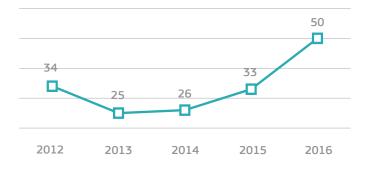
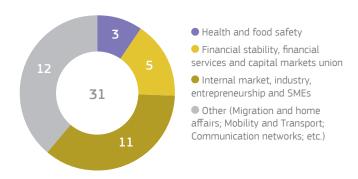


In 2016, new complaints against Lithuania fell after rising for 2 years. The number of new EU Pilot files continued its downward trend. However, both the numbers of open infringement cases and of new cases for late transposition rose to their highest levels since 2012.

Infringement cases open on 31 December



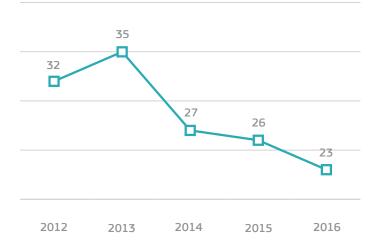
New infringement cases opened in 2016: main policy areas



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 an organ of the executive such as the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Lithuania cannot be designated as 'issuing judicial authority' and the act issued by such body cannot be regarded as a 'judicial decision' for the purpose of executing a European arrest warrant.¹

¹ Kovalkovas, <u>C-477/16 PPU</u>.