

# Malta ranked at the top of the EU Scoreboard

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Malta has continued to rank at the top from among European Union Member States, having the best transposition record of European Legislation, according to the May 2015 scoreboard published by the European Commission today, 6th October 2015.

The scoreboard benchmarks Member States' efforts in the implementation of Internal Market Law, by recording the transposition deficit, which is the gap between the number of Internal Market laws adopted at EU level and those in force in the Member States.

The number of overdue directives in Malta, compared with the previous scoreboard, increased by four directives. However, one should note that the transposition deficit for Malta in May's scoreboard was 0.4%, compared to the EU average of 0.7%, which shows that Malta kept a good score when compared to the other Member States.

The reason for the increase in pending directives was due to four directives concerning financial services, which require a long and complex transposition process. The process took a long time since Malta always ensures correct transposition of EU legislation. In fact, Malta was the only Member State with a perfect score of 0.0% compliance deficit, which means that Malta has no incorrectly transposed directives. Two of the mentioned pending directives have now been transposed, whereas the others are currently in the process of being adopted through Parliament.

Malta's result on its duration of infringement proceedings was affected by infringement procedures opened against it before March 2013, which are still pending due to lack of follow-up by the European Commission.

The Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for European Affairs, Louis Grech said that this good result, together with the fact that Malta ranks first with Estonia as the Member States with the lowest number of pending cases relating to Single Market legislation, shows the Maltese Government's commitment to keep its place amongst the top performers in the EU.

*(Source: Ministry for European Affairs and Implementation of the Electoral Manifesto)*