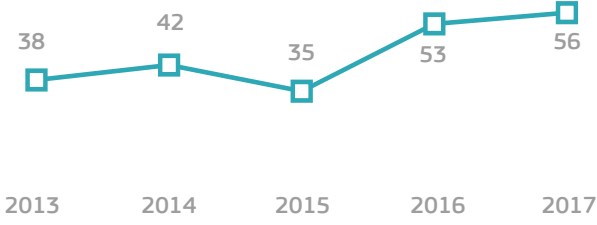




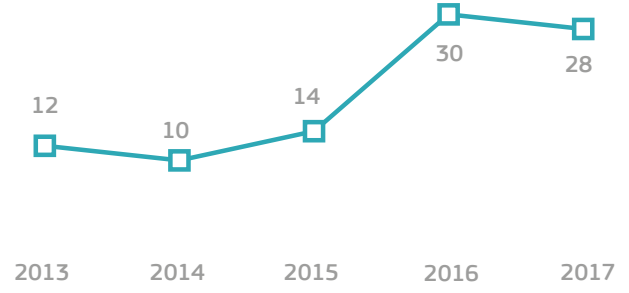
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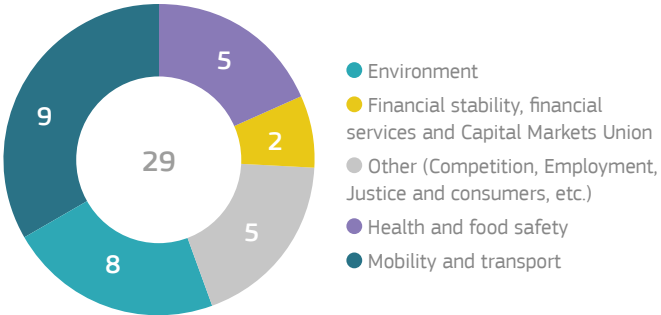
Infringement cases open as of 31 December 2017



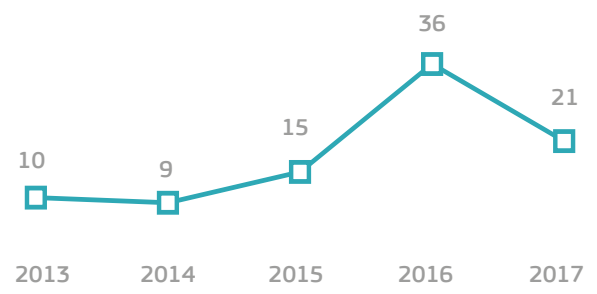
Late transposition¹ infringement cases



New infringement cases opened in 2017: main policy areas



New late transposition² infringement cases



¹ Number of infringement cases pending against this Member State on 31.12.2017 due to failure to implement an EU directive into national law on time.
² Number of new infringement cases opened against this Member State in 2017 due to failure to implement an EU directive into national law on time.



Relevant rulings of the European Courts:

1. *The Court of Justice of the EU ruled that Ireland's legislation levied the full amount of car tax on leased or rented vehicles even if the precise duration of the lease or rent is known (e.g. based on a leasing or rental contract). Even though the amount levied in excess is refunded once the vehicle is registered in another country, the rules qualify as a disproportionate obstacle to the freedom to provide services³.*
2. *In preliminary rulings, the Court ruled, amongst others, that an EU citizen who, after more than one year, has ceased to work in a self-employed capacity in another Member State for reasons beyond his control retains the status of self-employed person and, consequently, a right to reside in that Member State⁴.*

³ Commission v Ireland, [C-552/15](#), [IP/15/5355](#), [MEMO/15/5356](#).

⁴ Gusa, [C-442/16](#) and Court press release [No 144/17](#).