



Better Regulation: the Importance of Enforcement

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Enforcement of EU Legislation Policy Cycle



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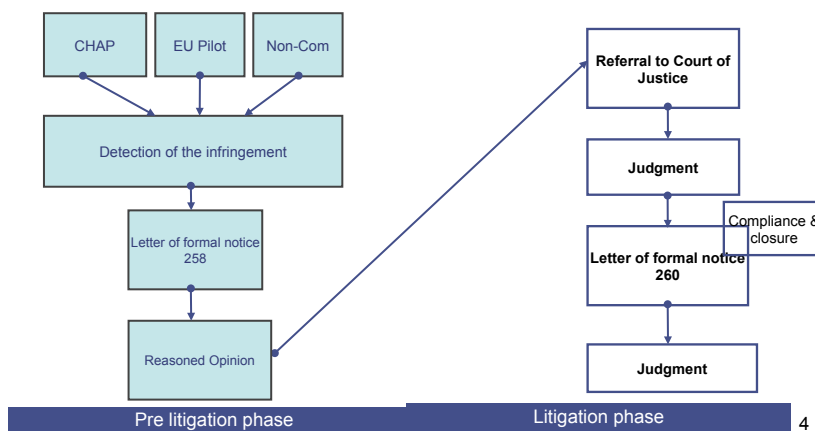
Roles

- **European Commission:**
 - initiates/monitors and enforces
- **Member States:**
 - timely and accurate transposition of directives
 - correct application and implementation
 - national systems for redress and remedies

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How does the EU level enforce the law? Infringement steps



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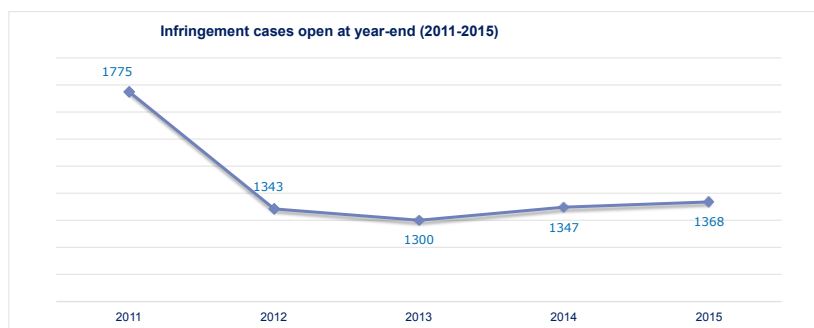
Volume of legislation

- **635** regulations and directives adopted in co-decision
- **7045** acts currently in force (excluding corrigenda, but including amendments) adopted through the legislative procedure
- **13819** Commission acts

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Infringements: 1368 infringement procedures on-going

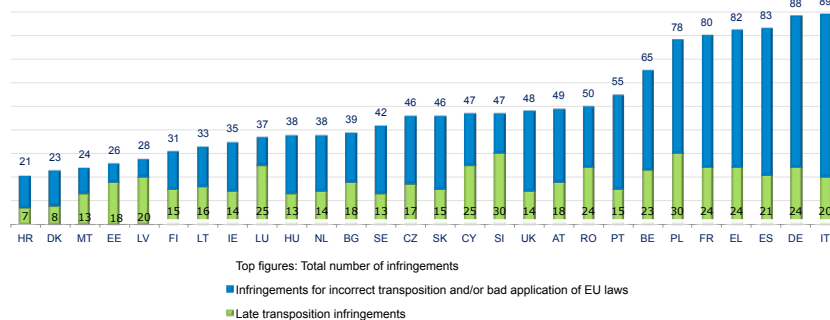


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Number of open infringement cases by Member State at the end of 2015:

Infringement cases open on 31 December 2015

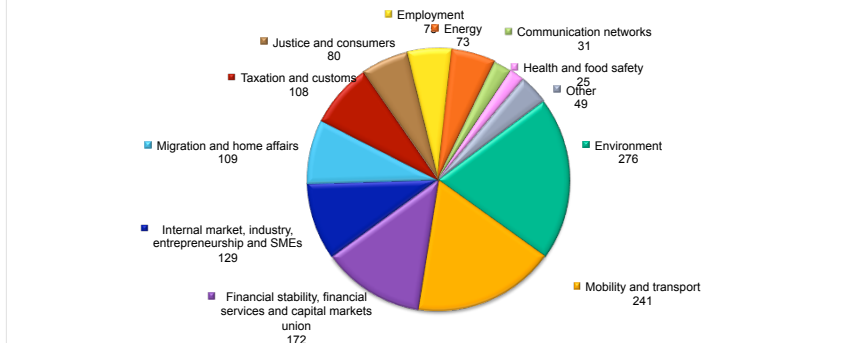


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Policy areas with the most infringement cases open at the end of 2015:

Infringement cases open at end-2015: main policy areas



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The most infringement prone policy areas in 2015

- Environment
- Mobility and transport
- Financial stability, financial services and capital markets union

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How does Enforcement fit into the Better Regulation Agenda?

Better Regulation:

- meeting objectives at least cost, respecting subsidiarity and proportionality
- regulation that is delivering results on the ground



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Improving Implementation/ strengthening enforcement?

- a) Better preparation
- b) Strengthening current good practice
- c) Reducing duplication (REFIT)
- d) Improving feedback/consultation



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What more can be done?

- **More EU? Subsidiarity?**
- **Taking advantage of opportunities:**
 - 'Lighten the load'
 - REFIT platform
 - Support measures

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