

Supporting reforms in

CZECHIA

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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 the Czechia with 8 projects in the areas of sustainable growth, green transport, digital and public administration, and healthcare.

Examples of new projects adopted include:



Strengthening healthcare by setting up a framework for assessing health system performance



Strengthening the government's capacity to design and implement for gender-sensitive and inclusive policies



Improving strategic planning of public infrastructure investments



Strengthening the coordination and implementation of intelligent and sustainable mobility policies



Improving the planning and implementation of digital infrastructures





COMPLETED AND ONGOING REFORM PROJECTS

The Czechia has so far benefited from 40 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 fiscal reform, infrastructure investments, green transition, corruption prevention, labour market, public administration, and digitalisation. A particular focus has been on addressing digitalisation of public administration, business and sustainability challenges as well as financial and capital market measures. To date, 12 projects have been successfully concluded.



Improving energy efficiency

The European Commission supported the Czechia in strengthening its capacity to implement energy efficiency policies. The programme provided expertise to help design and implement key measures to curb unsustainable energy consumption practices. As a result of this project, the Czechia will be able to raise citizens' awareness of good practices, implement actions to improve energy efficiency in everyday life as well as increase financing available to support energy efficiency.



Strengthening capital market literacy

The European Commission is supporting the Czech Republic with the design and implementation of a capital market literacy plan for SMEs. In the first phase, the programme provided expertise to help design a comprehensive strategy. As a follow up, a new information portal will be designed. As a result of this project, through a new information portal and through the publication of success stories. the Czech Republic will be able to raise awareness about alternative ways to access capital market financing.



Promoting business angels

Business angels are wealthy individuals who invest their own money in startups. The European Commission supported the Czech Republic in developing an entrepreneurial ecosystem that focuses on angel investing. The programme provided expertise to help promote investment in local businesses while spurring innovation. As a result of this project, the Czech Republic has built the capacity to identify administrative and business barriers standing in the way of investment opportunities, thus potentially growing a business angel community.

