



Supporting reforms in **CYPRUS**

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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 will support Cyprus with 13 projects in the areas of energy and climate, insolvency, education, green taxation, sustainable mobility, health, customs, social insurance systems, broadband, and data driven supervision. The TSI will also build capacities to implement the Recovery and Resilience Plans.

Examples of new projects adopted include:

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Digitalising insolvency proceedings and setting up specialised courts to handle insolvency cases



Setting up a national promotion agency to support business development through financial instruments



Preparing and implementing a green taxation reform



Revising the national energy and climate plan



Supporting the establishment of the broadband competence office

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PROJECTS

COMPLETED AND ONGOING REFORM PROJECTS

Cyprus has so far benefited from 44 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 justice, health, fiscal policies, green transition, competitiveness, energy, corruption prevention, labour market, public administration, digitalisation, education and insolvency. A particular focus has been on the digitalisation of the public administration, judicial reform, education, insolvency, competitiveness and anti-corruption measures. To date, 20 projects have been successfully concluded. Examples of successful reform projects include the following:



→ Selection and promotion of judges

The European Commission supported Cyprus in strengthening its judicial system thus enhancing the efficiency and effectiveness of the courts. The programme provided expertise to help create objective criteria for the recruitment, evaluation and promotion of judges. As a result of this project, Cyprus has introduced new procedures for the selection and promotion of judges based on merit. The new procedures emphasize the importance of qualifications, integrity, independence, ability and efficiency of judges in the system.

→ Strengthening the competitiveness of the economy

The European Commission supported Cyprus in developing the first competitiveness report providing an overview of Cyprus' competitiveness, including social and environmental sustainability. The programme provided expertise to help assess the country's competitiveness performance, while identifying key challenges and providing suitable policy actions to address them. As a result, the findings of the report have been taken into account in the ongoing development of a long-term economic strategy for sustainable growth.

→ Improving the efficiency and effectiveness of insolvency services

The European Commission supported Cyprus in enhancing the efficiency and effectiveness of the legislative framework governing insolvency. The programme provided expertise to help set up a new department for insolvency. As a result of this project, the department was established in January 2020. The new department will contribute to the consolidation of insolvency proceedings and the empowerment of the professional insolvency practitioners, through continuous professional development.

