



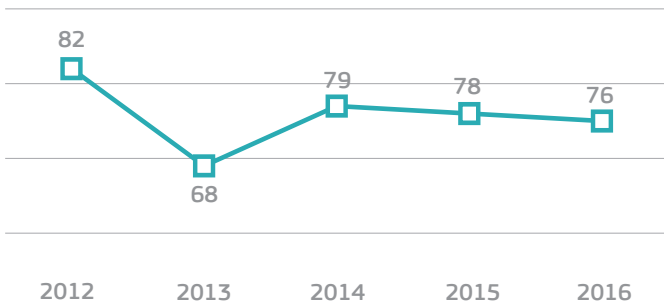
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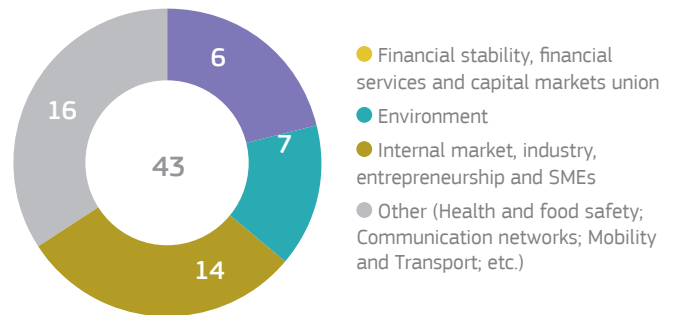
## Annual Report 2016

New complaints against Poland in 2016 continued to fall from 2013's peak while EU Pilot files held steady. The number of open infringement cases continued the gentle downward trend seen since the previous year. New infringement cases for late transposition continued to rise, reaching a peak of twice their 2012 level.

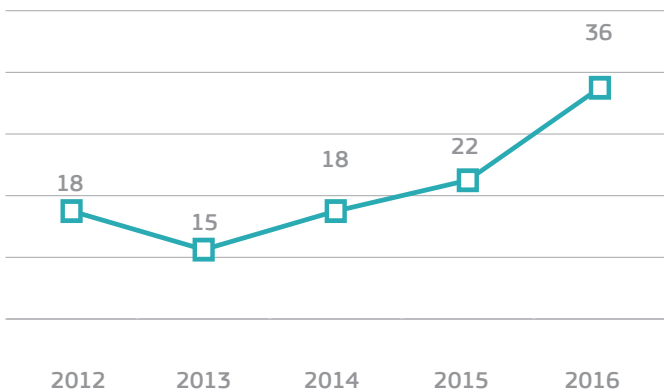
Infringement cases open on 31 December



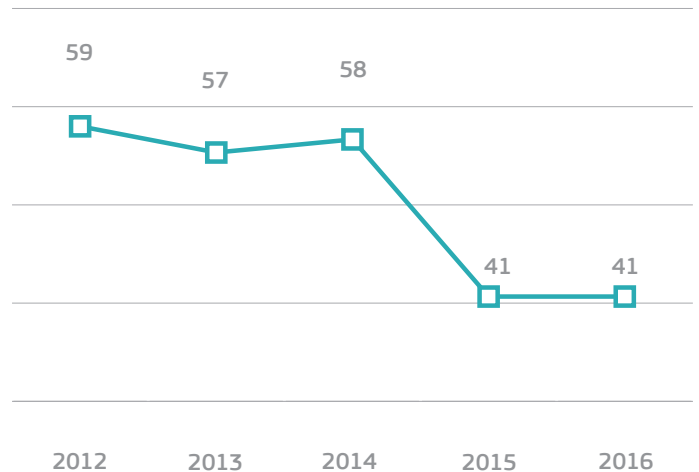
New infringement cases opened in 2016: main policy areas



New late transposition infringement cases



New EU Pilot files opened





## Relevant rulings of the European Courts:

1. The Court ruled that:
  - Poland has failed to transpose correctly into its national legal framework several provisions of the Water Framework Directive;<sup>1</sup>
  - Poland has failed to establish a national electronic register and to interconnect with the national electronic registers of other Member States.<sup>2</sup>
2. In preliminary rulings, the Court held, amongst others, that subjecting the organisation of games of chance and gaming on machines to the requirement to hold a licence to operate a gaming casino does not fall within the concept of 'technical regulation' under the Single Market Transparency Directive.<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Directive [2000/60/EC](#), Commission v Poland, [C-648/13](#).

<sup>2</sup> Regulation (EC) No [1071/2009](#), Commission v Poland, [C-23/16](#).

<sup>3</sup> Directive [2015/1535/EU](#), M. and S. [C-303/15](#).