



# Supporting reforms in IRELAND

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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.

**10**  
PROJECTS

## NEW PROJECTS UNDER TSI 2021

In the first round of the TSI, the Commission will support Ireland with 10 projects in the areas of sustainable marine and agriculture, healthcare, insurance, digitalisation in the public administration and sustainability of public capital investment, customs digitalisation and management of human resources.

### Examples of new projects adopted include:



Improving the marine management, planning and investment regulatory environment



Developing planning for the allocation of healthcare workers



Growing policy development and foresight skills within the central administration



Addressing ethical challenges in the supervision of insurance undertakings



Developing a digital transformation strategy for the revenue administration

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# 24 PROJECTS

## COMPLETED AND ONGOING REFORM PROJECTS

Ireland has so far benefited from 24 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 sustainable budgeting, public administration, green transition, competitiveness of SMEs, healthcare, research and development, sustainability of pension system, education and financial sector supervision. A particular focus has been on projects addressing public administration, climate and energy challenges as well as challenges linked to Brexit. To date, 6 projects have been successfully concluded. Examples of successful reform projects include the following:



### ➔ Attracting new business opportunities in the pharmaceutical sector

The European Commission supported Ireland in identifying economic opportunities in the advanced therapeutic medicinal products sector. The programme provided expertise to help in the assessment of national readiness to attract related investments for innovative companies and to develop new job opportunities. As a result, Ireland can better define and capitalise on the economic opportunities associated with advanced therapeutic medicinal products and support the participation of companies in the supply and value chain of the pharmaceutical sector.

### ➔ Designing a new “automatic enrolment” system for pension savings

The European Commission is supporting Ireland with the design and implementation of a new system for supplementary pension savings. The programme provided expertise to help design the key policy, regulatory and operational elements of the new automatic enrolment system. From 2021 onwards, expertise will be provided to help implement the new system. As a result, Ireland will be able to address challenges related to the sustainability and adequacy of its pension system. The overall aim is to contribute to more adequate living standards for the population in old age.

### ➔ Financial reporting reform

The European Commission is supporting Ireland in transitioning all central government departments and offices from cash to accrual accounting. The support has allowed an assessment of the Central Government Accounting framework to be undertaken. The European Commission continues to provide assistance in this transition to enable Ireland to proceed with the change in its accounting practices and adopt the accrual accounting standards in line with IPSAS and the European Public Sector Accounting Standards.

