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Supporting reforms in

MALTA

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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.



PROJECTS

NEW PROJECTS UNDER TSI 2021

In the first round of the TSI, the Commission will support Malta with 7 projects in the areas of sustainable economy, coastal protection, access to finance, digitalisation of the maritime administration, public procurement, customs, and the transparency framework and integrity in public life.

Examples of new projects adopted include:



Implementing Malta's sustainable development strategy and action plan



Developing a coastal protection strategy



Supporting the digitalisation of the Maltese maritime administration



Creating financial instruments suited to the Maltese economy

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PROJECTS

COMPLETED AND ONGOING REFORM PROJECTS

Malta has so far benefited from 36 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 green transition and sustainable development goals, access to finance, public administration reform and fiscal reforms. By way of example, numerous projects have addressed the sustainability of the Maltese economy and the digitalisation of the public administration. To date, 11 projects have been successfully concluded. Examples of successful reform projects include the following:



➔ Development of the 2030 national energy and climate plan

The European Commission supported Malta in developing its national energy and climate plan. The programme provided expertise to help prepare the analytical basis of the integrated national energy and climate plan. As a result of this project, Malta has built the capacity to develop the plan. It is expected that the implementation of the plan will help achieve the Union's 2030 and long-term objectives and targets of the Energy Union, in line with the EU's international commitments under the Paris Agreement.

➔ Improving the adoption of online public services

The European Commission supported Malta in promoting the use of online public services. The programme provided expertise to help identify public services where IT technologies could be exploited to the benefit of citizens and businesses. Furthermore, the support evaluated a pilot project using such technologies in the area of electronic health records. As a result of this project, Malta has acquired knowledge on new digital technologies that will facilitate the use of online public services, simplify processes and reduce administrative burden for citizens and businesses.

➔ Early identification of students at risk of early school leaving

The European Commission supported Malta in developing measures to prevent early school leaving. The programme provided expertise to help review existing monitoring mechanisms, identify suitable strategies to prevent early school leaving, and propose ways to develop a centralised monitoring system. As a result of this project, Malta is revising its policy on the basis of the assessment and the recommendations provided.

