

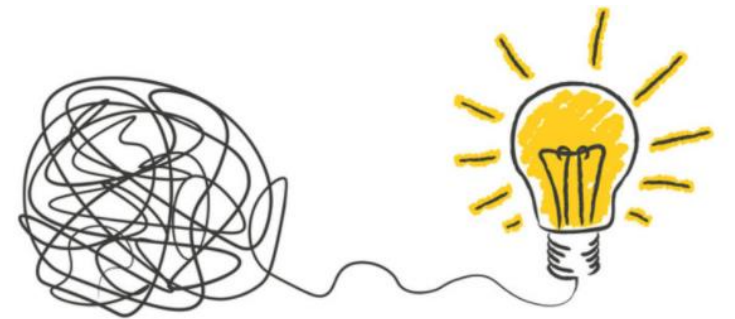


Technical Support Instrument

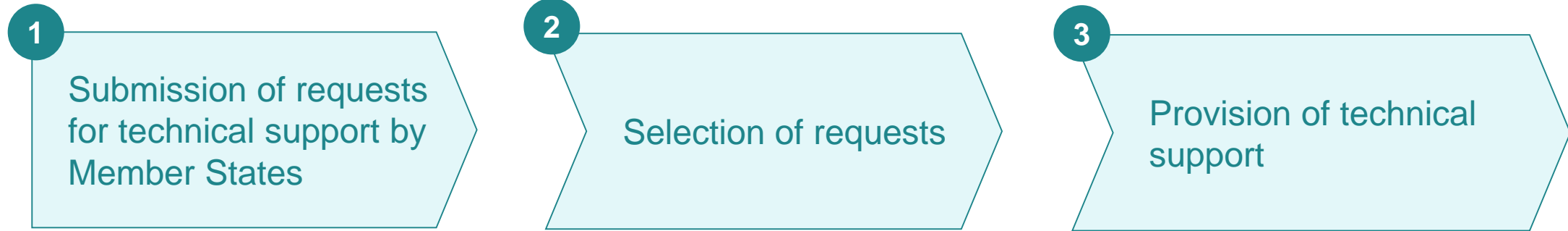
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The Technical Support Instrument (TSI)

- Provides **tailor-made technical expertise** to EU Member States to **design and implement reforms**
- Is **demand driven** and **does not require any co-financing** from Member States
- Covers a **wide range of reform areas, in any reform phase**
- **National** and **regional level** (including outermost regions)
- **€ 864 million of budget** for the period 2021-2027



How does the TSI work?



Direct provision

European Commission's in-house expertise



Indirect provision

Other international organisations
Member States' experts
Private sector experts

DG REFORM involved throughout the duration of the project

Current TSI priorities

Strengthen further **the support to EU priorities**, notably through:

- Contribution to the implementation of **Recovery and Resilience Plans**
- Proposal of a new set of **flagship projects** on common EU reform needs
- Further increase of **multi-country (multi-regional) projects**



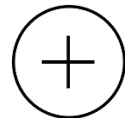


Technical Support for the implementation of the Recovery and Resilience Plans

TSI support in the context of the RRF

- Support can be provided for the “preparation, amendment and revision of recovery and resilience plans [...] and the implementation thereof undertaken by Member States” – **Art. 9(d) of TSI Regulation**
- 2 types of support:
 - 1. General support**, horizontally applicable, for a smooth implementation of the RRFs
 - 2. Thematic support**, targeting specific reforms and investments in the RRFs

TSI standard calls



TSI 2021 dedicated call on RRFs

Contribution to the implementation of the RRP

More than 300 TSI projects linked to the preparation or implementation of the RRP

57% of TSI 2022 selected requests linked to the implementation of the RRP

Support for the RRP implementation under TSI 2023

General & thematic support available to Member States under TSI 2023

- While the **TSI may provide input to help achieve RRP measures**, Member States **remain fully responsible** for RRP implementation
- **Need for careful alignment** between the timelines of RRP reforms and investments & the TSI project deliverables
 - *for TSI 2023, reforms/investments preferably with a related DDL in Q1 2024 or later*





Flagship technical support projects

What is a flagship technical support project?

- Project proactively proposed by DG REFORM that:
 - Largely needed across Member States
 - Meets a top EU / Commission priority
 - Is designed in a way that can easily be fitted to various national contexts
- Its uptake is voluntary
- TSI 2022 – almost 50% of selected projects
- TSI 2023 – **12 projects** covering 6 thematic pillars

Flagship technical support projects for TSI 2023

- **Support to Climate Adaptation**
- **Implementing the 'Do No Significant Harm' (DNSH) principle in public funding programmes**
- **Accelerating Permitting for Renewable Energy**
- **ESG risk management framework for the financial sector**

- **Support to industrial ecosystems**
- **Migrant integration and talent attraction**
- **Towards person-centred integrated care**
- **YOUTH FIRST – supporting children and youth wellbeing, education, training, social protection and labour prospects**
- **Enhancing the quality and use of tax information exchanged between Member States**
- **Digital transformation for regional and local public administrations**
- **PACE – Public Administration Cooperation Exchange**
- **Professionalization of public procurement personnel - Fostering strategic methodologies, integrity and transparency**



Multi-country (multi-regional) requests

Multi-country (multi-regional) projects

A **multi-country** or **multi-regional project** is a **technical support project** that is **relevant** or **common** to **more than one Member State** as it belongs to the **same policy area** and addresses the **same priorities for technical support**



Multi-country (multi-regional) projects

EU added value of the multi-country (multi-regional) projects

- Overcoming **common challenges** together
- **Mutual learning**
- **Share of good practices**
- **Networking** for identification of efficiencies
- Synergies and **replicability** of reform projects

The tailored approach and the speed of delivery of the project is ensured



TSI – Communication resources

Further information on TSI projects

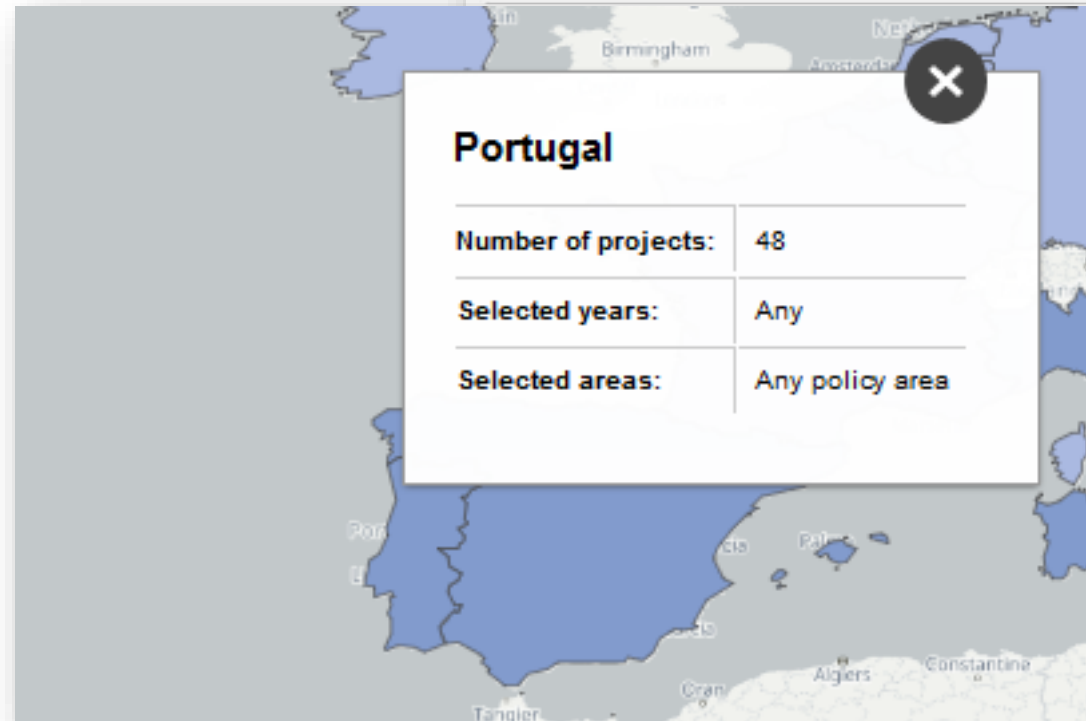
- DG REFORM's website ([link](#))
- TSI webpage ([link](#))
- Selected TSI 2022 requests ([link](#))

Examples of reform support projects

Design of a system to monitor the implementation of the law on inclusive education in Portugal

The Commission is supporting the Portuguese Ministry of Education to stir the discussion with all relevant stakeholders to define standards, indicators and procedures.

[Details](#)



TSI 2022 country factsheets



Supporting reforms in FRANCE

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10 NEW PROJECTS SELECTED UNDER TSI 2022

With the second round of the TSI, the Commission will support France with 10 projects in the areas of digitalisation of justice, public administration (simplification of administrative procedures), education (focusing on special needs education and life-long learning for teachers), financial literacy, promoting equality in policy and budgeting process. 3 of those projects are multi-country projects.

Examples of new projects adopted include:



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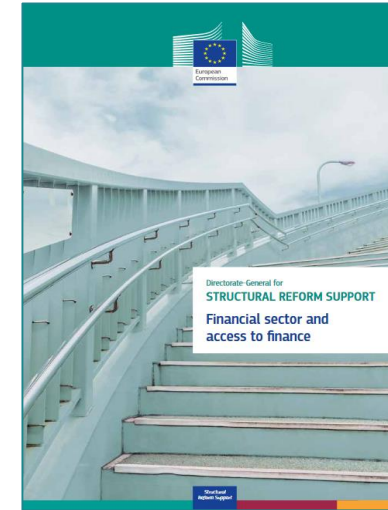
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Examples of new projects adopted include:



- TSI 2022 country factsheets website ([link](#))

Brochures general and per policy area



TSI Brochures ([link](#))

Information on support to RRF?

Technical support to the preparation and implementation of RRFs

- General support
- Thematic support

General support for the overall preparation or implementation of RRFs

TSI has been providing general support to 18 Member States to further enhance their ability to implement the RRFs, including as regards the RRF monitoring and project management methods, reporting mechanisms, audit and control frameworks, communication strategy, governance structures, including IT systems, or to assist with the application of the "Do No Significant Harm" principle.

- RRF preparation in Cyprus

The Commission supported Cyprus in preparing its RRF, including for setting up costing methodologies on RRF reforms and investments and for the design of a monitoring facility.

- RRF implementation mechanisms in Portugal

The Commission is supporting Portugal in enhancing the RRF monitoring, reporting, audit and control mechanisms and in developing an investment management framework for RRF investments.

RRF communication strategy in Slovakia

The Commission supported Slovakia in designing a communication strategy aimed to communicate the benefits of RRF implementation to the general public.



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Recovery and Resilience Plans

Recovery Resilience Plans

The [Recovery and Resilience Facility](#) (RRF) at the heart of NextGenerationEU is a once in a generation opportunity for deep structural transformation in the Member States. The Facility deploys up to €723.8 billion (in current prices) in loans and grants in order to support the reform and investment packages put forward by the Member States in their national Recovery and Resilience Plans (RRPs).

Reforms and investments contained in the RRFs are well aligned with the EU's strategic priorities and address country-specific challenges identified within the European Semester framework of economic and social policy coordination. The measures contained in the RRFs are expected to facilitate and accelerate the green and digital transitions in the Member States, while increasing resilience, cohesion and sustainable growth.

Finally the European Commission, via the Technical Support Instrument (TSI), has been helping Member States with the preparation and implementation of their national RRFs. So far, more than 300 projects approved under the TSI are linked to the preparation or implementation of Member States' RRFs. TSI assistance has taken the form of general support, horizontally applicable for a smooth implementation of the plans, and thematic support, targeting specific reforms and investments in the RRFs.

www.ec.europa.eu/reform-support/what-we-do/recovery-and-resilience-plans_en

For more information: **REFORM-01@ec.europa.eu**

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The Conference

In a context of structural, societal or economic disruptions, EU Member States must enhance further the resilience of their administrations and reinforce their capacity to anticipate and recover from crises. How can the European Commission's Technical Support Instrument help Member States in this endeavour?

High-Level representatives from the European Commission, Member States and other Institutions gathered to share their perspectives during the 2022 Technical Support Instrument annual conference.

The conference highlighted the way the [Technical Support Instrument](#) ^{EN | ...} can support Member States for the **successful design and implementation of resilience-enhancing reforms**, and in particular in the context of the recent crises (COVID 19 pandemic, Russian invasion of Ukraine).

The conference presented the **main priorities for the Technical Support instrument** for the upcoming year, notably:

- Providing continuous support to the implementation of [Recovery and resilience Plans \(RRPs\)](#); ^{EN | ...}
- Focusing the support on selected top EU priorities (notably through the concept of flagship projects - support projects proactively proposed by the Commission to Member States);
- Encouraging the design and implementation of multi-country (and multi-regional) projects.

- TSI at a glance
- List of 2023 Flagship Technical Support Projects
- Additional information on RRP's
- Presentations on TSI main features
- Conference recording

- TSI Annual Conference website ([link](#))



Thank you!



More information on the 12 flagship technical support projects proposed under TSI 2023

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Flagship Technical Support project Support to Climate Adaptation

This Flagship technical support is targeted at Member States wishing to prepare for the inevitable impacts of the climate crisis

OBJECTIVES

- ✓ Supporting **the preparedness and prevention of climate-induced disasters** at regional and national level using early warning systems available at EU level and reinforcing public climate and disaster risk awareness and engagement
- ✓ Building professional **skills** to enhance implementation of climate adaptation and disaster risk prevention, preparedness and response measures
- ✓ Implementing the **EU Adaptation to Climate Change Strategy** as well as national and regional adaptation strategies
- ✓ Implementing **climate change adaptation measures** of the National Recovery and Resilience Plans (RRPs)



- Flagship webpage ([link](#))



Flagship Technical Support project Implementing the ‘Do No Significant Harm’ (DNSH) principle in public funding programmes

This Flagship Technical Support Project aims to build Member States’ capacity to design and implement an environmental framework in the field of public financial management

OBJECTIVES

- ✓ Ensuring **optimal alignment between public investments** from different funding sources **and the DNSH principle**
- ✓ Ensuring that **planned public investments** and spending are in line with EU and national climate and climate neutrality targets
- ✓ Enhanced **support for broader environmental objectives** via public financial management practices



- Flagship webpage ([link](#))



Flagship Technical Support project Accelerating Permitting for Renewable Energy

This Flagship Technical Support Project is targeted at Member States wishing to streamline and accelerate their permitting processes for renewable energy.

OBJECTIVES

- ✓ Establishing **clearer, faster, and more transparent processes** for application and granting of **permits for renewable energy projects**
- ✓ Facilitating the sharing of **best practices** among Member States
- ✓ Supporting national, regional and local authorities in **improving processes** to identify areas suitable for renewable energy deployment and more efficiently translate national goals into local plans and projects
- ✓ **Increasing public involvement** and acceptance of renewable energy projects



- Flagship webpage ([link](#))



Flagship Technical Support project risk management framework for the financial sector

This Flagship Technical Support Project aims to support Member States' national competent authorities (NCAs) – financial supervisory authorities and central banks – in overseeing the mitigation of environmental, social and governance (ESG) risks in the financial sector by implementing the related existing and forthcoming EU regulatory framework.

OBJECTIVES

- ✓ Support Member States to **strengthen their capacity to monitor and address ESG risk** in the financial sector, while also increasing consumers and investors' awareness of the ESG impact of individual financial choices
- ✓ Support Member States to **enhance the level of resilience and stability of the financial system** on a national and cross-border basis, and to contribute to the green transition in the EU



- Flagship webpage ([link](#))



Flagship Technical Support project Support to industrial ecosystems

This Flagship Technical Support Projects aims to support Member States in the design and implementation of reforms to boost competitiveness, sustainability, resilience and employment.

OBJECTIVES

- ✓ Support MSs strength their administrative capacity to **support industrial transformation**, by preparing horizontal or sectoral industrial strategies
- ✓ **Strengthen national market surveillance systems** to protect consumers and workers against unsafe products and general non-compliance, thus creating a safer and sounder business environment
- ✓ Support to **promote intellectual property (IP) rights to stimulate innovation and protect investment** with a view to improve the competitiveness of European enterprises, especially SMEs
- ✓ **Support the reskilling and upskilling of the workforce** to enable a better understanding of the existing gaps, especially as regards green and digital skills and designing actions to address them



- Flagship webpage ([link](#))



Flagship Technical Support project Migrant integration and talent attraction

This Flagship Technical Support Project is targeted at Member States wishing to benefit from the social and economic gains of enhanced integration, labour market participation and labour mobility for Third Country Nationals (TCNs).

OBJECTIVES

- ✓ Support and enable Member States to steer structural reforms and carry out measures that will **boost the successful integration of TCNs and their labour market inclusion**
- ✓ Support Member States to tap into international talent to **fill labour market gaps and make the EU more attractive to international talent.**



- Flagship webpage ([link](#))



Flagship Technical Support project Towards person-centred integrated care

This Flagship Technical Support Project aims at helping Member States to design and implement structural reforms in the areas of health, social care and long-term care

OBJECTIVES

- ✓ Support national and regional/local administrations in investigating, designing and implementing strategies for **integrating health, social care and long-term care**
- ✓ Create a **system** in which all care providers act **in a coordinated manner for the benefit of people**
- ✓ **Improve people's access** to and the quality of health, social and long-term care
- ✓ **Support the implementation of EU priorities** on health and social care



- Flagship webpage ([link](#))



Flagship Technical Support project

YOUTH FIRST – supporting children and youth wellbeing, education, training, social protection and labour prospects

This Flagship Technical Support Project aims at helping Member States to design and implement structural reforms in the areas of health, social care and long-term care

OBJECTIVES

- ✓ Support the **concrete implementation of EU priorities** on education and skills and support policies that combat fake news, discrimination, hate speech
- ✓ **Improve healthy nutrition, healthy lifestyle** and prevent mental health problems of children and young people
- ✓ Provide **social protection and better access to housing** for vulnerable youth
- ✓ Increase **youth financial literacy** and foster a better access to finance for young entrepreneurs.



- Flagship webpage ([link](#))



Flagship Technical Support project PACE – Public Administration Cooperation Exchange

This Flagship Technical Support Project aims at promoting cooperation and cross-border exchanges among Member States to build administrative capacity and prepare the next generation of policy makers in the European Union

OBJECTIVES

- ✓ The overall objective of this flagship project is to **facilitate civil servant exchanges** between the public administrations of the EU Member States.
- ✓ The PACE initiative is an opportunity to **promote direct, one-to-one dialogues** and allow different stakeholders to learn from each other and share knowledge.
- ✓ It will also **foster cross-border cooperation** between Member States by creating connections between officials and synergies in working methods.



- Flagship webpage ([link](#))



Flagship Technical Support project

Professionalisation of public procurement personnel

Fostering strategic methodologies, integrity and transparency

This Flagship Technical Support Project aims at building capacity in Member States to design and implement structural reforms in the field of public procurement and the fight against corruption.

OBJECTIVES

- ✓ Support to Member States to **strengthen** their **administrative capacity** to effectively **implement public procurement procedures**.
- ✓ The flagship project can also **improve the absorption of EU funds** and the **sound implementation of Recovery and Resilience Plans (RRP)**, while providing opportunities for the Member States to learn and benefit from the experience of others.



- Flagship webpage ([link](#))



Flagship Technical Support project

Digital transformation for regional and local public administrations

This Flagship Technical Support Project aims at helping EU regional and local authorities design and implement structural reforms in the field of digital public administration

OBJECTIVES

- ✓ Support regional and local administrations to **translate the national digital transition plans at regional and local level**
- ✓ Support the **concrete implementation of EU and national digital strategies**
- ✓ **Unleash the benefits of digitalisation** for citizens and businesses alike



- Flagship webpage ([link](#))



Flagship Technical Support project Enhancing the quality and use of tax information exchanged between Member States

This Flagship Technical Support Project aims to support capacity-building in Member States to design and implement structural reforms in the field of revenue administration

OBJECTIVES

- ✓ Ensure a **higher quality of tax information** sent by revenue authorities to other EU Member States in the context of DAC
- ✓ Ensure an **increased and improved use of received tax information** in the context of DAC
- ✓ Enhance the **monitoring and evaluation of the quality, use and outcome** of using the internationally exchanged tax data in the context of DAC



- Flagship webpage ([link](#))