

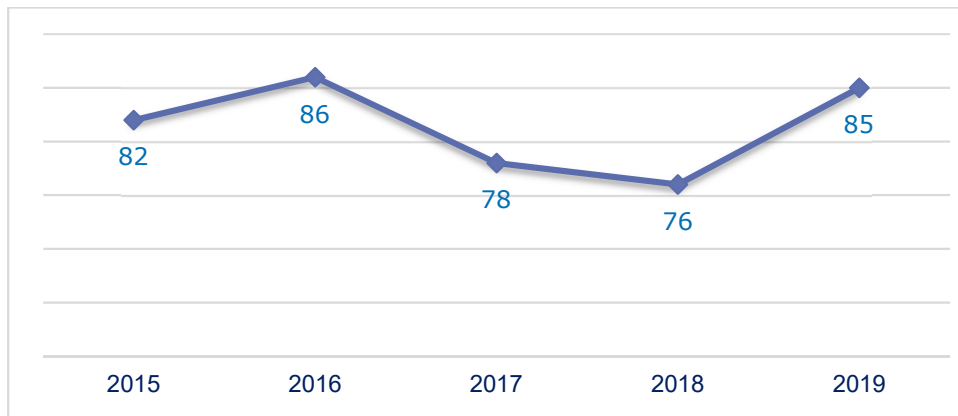
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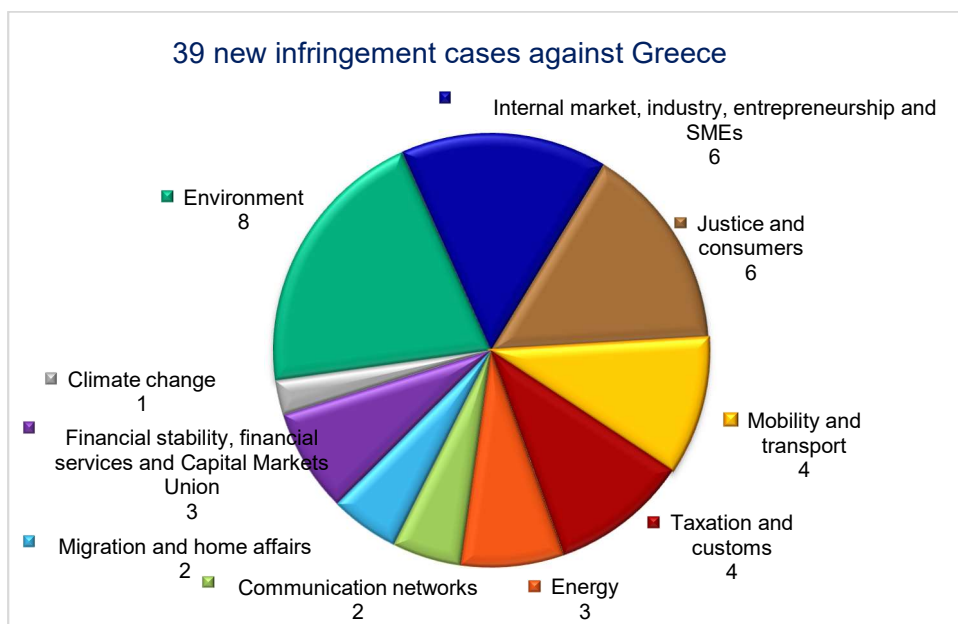
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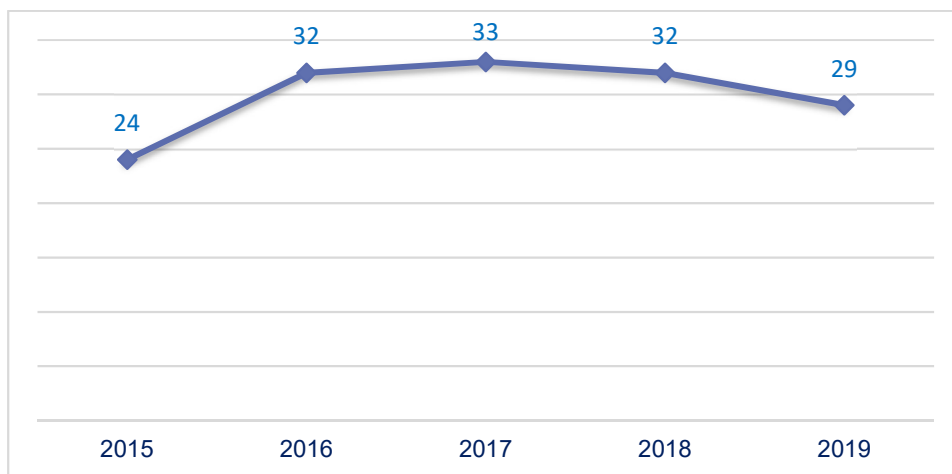
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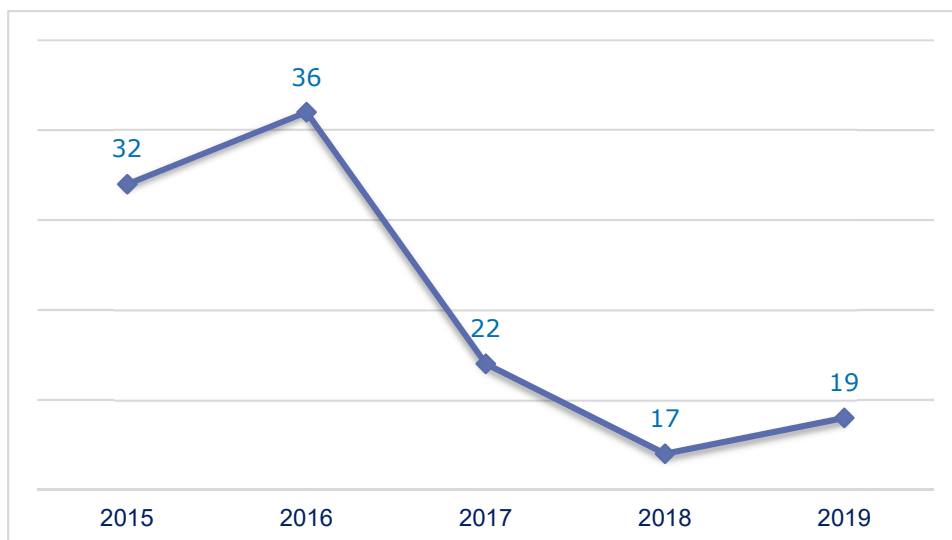
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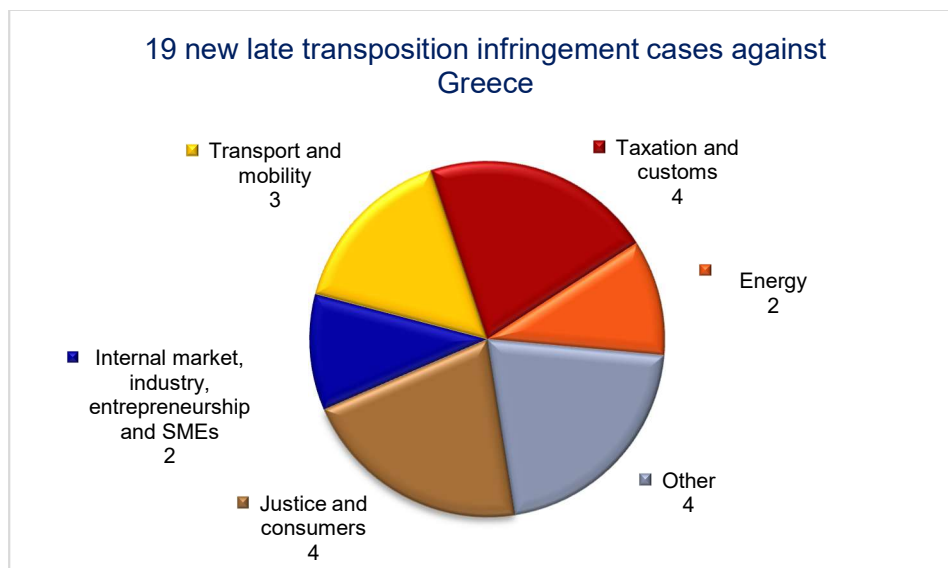
Late transposition infringement cases against Greece open on 31 December (2015-2019)



New late transposition infringement cases against Greece (2015-2019)



New late transposition infringement cases opened in 2019: policy areas



IMPORTANT JUDGMENTS

Court rulings

The Court ruled that:

- Greece introduced illegal additional requirements to the training of mediators, in breach of EU rules¹.
- Greece's application of a reduced excise duty rate on the spirit drinks, Tsipouro and Tsikoudia, produced by systematic distilleries, and the application of a super-reduced rate to those spirits produced by small occasional distillers are both incompatible with EU law².

Preliminary rulings

The Court addressed the following preliminary rulings to the Greek judiciary:

- The Directive on the transfer of undertakings may, under certain conditions, apply in a situation where the transferor, the transferee or both envisage not only the pursuit of the activity transferred, but also the future liquidation of the transferee itself³.
- When the public is not put in a position to actually participate in the environmental impact assessment for a project, a time limit cannot be imposed on the public to bring proceedings against the decision granting consent for the project⁴.

Greek legislation prohibiting a monk who has the status of lawyer in another Member State from registering at the bar, on account of the incompatibility between the status of monk and the profession of lawyer, is contrary to EU law⁵.

¹ Commission v Greece, [C-729/17](#).

² Commission v Greece, [C-91/18](#).

³ Ellinika Nafpigeia, [C-664/17](#).

⁴ Flausch and Others, [C-280/18](#) and Court press release No 137/2019.

⁵ Monachos Eirinaios, [C-431/17](#) and Court press release No 56/2019.