



Supporting reforms in **SPAIN**

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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 Spain with 15 projects in the areas of green transition, environmental taxation and green finance, transport systems, support to small and medium sized enterprises, health services, employment and social protection, education, digital public administration, justice and fight against fraud.

Examples of new projects adopted include:

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Digital transformation of the public administration



Implementing the green transition strategies of the Recovery and Resilience Plan



Setting up a framework for green taxes and sustainable debt



Improvement of the minimum income scheme system



Implementing a new strategy to address early school leaving



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PROJECTS

COMPLETED AND ONGOING REFORM PROJECTS

Spain has so far benefited from 36 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 environmental protection, business and growth, employment and social services, education and training, fiscal reform, insolvency and public administration. A particular focus has been on the digitalisation of justice, efficiency of public spending, fight against fraud and effectiveness of the health system. To date, 5 projects have been successfully concluded. Examples of successful reform projects include the following:



→ Developing solutions for remote medical care

The Commission supports two Spanish regions (Castilla-La Mancha and Catalonia) in the reform of their model of healthcare delivery by complementing traditional face-to-face patient-doctor as well as doctor-doctor interactions with remote interactions. The development of 'telemedicine' solutions promises to ensure access to quality healthcare services to people across the regions with significant number of people living in rural areas or isolated communities. Next to widening the coverage area of the service, the remote model of medical care also improves overall cost efficiency of the health system.

→ Designing strategies for coastal protection

With a coastline running over 6.500 km, Spain is particularly vulnerable to climate change, including the rise in sea levels and extreme weather events. The impact for people living in coastal areas and islands goes beyond the environment consequences and affects the economy and society negatively. Since 2018, the Commission supports the development of four regional strategies in Almería, Islas Baleares, Cádiz and Málaga. These regional solutions seek to ensure coastal protection while preserving economic, cultural and social activities. The regional experiences will also help the central government in future efforts to design a national strategy for effective coastal protection.

→ Implementation of cyber-justice solutions

Since 2018, the Commission has been supporting Spanish authorities in delivering better access to quality justice to citizens through digital solutions. The programme supports Spain in setting up a system for electronic management of judicial files, in improving the collection of relevant statistics as well as in enhancing the capacity to support victims. The support provided also helps to develop full interoperability of respective ICT systems across all autonomous regions in Spain. Finally, the project contributes crucial digitization and management support to the 'Justicia 2030' programme which aims to make the Spanish judicial system ready for the future.

