



COMPLETING EUROPE'S ECONOMIC AND MONETARY UNION

The Commission's Contribution to the Leaders' Agenda

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STRUCTURAL REFORM SUPPORT SERVICE



The Structural Reform Support Programme finances tailor-made technical support to Member States to help them with their reform plans. The support is available to all EU Member States, is demand-driven and requires no co-financing.

The Structural Reform Support Programme is implemented by the Commission's Structural Reform Support Service in cooperation with other Commission services and mobilises experts from all over Europe and beyond. It supports Member States in the preparation, design, implementation and evaluation of growth enhancing reforms.

Following the request by a Member State, the reform support of the Commission covers the **entire project cycle** throughout which the ownership of the reforms remains with the Member State.

The Structural Reform Support Service has so far supported 15 Member States to carry out over 150 projects. Under the Structural Reform Support Programme 2018 cycle, the Structural Reform Support Service has received 444 requests for support from over 20 Member States, leading to a substantial excess demand for the Programme's limited budget.

2017

Structural Reform Support Programme:

more than **150 requests**
in **15** Member States.



2018

Structural Reform Support Programme:

more than **440 requests**
from over **20** Member States.



Doubling the capacity of the Structural Reform Support Service

The Commission proposes to double the financial envelope of the current Structural Reform Support Programme, bringing it to €300 million for the period up to 2020. This will allow the Structural Reform Support Programme to respond to the greater than expected number of requests for support from Member States.

This proposal takes the form of an amendment to the Structural Reform Support Programme Regulation. Based on this experience, the Commission intends to propose a follow-up to the Structural Reform Support Programme under the post-2020 Multiannual Financial Framework.

Areas of expertise of the Structural Reform Support Service

GOVERNANCE AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

- Governance
- Central & local administration
- E-Government
- Management of human resources
- Better regulation
- Anti-corruption & anti-fraud strategies
- Anti-money-laundering strategies
- Judicial reform

REVENUE ADMINISTRATION AND PUBLIC FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

- Revenue administration
- Budget preparation
- Spending reviews
- Fiscal strategies & tax policy
- Supreme audit institution/ independent fiscal institution

GROWTH AND BUSINESS ENVIRONMENT

- Investment licensing
- Competition policy
- Trade issues
- Digital society
- Land registry
- Energy Union
- Better Regulation
- Management of State-owned enterprises (SOEs)
- Sectoral expertise: transport, environment, water, agriculture, etc.

LABOUR MARKET, HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

- Labour market, policies & laws
- Welfare system
- Pension system
- Healthcare
- Education & vocational training

FINANCIAL SECTOR AND ACCESS TO FINANCE

- Access to finance
- Capital Markets Union
- Bank supervision & resolution
- Non-performing loans
- Insolvency & financial literacy
- Insurance & pension
- Competition

Special assignments: The service has helped to coordinate the response to the refugee crisis in Greece and is also responsible for the implementation of the Aid Programme for the Turkish Cypriot community.

Project examples



GOVERNANCE AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

Improving the efficiency of the national public procurement system in **Lithuania**.

Providing support to enhance the efficiency of human resources management in the administration in **Malta**.



REVENUE ADMINISTRATION AND PUBLIC FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

Designing accrual accounting systems to harmonise national accounting practices in **Italy**.

Strengthening the ability of the tax administration to improve tax collection in **Bulgaria**.



GROWTH AND BUSINESS ENVIRONMENT

Improving business environment to remove regulatory barriers in **Portugal**.

Providing support to the authorities to reach the 2020 and 2030 energy and climate targets in **Cyprus**.



LABOUR MARKET, HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

Supporting the design and implementation of new curricula in schools in **Croatia**.

Improving the functioning of primary healthcare in **Slovakia**.



FINANCIAL SECTOR AND ACCESS TO FINANCE

Improving the functioning of capital markets across the three Baltic States (**Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania**).

Strengthening the ability to deal with non-performing loans in **Slovenia**.

Next steps



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