

IPC publishes the UNEX™ CEN module results for 2017

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For the second year in a row, performance levels are below the European Union's speed objective of 85% of intra-EU mail delivery (i.e. delivery within three days of posting), and its reliability objective of 97% (i.e. delivery within five days of posting).

The UNEX™ results published today are from the UNEX™ CEN module which is conducted independently by the external research firm Ipsos in Hamburg, Germany. An external audit has proven this module to be compliant with the CEN EN 13850:2012 standard for measurement of the transit time of end-to-end postal services for single piece priority mail and first-class mail.

The results for 2017 from the UNEX™ CEN module are based on a total 67,000 test letters sent and received by 1,200 volunteers spread within the measured countries. Quality of service performance is measured by IPC's UNEX™ end-to-end letter mail monitoring system. The measurement covers the whole process from posting in the origin country to delivery to the final addressee in the

destination country, including the time for collection, sorting and transportation. These test letters are representative of real mail in terms of mail formats, induction and franking methods, delivery methods and geographical spread within each of the measured European countries. More than 40% of the test letters was containing Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) tags, which are recorded by the RFID readers as it passes through the postal facilities.

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