

# Identifying Strategies for the Development and Implementation of Digital-ready Legislation

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# 1 Introduction

Deliverable 7, the project closure, is part of the specific contract REFORM/SC2021/101 carried out with funding by the European Union Directorate-General for Structural Reform Support (DG REFORM) of the European Commission with the goal to provide support for the preparation and implementation of growth-enhancing administrative and structural reforms by mobilising EU funds and technical expertise.

This report consolidates all the documents produced for the project closure. This includes a final presentation, which serves as a final report and provides an overview of the individual deliverables developed in this project and the lessons learned. In addition, recommendations to the beneficiary for a potential implementation project are formulated in this presentation. Furthermore, additional communication/dissemination materials were prepared for the project closure, namely a short and precise project description as well as short communication recommendations, including social media texts and visual materials.

## 2 Final presentation

The presentation embedded below serves as a project closure report in accordance with the Commission's requirements. It provides a technical overview of the project and describes its context. In addition, the chosen approach, the individual deliverables and their outcome as well as lessons learned and post-project recommendations are recorded.



DG\_REFORM\_D7\_Final\_Presentation.pptx

## 3 Communication material

### 3.1 Project description

The following project description follows the template provided by the Commission and is attached as a stand-alone document at the end of the sub-chapter.

#### Project Title

Identifying Strategies for the Development and Implementation of Digital-Ready Legislation

#### Summary

This project, funded by the EU Commission, aimed to ensure that Austria (represented by the Federal Ministry of Finance) is ready to implement digital-ready legislation, which in turn should support the ongoing digitisation of businesses and public services.

## Context

The project aims at adapting current and future legislation so that it is easy to handle and enables digital administration - in contrast to the status quo, which often hinders efficient and digital administration due to many exceptions and vague terminology.

Thus, the project aims to be in line with the EU better regulation agenda.

## Support delivered

The status quo was established through an initial analysis. Due to benchmarking analysis, best practices from other EU countries were examined and requirements for the target image of the beneficiary were derived from this. Through a business case, the most suitable variant for the beneficiary was selected, consolidated in a target state report and illustrated in an implementation roadmap.

## Results achieved

The project resulted in an implementation roadmap for digital-ready legislation, which is to assist the beneficiary in a potential implementation project to achieve the following long-term goals:

1. making legislation easier to manage and enabling digital transformation;
2. a smoother legislation process;
3. improved resilience for future crisis scenarios; and
4. potentially freeing up parts of additional resources (e.g. time) during the technical implementation after legislation.



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1\_Project\_Description

## 3.2 Communication recommendation

### 3.2.1 Social media texts

In the course of the project, none of the stakeholders involved produced social media texts to announce important milestones. In order to meet the Commission's requirements, two unpublished social media texts representing two key events of the project are presented below. The first text refers to the benchmarking phase of Deliverable 3, in which an exchange with the Danish Agency for Digital Government took place. The second text refers to a meeting of the Expert Group on Interoperability (organized by the Interoperability Team (DIGIT.D.2) of the Commission), where the beneficiary gave a presentation on the project.

The texts are also written from the beneficiary's point of view.

#### Social media text 1

*"We had a great meeting today with our Danish colleagues from the Agency for Digital Government to share their measures to make the legislative process more digital-friendly. The*

*exciting exchange highlighted the Danes' pioneering role in this field - among other things through their 7 principles for digital ready legislation.*

*Key learnings: To similarly put Austria on the path of digital-ready legislation, minimum requirements for laws to be considered digital-ready are needed, as well as a body that checks compliance with these requirements.*

*The exchange was possible thanks to the support of the European Commission, who is supporting us through the Technical Support Instrument ("TSI Regulation") in a project to develop and implement digital-ready legislation in Austria.*

*The future of Austrian legislation will be digital ready!*

*#Digitaliseringsstyrelsen #EuropeanCommission #BMF #digitalreadylegislation”*

## **Social media text 2**

*“We just had an exciting meeting of the Expert Group on Interoperability – bringing together Interoperability Experts from all EU Member States and chaired by the Interoperability team (DIGIT.D.2) of the European Commission. It was a great honour and pleasure to present there the progress of the project (funded by the commission) on the development and implementation of digital-ready legislation in Austria.*

*The project is progressing very well and has generated plenty of interest among the participants. Which is why we are happy to share our progress with colleagues in the Commission and thus also interested parties from other member states.*

*A short teaser: We have just described the target picture in the project and are subsequently trying to make this realisable in the form of an implementation roadmap.*

*The future of Austrian legislation will be digital ready!*

*#EuropeanCommission #BMF #digitalreadylegislation”*

### **3.2.2 Visual materials**

The visual materials provided are limited to an infographic describing the project procedure and a screenshot<sup>1</sup> of the participants of the virtual closing meeting. The infographic of the project approach is embedded in both German and English, as there are dissemination interests in both languages.

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<sup>1</sup> The declaration of consent for the use of the screenshot was obtained verbally from the individual participants in the closing meeting.

**Infographic project approach (EN)**

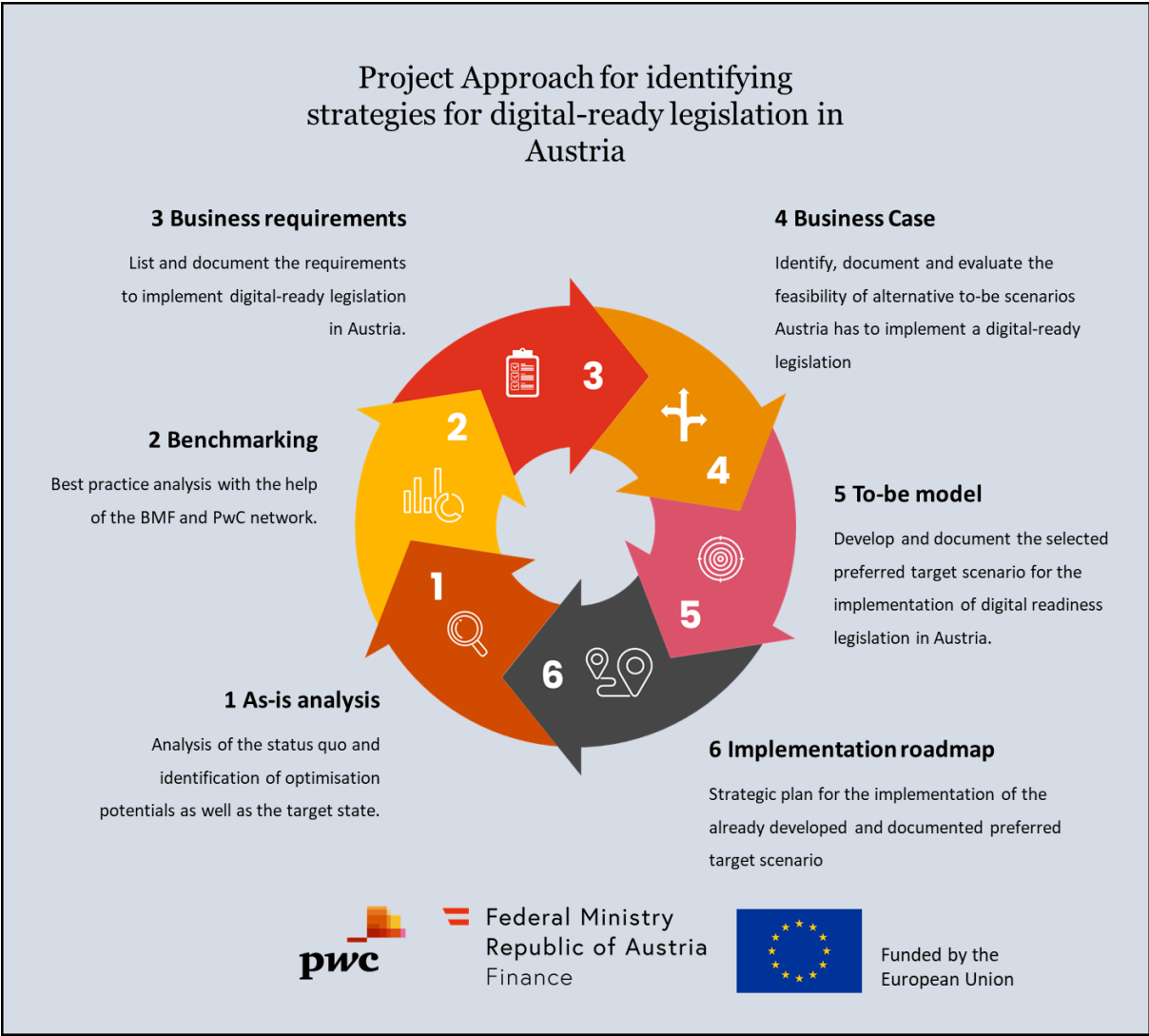


Figure 1 - Infographic: Project approach (EN)

## Infographic project approach (DE)



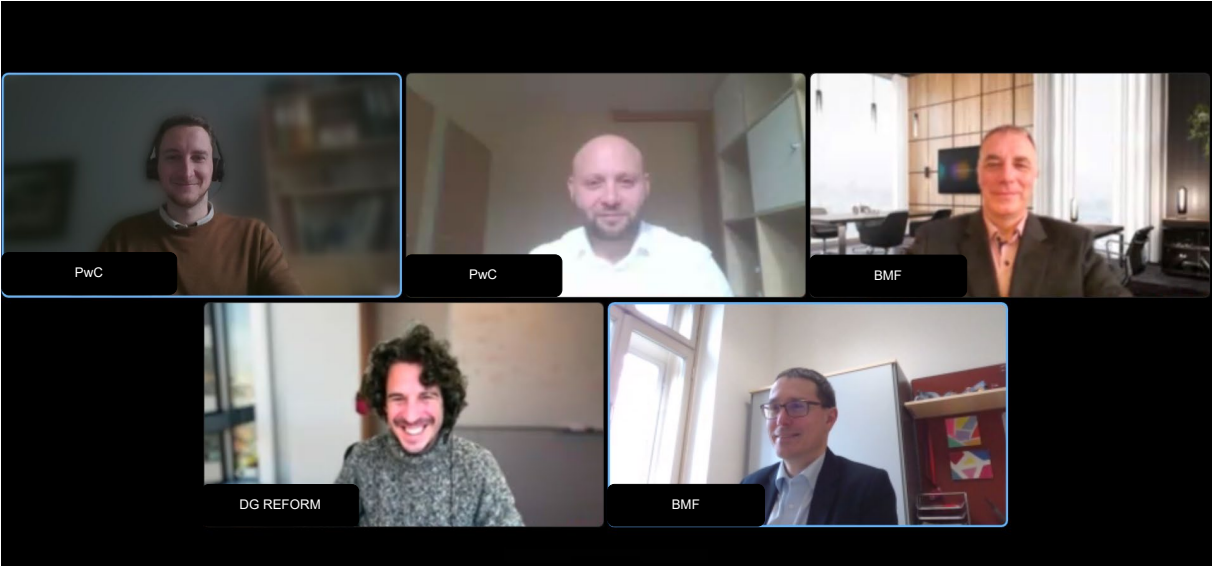
Figure 2 - Infographic: Project approach (DE)



**Closing meeting**

During an official virtual closing meeting on 24 February 2023 with representatives of the beneficiary, DG REFORM and PwC, PwC presented the project closure documentation. Special focus was placed on the final presentation and the lessons learned contained therein.

During this meeting, the following screenshot was taken with the consent of the participants, sealing the end of the project.



*Figure 3 - Screenshot: Participants closing meeting*



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