



European
Commission

STRUCTURAL REFORM SUPPORT PROGRAMME 2020

Support for reforms in EU Member States

The success of our Economic and Monetary Union depends on the strength and resilience of the economies of our Member States. In a rapidly changing world, Member States need to **optimise their policies and institutions** to ensure lasting prosperity for their people.

To support these reform efforts, the Commission's Directorate-General for Structural Reform Support (DG REFORM) helps EU countries to **prepare, design and implement reforms**. The support is based purely **on demand** and is **tailor-made** for the beneficiary Member State. It takes the form of strategic or legal advice, studies, training and in-country missions by experts and is provided through the **Structural Reform Support Programme**.

Since 2015, demand for support from Member States has far outstripped expectations. Today, the Commission is engaged, through the Structural Reform Support Programme and other sources, in over **1000 reform projects** in **27 Member States**.

Areas of expertise of the Structural Reform Support Programme

Governance & public administration

- Governance
- Central & local administration
- Digital public administration
- Governance & IT function
- eGovernment strategies
- Management of human resources
- Better regulation
- Anti-corruption & anti-fraud strategies
- Judicial reform

Revenue administration & public financial management

- Tax compliance
- Tackling aggressive tax planning & tax evasion
- Tax administration efficiency & capacity building
- Digitalisation & impact on tax administration
- Spending reviews
- Fiscal framework
- Budget execution & cash management
- Public accounting & fiscal statistics
- External audits

Growth & business environment

- Foreign investment & trade policy
- SMEs & competition policy
- Research, innovation & digital economy
- Transport, tourism, agriculture, & other sectors
- Licensing, inspections & better regulation
- Investment management & public-private partnerships
- Management of state-owned enterprises
- Management of natural resources
- Energy & climate

Labour market, education, health & social services

- Labour market
- Welfare system
- Pension system
- Healthcare & long-term care
- Education & vocational training
- Migration & border management

Financial sector & access to finance

- Capital market development
- Financial literacy
- Financial sector supervision
- Insolvency
- Crisis management
- Insurance undertakings
- Anti-money-laundering

2020 reform projects

In 2020, the Structural Reform Support Programme will provide support to all **27 Member States** to carry out **more than 240 projects**.

Examples of 2020 projects include:

-  Modernising e-services for the public in **Belgium**
-  Setting up a quality framework on early education in **Bulgaria**
-  Establishing e-health centres in the **Czech Republic**
-  Building capacity to manage fiscal risks in **Denmark**
-  Designing an integrated information management system in **Greece** in the area of migration
-  Assisting with transition from coal energy in a region in **Spain**
-  Developing a sustainable finance ecosystem in **Finland**
-  Improving the relevance and perception of vocational education system in **France**
-  Contributing to the EU's 2030 renewable energy targets in the electricity sector in **Ireland**
-  Assessing the impact of environmental tax reforms in **Italy**
-  Building capacity to reach Sustainable Development Goals in **Poland**
-  Helping to improve insolvency proceedings in **Portugal**
-  Reviewing the pension and disability insurance system in **Slovenia**
-  Developing a circular economy roadmap in **Slovakia**

In 2020, a portion of the budget of the programme has been set aside for a new call in the first quarter of 2020 to assist Member States with the **preparation of their territorial just transition plans** for the Just Transition Mechanism.

Reform Support Programme post-2020

On 31 May 2018, as part of its proposals for budgetary instruments to strengthen Europe's Economic and Monetary Union, the Commission proposed to expand its support for reforms after 2020 under a new **Reform Support Programme**, which includes three instruments: the reform delivery tool (financial support to all EU Member States), a convergence facility (financial support to non-euro-area Member States) and a technical support instrument (providing expertise for all EU Member States).

At the end of 2018, the leaders mandated the Eurogroup to work on the design and modalities of a new **Budgetary Instrument for Convergence** and Competitiveness for the euro area. This instrument would support reforms and investments in the euro area and would be integrated into the Reform Support Programme. Legislative negotiations with the European Parliament and the Council are ongoing.