



Supporting reforms in

LITHUANIA

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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.

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PROJECTS

NEW PROJECTS UNDER TSI 2021

In the first round of the TSI, the Commission will support Lithuania with 7 projects in the areas of sustainable growth, social protection, health, corruption prevention, public procurement, and building inspections.

Examples of new projects adopted include:

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Developing a new approach to personalised services for vulnerable groups



Implementing an effective national anticorruption strategy



Reforming all sectors in the economy to transition towards climate neutrality by 2050



Developing a more efficient approach to long term care



48 PROJECTS

COMPLETED AND ONGOING REFORM PROJECTS

Lithuania has so far benefited from 48 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 tax reform, green transition, labour reform, public administration reform and national innovation policy. A particular focus has been on addressing labour market challenges, health reform and education. To date, around 15 projects have been successfully concluded. Examples of successful reform projects include the following:



➔ Upgrading the teaching profession in Lithuania

The European Commission supported Lithuania in upgrading the framework governing the teaching profession and implementing curriculum reforms. The project helped to develop competence frameworks for teachers and school leaders. It also brought in tools to assess the effectiveness of professional development, teacher workforce forecasting models, as well as policies to increase the attractiveness of the teaching profession. The support is expected to contribute to increasing the quality of education in Lithuania.

➔ Designing a pan-Baltic capital market

The finance ministries of the three Baltic States jointly requested technical support from the European Commission to help design a regional Baltic capital market development accelerator fund. The objective of the fund is to enhance domestic small and medium size enterprises' access to finance. The support helps focus the fund's mandate in terms of its target group, eligible beneficiaries, management guidelines and investment policy. The project is expected to contribute to the emergence of a true pan-Baltic capital market.

➔ Improving cooperation between business and science

In order to boost the national innovation capacity, Lithuania launched an innovation reform as a response to the current system of investments in science, technology and innovation, which appears ineffective in fostering research and development. The European Commission is supporting the reform by helping to put in place an enhanced cooperation between public entities and private enterprises. The project will result in an improved and effectiveness of the cooperation between science, technology and innovation.

