



European Commission Single Market Scoreboard

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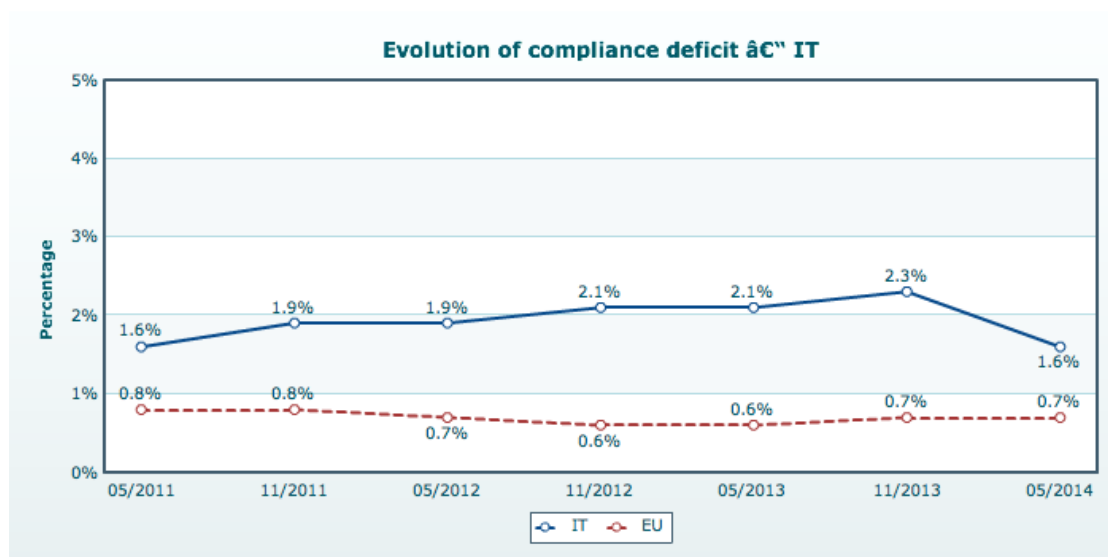
Italy

Transposition of law

Italy's transposition deficit relating to the Single Market is at 0.7 % (nine directives), which equals the EU average. Compared to its last performance, Italy is the Member States with the most significant achievement within the last six months having more than halved its transposition deficit from previously 18 directives. On average, it takes Italy 4.4 extra months to transpose directives, which is significantly below the EU average of 7.5 months and one month quicker than previously.

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Concerning the conformity of the transposition measures notified to the Commission, Italy's compliance deficit is at 1.6 %, which is the second-highest in the EU and more than twice the average of 0.7 %, the target deficit proposed in the Single Market Act being at 0.5 %. It is, however, a decrease of 0.7 %.



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Infringements

Italy has 66 pending infringement proceedings relating to Single Market legislation. This constitutes a sharp decrease of seven cases compared to the last assessment period, but Italy's number of infringement cases remains the highest among the Member States. Sectors with significant numbers of cases include public procurement (6 cases), indirect taxation, justice and waste management (5 cases each).

The average duration of Italian pending cases is 27.5 months, which is in line with the EU average, but an increase of more than 2 months compared to November 2013. It requires Italy however 24.4 months to comply with a court ruling following infringement proceedings, which is more than six months above average and two months longer than previously.

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EU Pilot

The average response time of Italy is currently outside of the 70-day benchmark in EU Pilot.

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Internal Market Information System

- Italy's overall performance in IMI is below the EU average and should be improved.
- Italian authorities were faster at accepting requests than before, but the time to reply to incoming requests and the performance on deadlines are still well below the EU average.

- Counterparts seem to be rather dissatisfied with the timeliness of Italian answers and with the efforts made by the contacted authorities. This number becomes even more significant when one considers that Italian authorities receive a high number of requests from other countries.

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EURES

LPS, the Ministry of Labour and Social Policies, is the EURES member organisation responsible for providing EURES services in Italy. There are currently 66 EURES Advisers in Italy. The overall performance is good even if the ratio of placements could be increased.

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Your Europe

Italy is contributing very well to both the citizens and the business section of Your Europe. Furthermore, the member of the Editorial Board is very proactive in promoting Your Europe at country level, in particular through links on national websites. He also proactively shares knowledge and know-how with peers.

Italy should continue to invest in and promote Your Europe by:

- providing information on how Italy applies single market rules when requested via the Editorial Board member;
- attending the Editorial Board meetings organised twice a year;
- raising awareness about Your Europe within the national administrations and among potential end users;
- further linking national websites to Your Europe.

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- **Caseload – one of the five centres with highest caseload** (together with Spain, UK, France and Germany)
Submitted cases – 73 (82 in 2012)
Received cases – 132 (100 in 2012)

- **Resolution rate** – 96 %
- **Handling time** (*Home centre*)
Reply in 7 days – 48 % – **poor**
Cases prepared in 30 days – 87% – **good**
- **Handling time** (*Lead centre*)
Cases closed in 10 weeks – 57 % – **needs improving**
- **Staffing**
Continuity– **good**
Sufficient for current caseload? **YES**
- **More promotion needed?** **YES**

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Points of Single Contact

Point of Single Contact – Impresainungiorno

Performance level – average

Results from 2013 user testing

- *Information* – relevant information hard to find, structure poor and detail lacking.
- *Online procedures* – available but only a small number.
- *Accessibility for businesses from other countries* – lack of information (except very basic) in English and lack of possibilities to complete online procedures from abroad.

Usage trend (*compared with 2012*) – big increase in web traffic and administrative procedures launched.

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Public procurement

In 2013, the reporting year,

- the **bidder participation** score was unsatisfactory. Overall, between 2009 and 2013, the score was also unsatisfactory.
- the **accessibility** score was average. Overall, between 2009 and 2013, the score was also average.
- the **procedural efficiency** score was unsatisfactory, amongst the bottom three. Overall, between 2009 and 2013, the score was also unsatisfactory, and had an increasing trend.

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The colored lines mark the thresholds for **satisfactory** performance (green) and **unsatisfactory** performance (red). The scores in between are regarded as an **average** performance.

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Postal Services

In the Study on the Main developments in the postal sector (2010 - 2013) carried out by WIK Consult, the European countries are grouped into three clusters. Criteria for this categorisation are the absolute gross domestic product (GDP) per capita and the accession date to the European Union:

- Western Member States: Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Ireland, Luxembourg, The Netherlands, Sweden and UK;
- Southern Member States: Cyprus, Greece, Italy, Malta, Portugal and Spain;
- Eastern Member States: Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia and Croatia.

This methodology was also followed in the Scoreboard.

Evolution of domestic prices in PPPs

Purchasing power parity (PPP) prices varied around 0.58 PPPs (2009 and 2011) and 0.59 PPPs (2010 and 2012), and are the second highest in the Southern Member States.

Cross-border price developments in PPPs

In Italy, cross-border prices have increased from 0.63 PPPs (2009) to 0.73 PPPs (2012) in line with the average for Southern Member States.

Transit time performance:

In Italy, the D+1 delivery has improved from 90.70 % (2009) to 92.90 % in 2012, comprehensively surpassing the domestic target of 89. With these results, the country is now an average performer in the Southern Member States.