

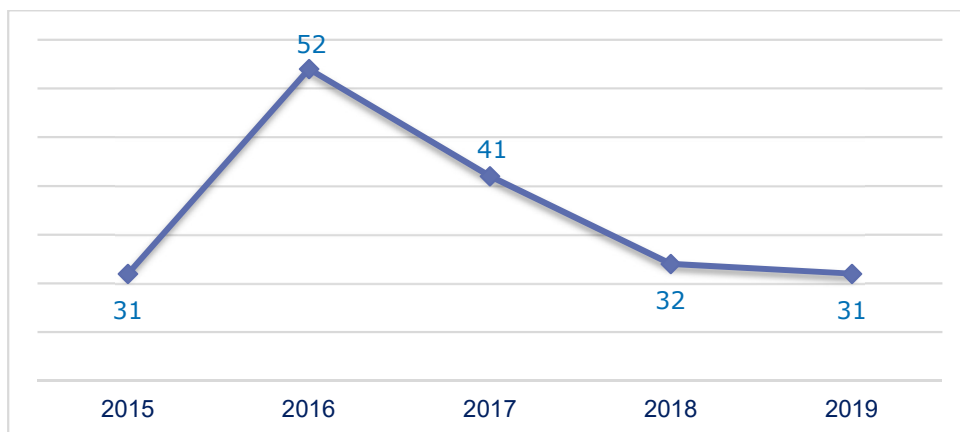
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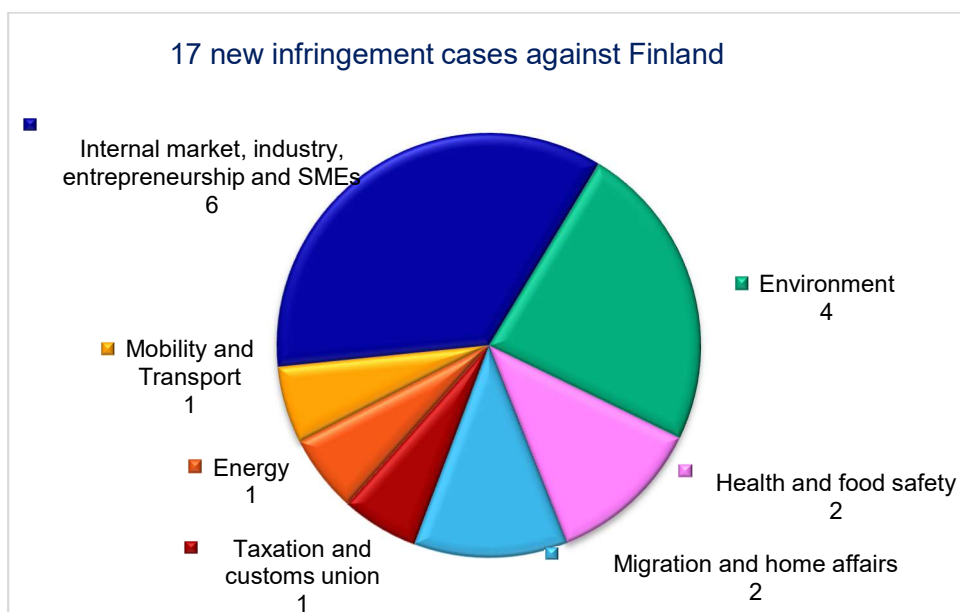
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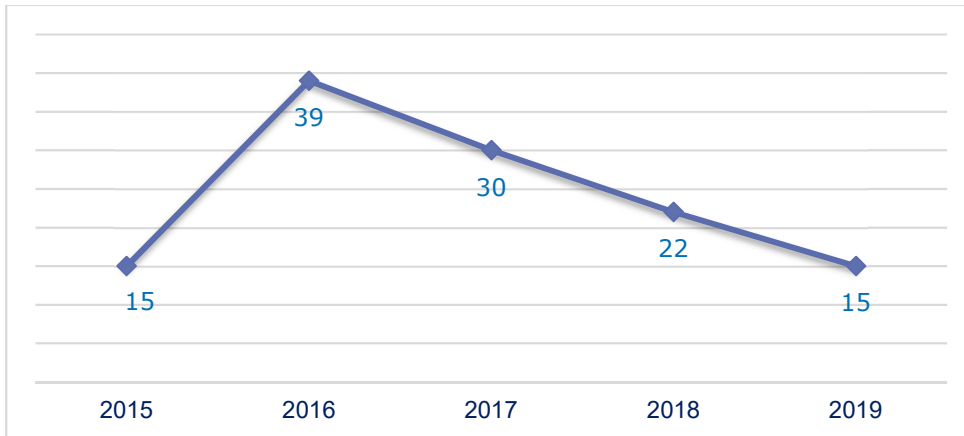
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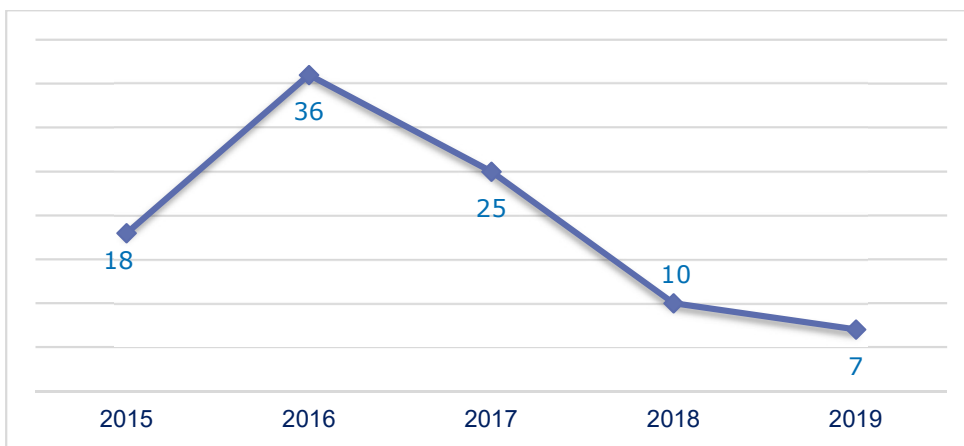
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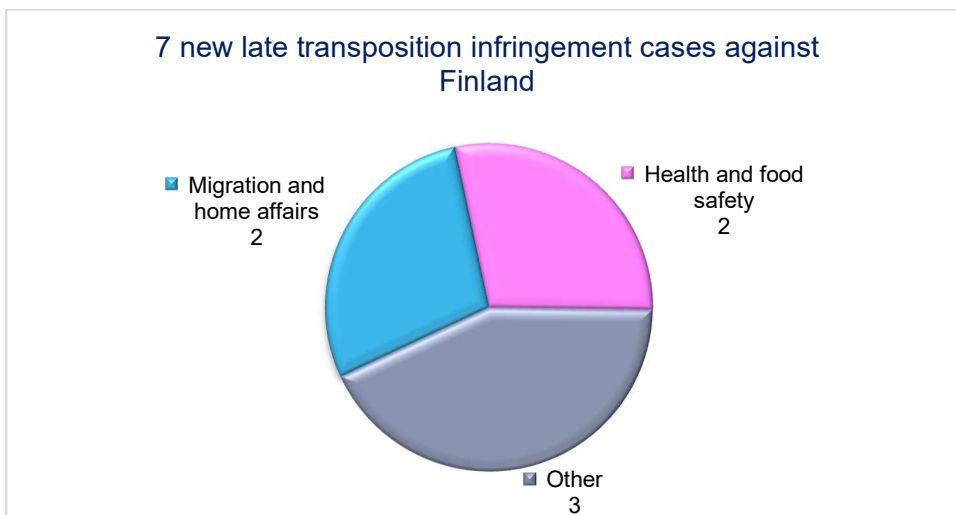
Late transposition infringement cases against Finland open on 31 December (2015-2019)



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



New late transposition infringement cases opened in 2019: main policy areas





IMPORTANT JUDGMENTS

Court rulings

[There were no major Court rulings in 2019.]

Preliminary rulings

[The Court addressed the following preliminary rulings to the Finnish judiciary:]

- Wolf hunting for population management purposes, the objective of which is to combat poaching, is not compliant with the Habitats Directive where the strict conditions for derogations from the protection system are not fulfilled. There are very strict limitations to the use of derogations for the hunting of wolves and other large carnivores, and the possibility to use hunting as a management tool for wolf conservation is very limited¹.
- The Energy Efficiency Directive does not prevent energy companies from giving customers discounts to encourage the uptake of electronic billing delivery methods².

¹ Directive [92/43/EEC](#), Luonnonsuojeluyhdistys Tapiola, [C-674/17](#).

² Directive [2012/27/EU](#), Oulun Sähkömyynti, [C-294/18](#).