



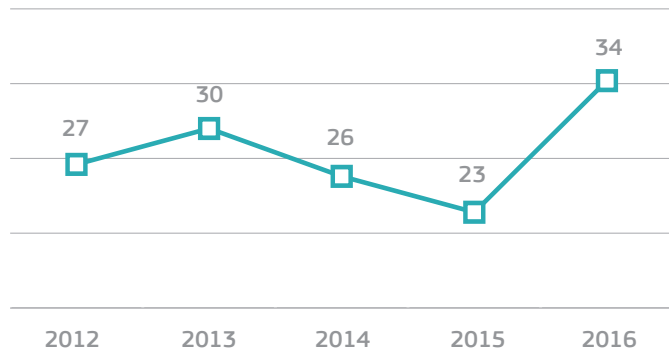
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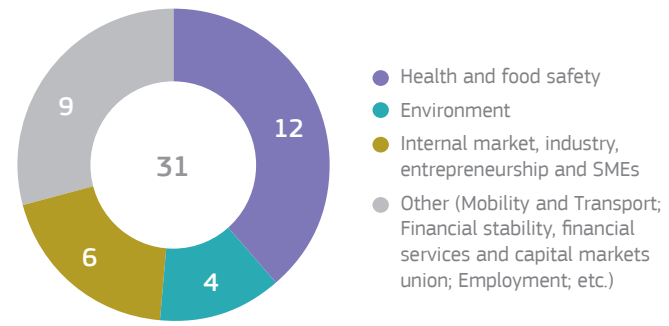
## Annual Report 2016

Compared to 2016, new complaints rose to their highest level since 2012, while the number of new EU Pilot files also increased after the sharp fall from its 2013 peak. Both open infringement cases and new cases for late transposition also rose considerably, reaching five-year highs.

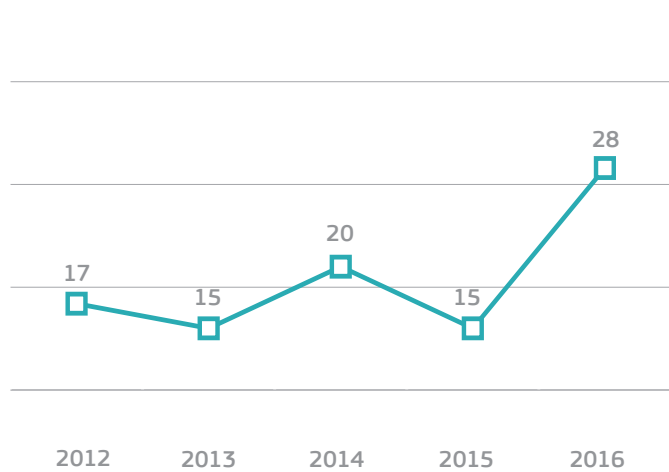
Infringement cases open on 31 December



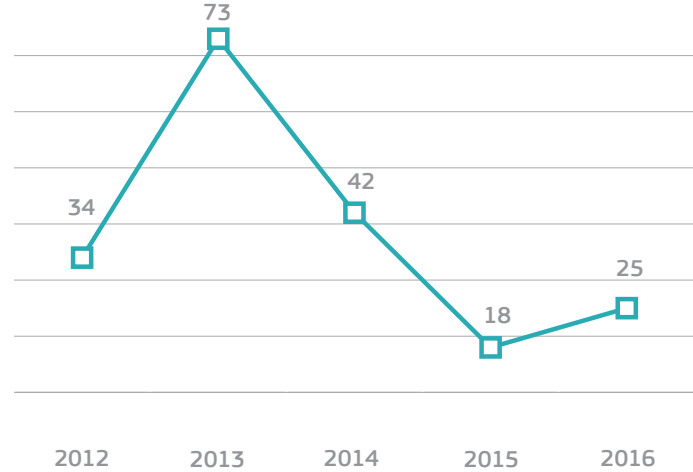
New infringement cases opened in 2016: main policy areas



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 the objective of ensuring the successful integration of non-EU nationals in the Member State concerned may constitute an overriding reason in the public interest which Member States can legitimately invoke to justify new restrictions on the rights of residence of Turkish citizens and their family members in relation to the standstill clauses of the EU-Turkey association law, provided that they are proportionate to the objectives pursued.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> GenC, [C-561/14](#).