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Supporting reforms in

ITALY

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Since 2017, the European Commission has provided expertise to help design over 1000 reform projects in 27 Member States through the Structural Reform Support Programme. As of 2021, the Technical Support Instrument (TSI), its successor, continues to support reforms with an emphasis on the green and digital transitions. The TSI can also support the preparation and implementation of Member States' Recovery and Resilience Plans.

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PROJECTS

NEW PROJECTS UNDER TSI 2021

In the first round of the TSI, the Commission supports Italy with 10 projects in the areas of circular economy and sustainable growth, fair taxation, regulatory inspections, disability and social protection, green transport, digital public administration, research and higher education.

Examples of new projects adopted include:



Reforming the system for disability assessment and social protection



Strengthening performance assessment for managers in the public administration



Designing tools for more effective fight against tax evasion



Launching a national initiative to ensure coherence in the planning of green transport infrastructure at local level



Accelerating the implementation of the circular economy agenda

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PROJECTS

COMPLETED AND ONGOING REFORM PROJECTS

Italy has so far benefited from 49 reform support projects financed under the predecessor of the TSI, the Structural Reform Support Programme (SRSP). This support has addressed a broad range of policy areas, including fiscal reform, infrastructure planning, green transition, labour market reform, public administration reform and the national digital strategy, with particular focus on the digitalisation of the public administration, labour market challenges, judicial reform and anti-corruption measures. To date, 12 projects have been successfully concluded. Examples of reform projects include the following:



➔ Better integration of refugees

The European Commission supports Italy in strengthening its institutional and operational capacity to provide integration services to refugees. The programme provides expertise to help design and implement key measures of the Italian national integration plan for refugees. As a result of this project, it is expected that Italy will build capacity to strengthen the integration systems for refugees at national and local levels, and support the integration of migrants in labour markets and in society.

➔ Strengthening insurance supervision

The European Commission supports Italy in strengthening the capacity of the Italian insurance supervisor. The programme provides support to design, prepare and implement a framework that will strengthen consumer protection by enhancing the supervision of sale channels for insurance products. The project is implemented together with the European Insurance and Occupational Pensions Authority (EIOPA), which will contribute to the development of European-wide good practices. As a result of this project, it is expected that Italy will improve its market conduct supervision.

➔ Establishing special economic zones

The European Commission supported Italy in the establishment of the first special economic zones, and helped to define guidelines for their implementation. The programme provided support also for simplification measures to attract investments and helped to design a strategy to promote investment opportunities in the special economic zones. As a result of this project, and with the help of a user-friendly interactive platform acting as a single point of information, Italy will be able to promote youth entrepreneurship, strengthen existing companies and attract foreign investments.

