



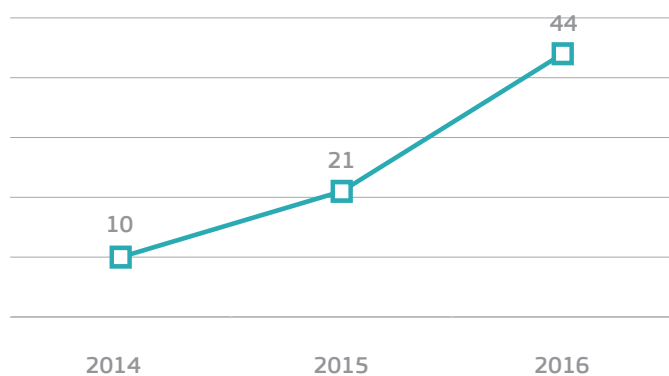
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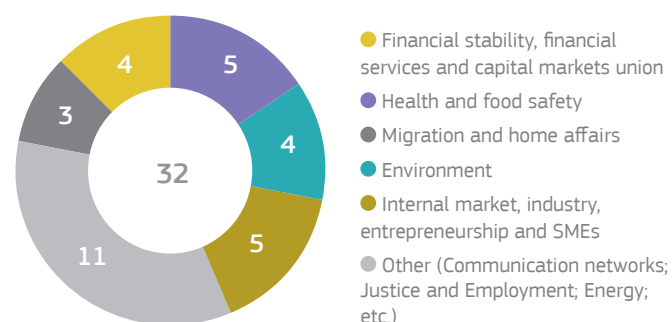
Annual Report 2016

New complaints against Croatia continued to drop in 2016, to less than half their 2014 peak. The number of new EU Pilot files also fell slightly. In contrast, infringement cases open at the end of the year doubled. New infringement cases for late transposition also reached a new peak.

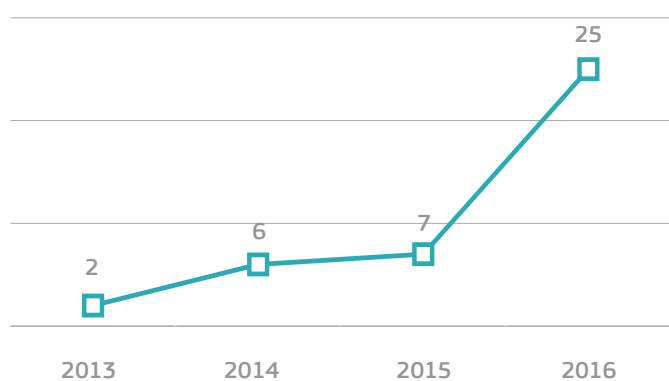
Infringement cases open on 31 December



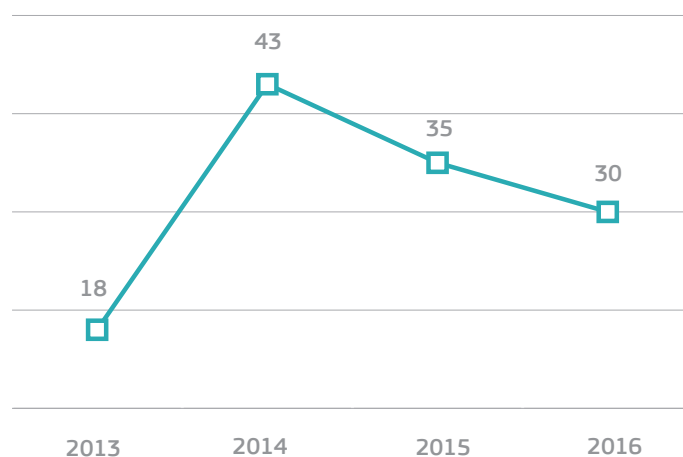
New infringement cases opened in 2016: main policy areas



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 national legislation which provides that the price of water services invoiced to the consumer includes not only a variable component calculated according to the volume of water actually consumed by the person concerned, but also a fixed component not connected with that volume, is compatible with the Water Framework Directive.¹

¹ Directive [2000/60/EC](#), Vodoopskrba i odvodnja, [C-686/15](#).