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Supporting reforms in **SWEDEN**

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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 Sweden with 2 projects in the areas of labour market as well as building planning and permitting.

The new projects are the following:

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Reforming the national public
employment service



Setting up a digital training programme
for building planning and permitting





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COMPLETED AND ONGOING REFORM PROJECTS

Sweden 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 fiscal reform, biodiversity conservation, healthcare and just transition. To date, 2 projects have been successfully concluded. Examples of successful reform projects include the following:



→ Improving tax compliance of companies

The European Commission supported Sweden in strengthening its capacity to produce tax gap estimates for corporate income taxes, meaning the difference between taxes that are due and those that are actually collected. As a result of this project, Sweden has built capacity to improve its tax policy decision-making process and tax collection.



→ Digitalising permits for trade in endangered fauna and flora

The European Commission supported Sweden in developing an e-permitting system helping compliance with the international convention for trade in wild animals and plants (CITES). The programme provided expertise to help digitalise the issuance of trade permits, focusing mainly on interactions with third countries and taking into account future harmonization with an EU-wide system. As a result, Sweden has built capacity to improve the management of permitting, reduce fraud in the trade of endangered species and produce more accurate reporting.

