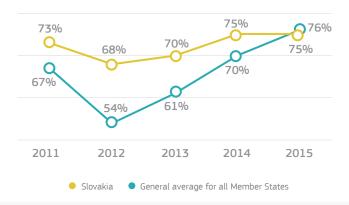


In 2015, new complaints against Slovakia continued the steady fall since 2011. New EU Pilot files have decreased since 2012 and are now at their lowest point in five years. By contrast, open infringement cases increased sharply to above the previous peak in 2011. New infringement cases for late transposition also rose but were still below the 2011 level.

# New EU Pilot files opened



## EU Pilot files: evolution of the resolution rate







# TRANSPOSITION OF DIRECTIVES New late transposition infringement cases 7 15 15 15 12 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015

# 25 new infringement cases opened in 2015: main policy areas



# 15 new late transposition infringement cases opened in 2015: main policy areas





### The Court ruled that:

- the Christmas bonus does not infringe the Social Security Regulation as the bonus is not paid exclusively to recipients of old-age pensions.<sup>1</sup>
- the disabled persons' benefit does not infringe the Social Security Regulation as the competent authority is able to take into consideration the claimant's personal circumstances, in addition to objective criteria, when granting the benefit.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Commission v Slovakia, <u>C-361/13</u>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Commission v Slovakia, <u>C-433/13</u>.