



Supporting reforms in **ROMANIA**

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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 Romania with 13 projects in the areas of policy development and coordination, strategic and budgetary planning, sustainability of public investments, improvement of tax compliance and tax legislation, digital transformation and green transition. The TSI will also build capacities to implement the Recovery and Resilience Plan.

Examples of new projects adopted include:

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Enhancing policy coherence, transparency and coordination at the central government



Supporting the digital transformation process of the public administration



Monitoring the implementation of the national energy and climate plan



Guiding and building capacity for the introduction of public private partnerships



Increasing the efficiency of public finances through the reform of the system of transfers to local budgets



59

PROJECTS

COMPLETED AND ONGOING REFORM PROJECTS

Romania has so far benefited from 59 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, preparation of infrastructure investments, green transition and sustainable development goals, regional development, public administration and digitalisation. A particular focus has been on building the capacity of the Ministry of Finance, the National Fiscal Agency, the National Bank of Romania, the Financial Supervisor, the Court of Accounts as well as institutions in charge of economic development, environment, health, education and social services. To date, 26 projects have been successfully concluded.



➔ Reducing early school leaving

During two successive projects, the programme supported the design and implementation of a monitoring and intervention mechanism for pupils at risk of dropout and piloted it in 10 counties. The projects also provided guidance and materials for schools and relevant authorities at national and local level and ensured integration with the national IT system for education. As a result, Romania intends to roll out the mechanism countrywide and is currently designing a comprehensive initiative.

➔ Simplifying the licensing system

The Commission is currently supporting Romania in redesigning the business licensing system. The specific recommendations from the report prepared by the project became a basis for key reforms aiming at improving the business environment planned by in the coming years. The project is further supporting the development of a legislative roadmap and provides technical advice for establishing a digital interface for businesses to deal with licensing procedures.

➔ Setting up a national development bank

A first project provided an analysis, a feasibility study, proposals to amend legislation and a roadmap for the implementation of the first ever development bank in Romania. A follow up project is currently supporting the setting up of this bank. The government sees the development bank as playing a central role in the financing of strategic projects in the context of the post-COVID recovery.

