

Supporting reforms in

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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 Estonia with 8 projects in the areas of healthcare, public administration, productivity, competitiveness, taxation, financial systems, climate adaptation and green budgeting.

Examples of new projects adopted include:



Developing a performance assessment framework for the health system



Promoting data-driven decision-making in government



Enhancing business productivity through digital real-time trade solutions



Developing gas decarbonisation pathways for Estonia



Promoting the use of artificial intelligence in taxation





COMPLETED AND ONGOING REFORM PROJECTS

Estonia has so far benefited from 25 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 capital markets, public financial management, digitalisation, cybercrime, small and medium-sized enterprises, healthcare, aging population, green transition, climate neutral electricity as well as transport and mobility. A particular focus has been on the digitalisation of the public administration and the reform of education. To date, 7 projects have been successfully concluded.



Developing a transport and mobility master plan for 2021-2030

The European Commission supported Estonia in preparing a new national transport and mobility master plan. Transport allows people and goods to move freely and is therefore one of the cornerstones of an integrated European economy. The project assessed how investment decisions are taken, how the transport sector is organised, what incentives are given to those managing the infrastructure and to those using it. The project covered all transport modes and proposed reforms in each area. As a result of the project, a simulation tool was prepared to help inform future transport policy decisions.



Developing an integrated hospital master plan

The European Commission supported Estonia in developing a new hospital master plan, to organise patient-centred provision of hospital care. To define the masterplan, the programme helped to map the current hospital system and to develop a prediction model to consider the future development in the demand and supply of care. The ultimate goal of the project is to build a system that provides the right care in the right place at the right time.



Enhancing budget responsibility through spending reviews

The European Commission supports Estonia in increasing the effectiveness of public spending by strengthening the capability to conduct spending reviews and helping to anchor spending reviews as an integral part of the budget process. Spending reviews help to improve the quality of allocation of public funding and enhance budget responsibility. The support measures will build the administrative capacity and strengthen the knowledge within the Estonian administration in this area.

