



# **FRANCE**

DG REFORM

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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.



### **NEW PROJECTS UNDER TSI 2021**

In the first round of the TSI, the Commission will support France with 4 projects in the areas of sustainable development in public policies, social inclusion, better integration of regions, and public financial management.

#### Examples of new projects adopted include:



Integrating sustainable development in public administrations and public policies



Improving the autonomy of the elderly and people with disabilities



Improving the attractiveness of public services in regions



Facilitating better management and use of public real estate management





PROJECTS

#### COMPLETED AND ONGOING REFORM PROJECTS

France has so far benefited from 13 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 digital public administration, health care, competitiveness, education, access to finance, fiscal policy, social policy and inclusion. A particular focus has been on addressing the digitalisation of the public administration and competiveness. To date, 2 projects have been successfully concluded.









The European Commission supported France in strengthening its institutional and operational capacity to undertake economic analysis and thus provide policy orientation. The programme provided expertise to help design and support the approval of the transformation plan of the French Treasury. As a result of this project, France has initiated an in depth reform of a key administration, which aims to further improve its capacity to respond to societal and economic challenges.



SOLVIT is a service provided by the national administration to assists citizens and businesses to help defend their EU rights. The European Commission supported France in enhancing SOLVIT's visibility. The programme provided expertise to reinforce SOLVIT centres as an EU law enforcement tool and to explore improvements, in particular in the area of communication. The joint coordination with SOLVIT centres in Germany and promotion of best practices enabled the French administration to improve the quality of its services to citizen.

## Supporting the fight against sexually transmitted infections

The European Commission supports France to prevent and treat sexually transmitted infections (STIs), in particular HIV and viral hepatitis. The programme aims to strengthen capacity to deploy and evaluate pilot interventions for vulnerable populations. The activities include expert advice on technical requirements and evaluation methods based on exchanges with and lessons from other Member States. As a result, innovative interventions to "test and treat" HIV and viral hepatitis for vulnerable populations are being implemented in four regions of France.

