u>C-182/15</u> and Court press release <u>No 84/16</u>.