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Supporting reforms in

GERMANY

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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 Germany with three projects in the areas of digital skills and digital public administration.

Examples of new projects adopted include:

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Digitalising procedures in financial supervision



Strengthening the digital competence of the public administration



Digitalising local services to citizens through modern technology





PROJECTS

COMPLETED AND ONGOING REFORM PROJECTS

Germany has so far benefited from 5 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 tertiary education, healthcare, digitalisation of the public administration, and statistics. It is expected that by the end of 2021 four projects will be concluded successfully.



→ Supporting a national genome initiative

Germany is currently developing a national concept for genomic testing, called 'genomDE'. Based on national and international expertise, the European Commission provides support for the development of a comprehensive framework, which will allow Germany to fully implement genomic testing in the healthcare. The national concept will include legal and ethical aspects as well as recommendations for the organisation of services, data infrastructure and reimbursement. As a result, Germany will be able to widen access to genomic testing and thereby also strengthen genomics research.



→ Enhancing local services to citizens through modern technology

The citizens of Hamburg can express their concerns to the city administration through letters ('Bürgerbriefe'). However, due to the workload attached, these letters are often not answered adequately. The European Commission supports Germany in developing standardized machine learning and big data analytics tools to facilitate the registration, dispatching and processing of the citizen communication in Hamburg. As a result of this project, it is expected that citizens will receive answers in a more timely manner.

