



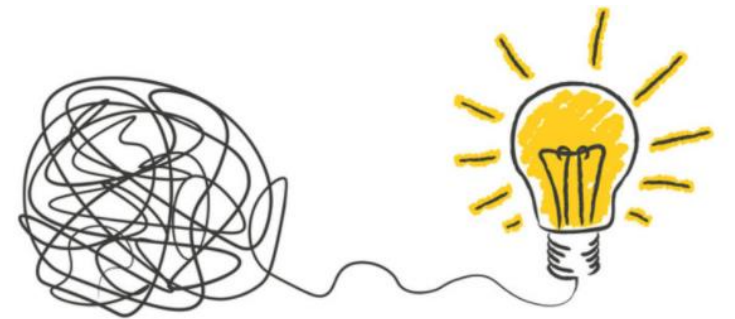
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Country roll-out meeting in Slovakia

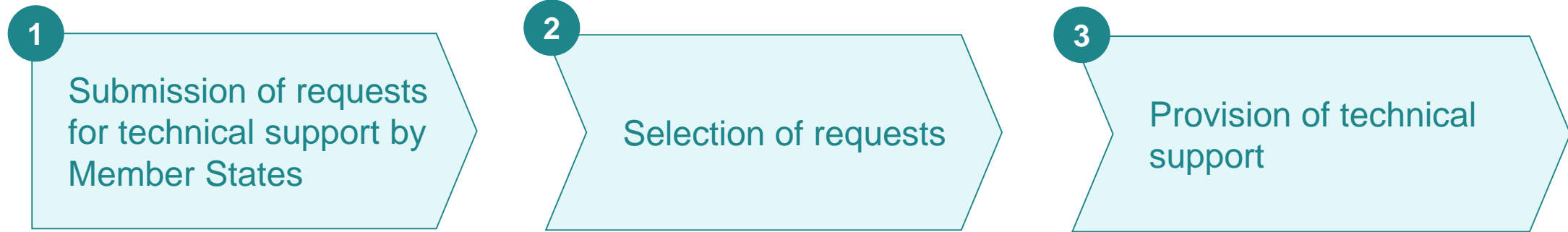
22 June 2023, Ministry of Finance, Bratislava

The technical support instrument (TSI)

- Provides **tailor-made technical expertise** to EU Member States to **design and implement reforms**
- Is **demand driven** and **does not require any co-financing** from Member States
- Covers a **wide range of reform areas, in any reform phase**
- **National** and **regional level** (including outermost regions)
- **€ 864 million of budget** for the period 2021-2027¹



How does the Technical Support Instrument work?



Direct provision

European Commission's in-house expertise



Indirect provision

Other international organisations
Member States' experts
Private sector experts

DG REFORM involved throughout the duration of the project

TSI 2023 – Highlights



32% of the TSI 2023 projects support the **green transition**

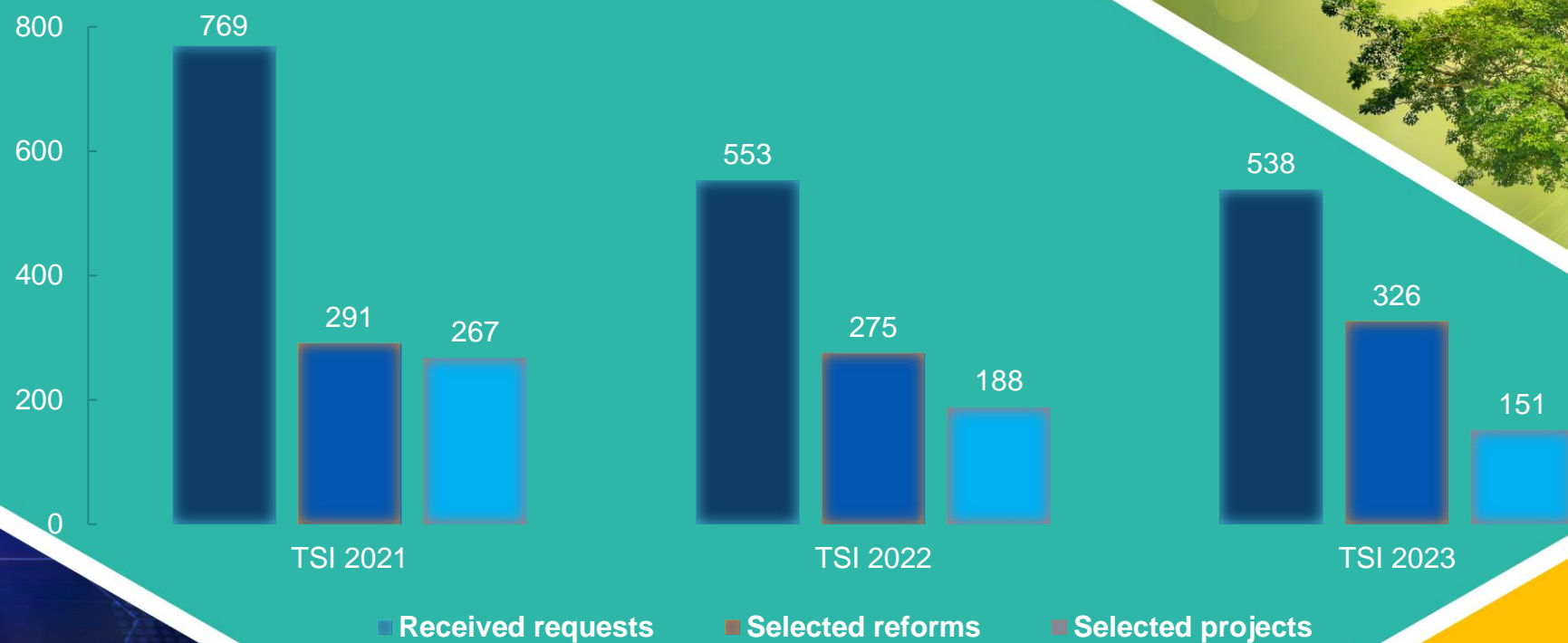


40% of the TSI 2023 projects support the **digital transition**



77% of the new projects are linked to the national **Recovery Resilience Plans**

Technical Support Instrument 2021-2023



TSI 2024 – Priorities

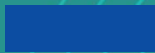
Strengthen further **the support to EU priorities**, notably through

- Support the **implementation of RRP**s
- Proposal of a new set of **flagship projects** on common EU reform needs
- Further increase of **multi-country projects**
- Further emphasize **regional and local dimensions**





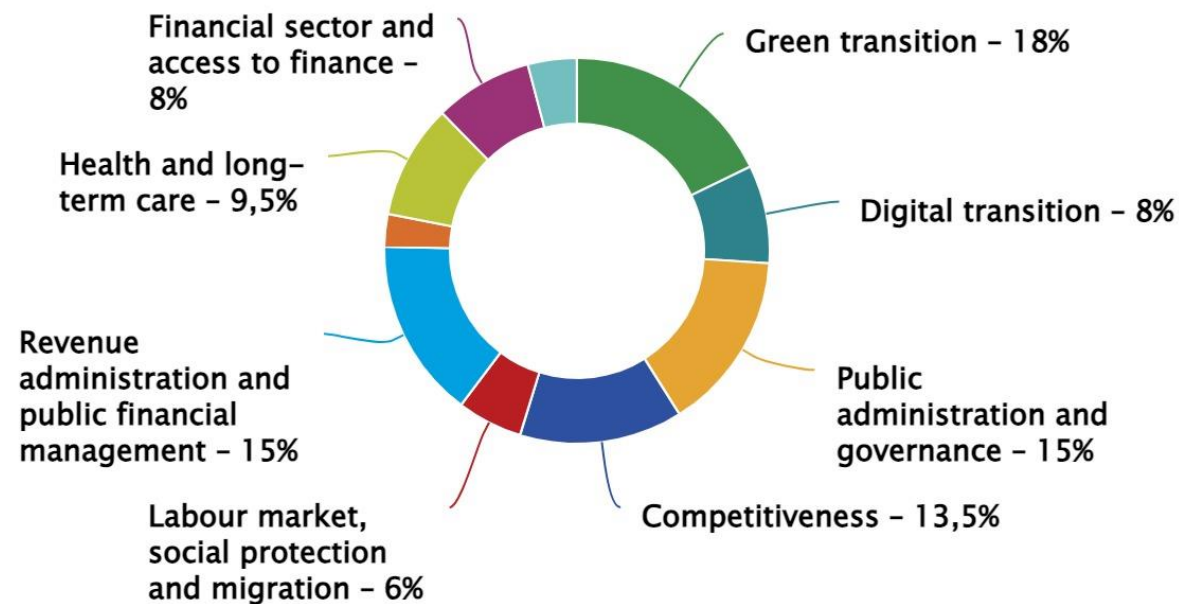
TSI in Slovakia



Support provided to Slovakia up to now

- **69** projects **selected** (for around EUR 26 mln)
- **37** projects **completed**
- **31** projects linked to the **RRP**
- **12** requests selected under **TSI 2023** (10 out of 20 submitted by Slovakia and 2 multi-country), including **6** flagships

Approved reform support projects in Slovakia per policy area 2017-2023





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Slovakia's experience with EC technical support instrument (TSI)





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Upper Nitra region

2018

The Commission has started to support a Just Transition by developing a strategy for the Upper Nitra region to transition from coal, including extensive stakeholder consultations at local, regional and national level.

2020

Continuation of EU support to facilitate the conversion and redevelopment of land and property (brownfields).

2021

The Commission supported the preparation of a territorial plan for a fair transition in Slovakia, specifically for the region of Upper Nitra, and some districts of the regions of Banská Bystrica and Košice.

2022

The Commission provided tailor-made technical support for the implementation of the Slovak Territorial Plan for Just Transition.

Results achieved

- The strategy for the Upper Nitra region to transition away from coal, prepared with technical support from the Commission, was approved by the Slovak Government in July 2019.
- In 2022, the Slovak authorities finalized their Territorial Plan for Just Transition and submitted it to the Just Transition Mechanism.
- From 2022 onwards, the support continues to help identify and prepare quality projects funded by the Just Transition Fund and build the overall capacity of the Slovak administration to support the implementation of the Just Transition Mechanism.



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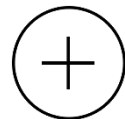
Technical Support for the implementation of the Recovery and Resilience Plans

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TSI support in the context of the RRF

- Support can be provided for the “preparation, amendment and revision of recovery and resilience plans [...] and the implementation thereof undertaken by Member States” – **Art. 9(d) of TSI Regulation**
- 2 types of support:
 - 1. General support**, horizontally applicable, for a smooth implementation of the RRFs
 - 2. Thematic support**, targeting specific reforms and investments in the RRFs

TSI standard calls



TSI 2021 dedicated call on RRFs

Contribution to the implementation of the Recovery and Resilience Plans

More than 400 TSI projects linked to the preparation or implementation of the RRP

More than 70% of TSI 2023 selected requests linked to the implementation of the RRP

General support for the implementation of RRP

Technical support to enhance :

- RRP monitoring and project management methods
- RRP governance structures, including IT systems
- RRP reporting mechanisms
- RRP audit and control frameworks
- Application of the “Do No Significant Harm” principle
- RRP communication strategy



23 Member States

Example of general RRP support projects



RRP Communication strategy

- Draft communication strategy piloted with the slogan “**Get Slovakia into good shape**”
- **Pilot campaign** for justice, health and education reforms
- Throughout the pilot, **communication material, narratives and visuals** were produced, as well as a **website**
 - Example webpage ([link](#))

State aid rules across RRP

- Preparation of a **support scheme(s)** for Component 4 of RRP – “Decarbonisation of industry”
- **General advice** on the application of state aid rules across relevant RRP components
- **Capacity building training sessions** for authorities applying state aid rules

Thematic support for the implementation of RRP

Green transition



Digital transition



Health and long-term care



Skills, education and training



Governance & public admin



Competitiveness



Example of thematic RRP support projects



Digital skills in Italy

The Commission is supporting **Italy** with the preparation of a national strategy and action plan to strengthen the general **digital skills of healthcare professionals**, as well as specific skills to implement the use of **Electronic Health Records**, as set out in component 2 of the national RRP.

- Examples webpage ([link](#))



Sustainable transport in Malta

The Commission is supporting **Malta** in delivering sustainable transport through the provision of a **Feasibility Study on Hydrogen for Transport** in Malta and Gozo, a **Sustainable Urban Mobility Plan** and a **Sustainable Urban Logistics Plan**, as set out in component 2 of the national RRP.

Support for the RRP implementation under TSI 2024

General & thematic support available to Member States under TSI 2024

- While the **TSI may provide input to help achieve RRP measures**, Member States **remain fully responsible** for RRP implementation
- **Need for careful alignment** between the timelines of RRP reforms and investments & the TSI project deliverables
 - *for TSI 2024, reforms/investments preferably with a related DDL **in Q1 2025 or later***



Example of TSI-RRP alignment

Reform in the RRP

- Spending review pilot completion by **Q2 2024**
- Decision/law on integration of spending reviews into budget process by **Q2 2025**

TSI support

- Technical support **beginning of Q3 2023** to assist in carrying out the pilots
- Recommendations from TSI project **in Q4 2024** on how spending reviews could be integrated, based on the pilots

Visit DG REFORM's website for more information on...

Technical support to the preparation and implementation of RRP's

- General support
- Thematic support

General support for the overall preparation or implementation of RRP's

TSI has been providing general support to 18 Member States to further enhance their ability to implement the RRP's, including as regards the RRP monitoring and project management methods, reporting mechanisms, audit and control frameworks, communication strategy, governance structures, including IT systems, or to assist with the application of the "Do No Significant Harm" principle.

- RRP preparation in Cyprus

The Commission supported Cyprus in preparing its RRP, including for setting up costing methodologies on RRP reforms and investments and for the design of a monitoring facility.

- RRP implementation mechanisms in Portugal

The Commission is supporting Portugal in enhancing the RRP monitoring, reporting, audit and control mechanisms and in developing an investment management framework for RRP investments.

RRP communication strategy in Slovakia

The Commission supported Slovakia in designing a communication strategy aimed to communicate the benefits of RRP implementation to the general public.



The [Recovery and Resilience Facility](#) (RRF) at the heart of NextGenerationEU is a once in a generation opportunity for deep structural transformation in the Member States. The Facility deploys up to €723.8 billion (in current prices) in loans and grants in order to support the reform and investment packages put forward by the Member States in their national Recovery and Resilience Plans (RRPs).

Reforms and investments contained in the RRP's are well aligned with the EU's strategic priorities and address country-specific challenges identified within the European Semester framework of economic and social policy coordination. The measures contained in the RRP's are expected to facilitate and accelerate the green and digital transitions in the Member States, while increasing resilience, cohesion and sustainable growth.

Finally the European Commission, via the Technical Support Instrument (TSI), has been helping Member States with the preparation and implementation of their national RRP's. So far, more than 300 projects approved under the TSI are linked to the preparation or implementation of Member States' RRP's. TSI assistance has taken the form of general support, horizontally applicable for a smooth implementation of the plans, and thematic support, targeting specific reforms and investments in the RRP's.

www.ec.europa.eu/reform-support/what-we-do/recovery-and-resilience-plans_en

For more information: **REFORM-01@ec.europa.eu**



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Flagship projects 2024

Directorate-General for Structural Reform Support

Flagship technical support projects

- Based on Member States' needs
- Respond to EU priorities
- Voluntary uptake
- TSI 2023 – **over 30%** of selected projects
- TSI 2024 **seven thematic pillars**

Social and Economic Resilience

Territorial Cohesion

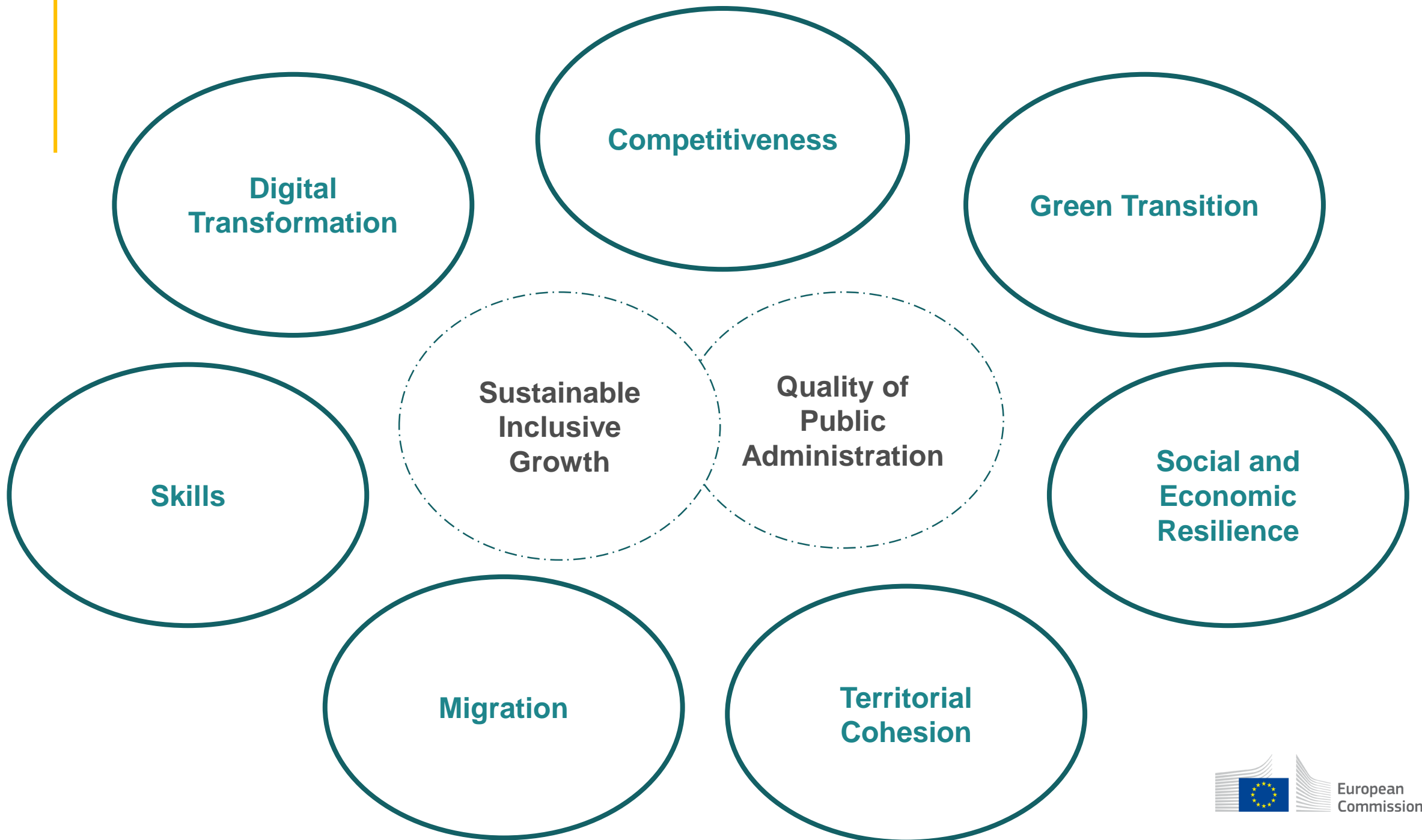
Digital Transformation

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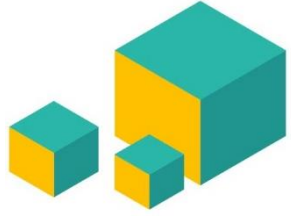
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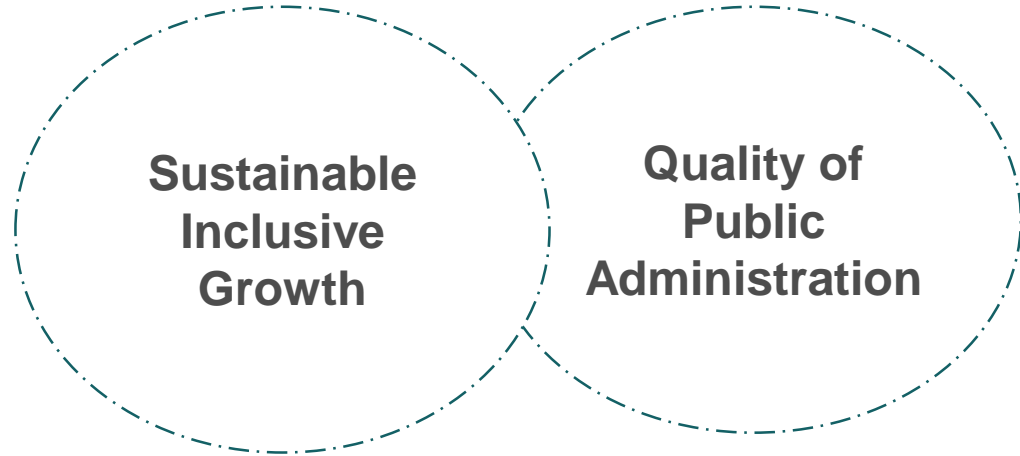
Technical Support Instrument Flagship Projects 2024

- Public Administration Cooperation Exchange
- Artificial Intelligence
- Digital Financial Literacy
- Digital Transformation of Tax and Customs Administrations
- Enhancing the quality of Public Finances
- The Green Deal Industrial Plan
- Support to the Social Climate Fund and the revised EU Emissions Trading System
- Overcoming Barriers to Regional Development
- Enhancing reception/ accommodation capacity for migrants
- Mental Health: fostering well-being and mental health
- Skills: fostering skills development systems better adapted to the labour market
- Reinforcing Democracy and the Rule of Law
- The Public Administration of the future



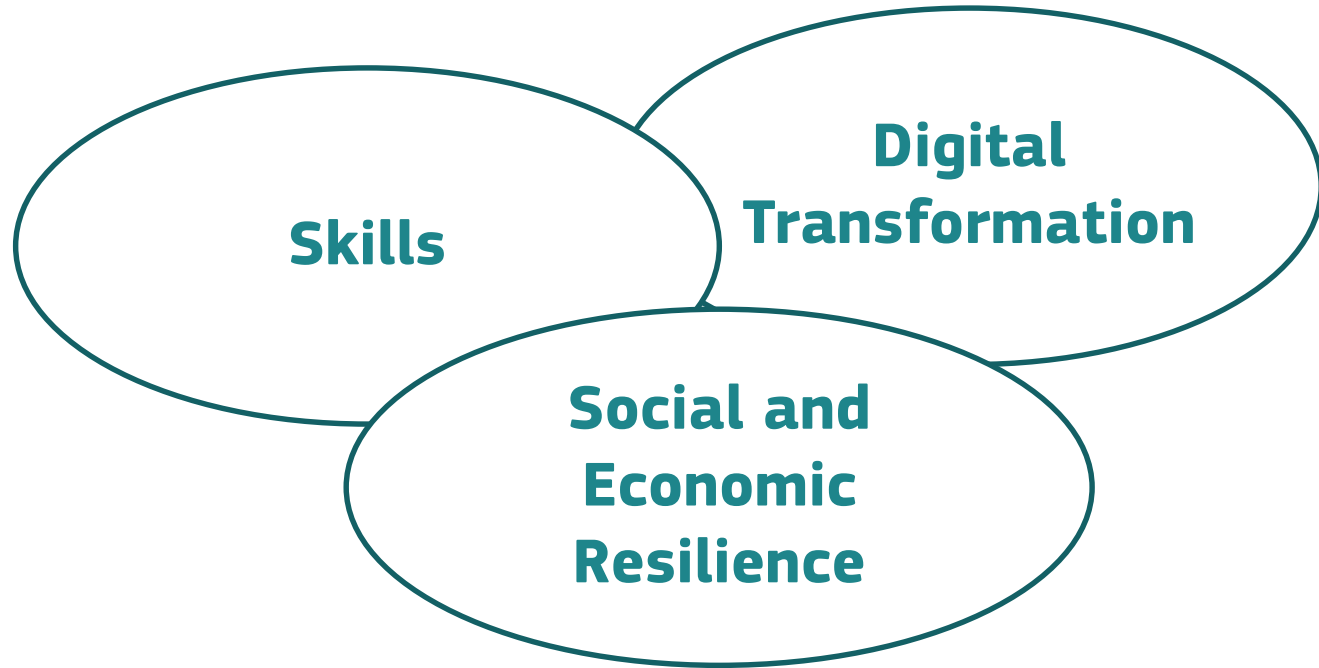
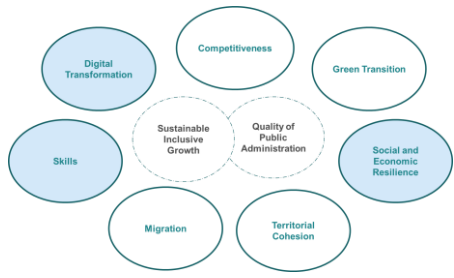
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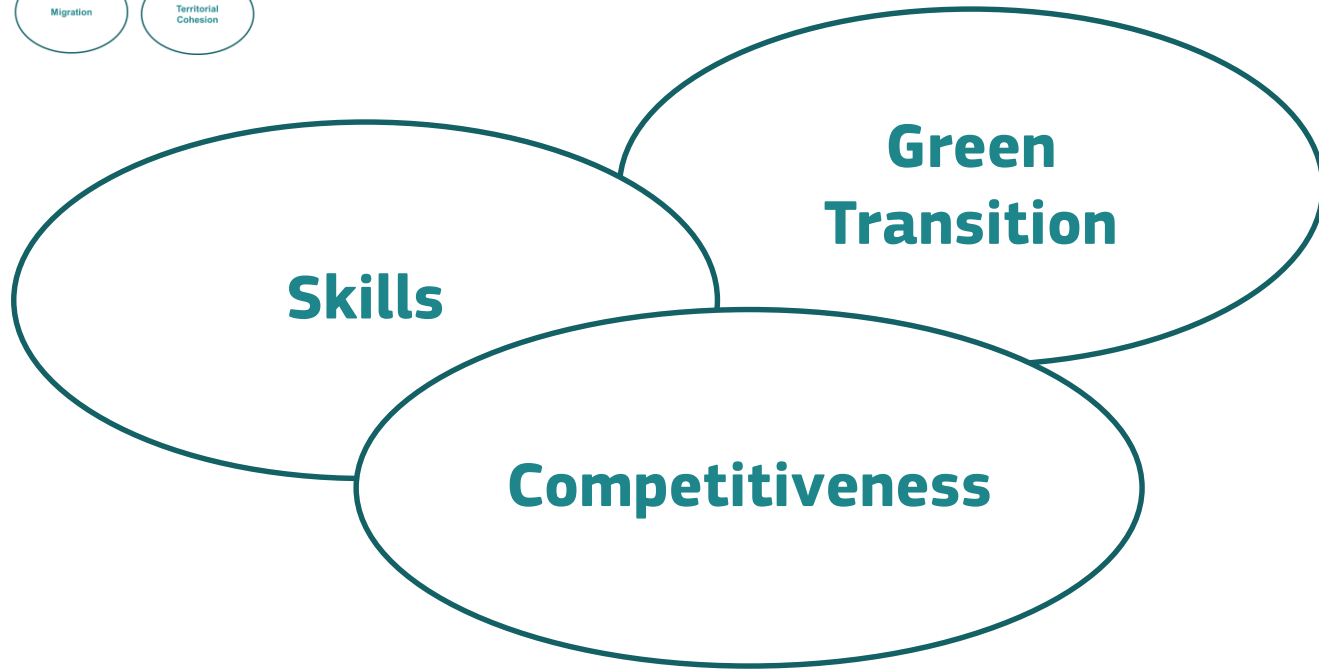
PACE - Public Administration Cooperation Exchange





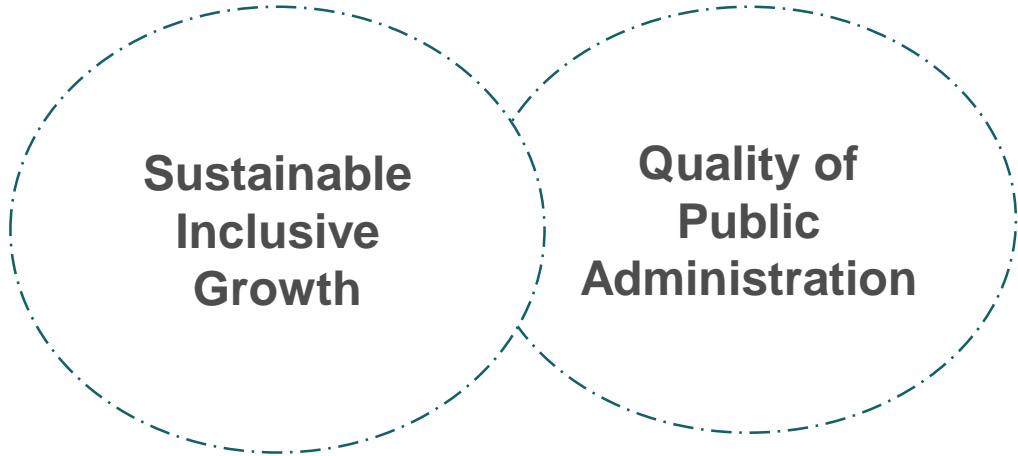
Digital Financial Literacy





Support to the Green Deal Industrial Plan





Public administration of the future



Cross-country thematic events

- **Thematic meetings are organized by DG REFORM**, throughout May-September 2023
- **Target:** Beneficiary Authorities of one policy area across Member States.
- **Focus on** Flagships, identified key policy areas and potential multi-country ideas
- Calendar shared with **Coordinating Authorities for dissemination**, and **“Save the date”** for events





TSI Country Roll-out

Multi-country requests

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Multi-country projects

A multi-country or multi-region project is a technical support project that is relevant or **common to more than one Member State** as it belongs to the **same policy area** and addresses the **same priorities** for technical support



2 types of multi-country requests:

- **Submission in parallel:** Coordinated submission of similar requests by different Member States
- **Submission on behalf:** Request submission by one Member State on behalf of other Member States

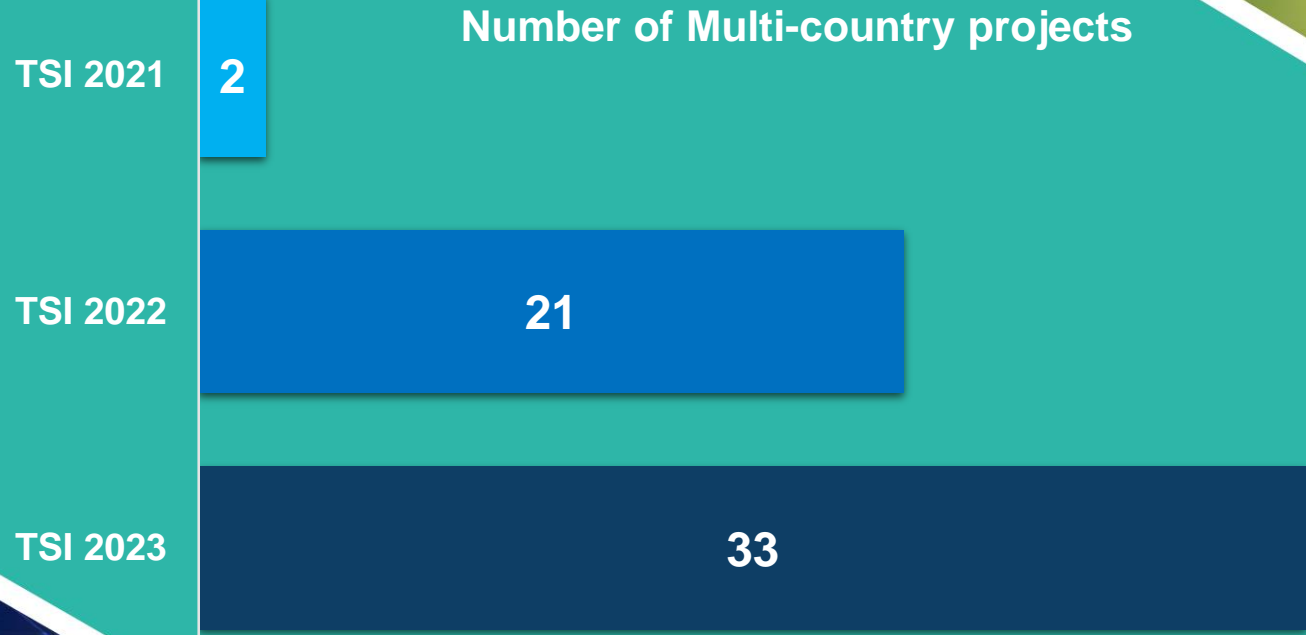
Multi-country (multi-region) projects

EU added value of the multi-country projects

- Overcoming **common challenges** together
- **Mutual learning**
- **Share of good practices**
- **Networking** for identification of efficiencies
- Synergies and **replicability** of reform projects

The tailored approach and the speed of delivery of the project is ensured

TSI 2021- 23 Multi-country projects



TSI 2023 – Examples of Multi-country Support



PACE – Public Administration Cooperation Exchange

18 Member States



EU Supervisory Digital Academy

25 Member States



Support to Industrial Ecosystems

14 Member States

Improved Multi-country “On behalf” process

Improved process to ensure: (1) **invitation** to participate to authorities from other Member States, (2) **information** on the needs of each MS, & (3) **CA validation** (& prioritization as relevant).

NEW!

Common and identical section on support

measures as filled by the **leading authority** that creates the request and invites participants to fill their section.

Section	Responsible for filling
1. Description of the problem / need to be addressed	Each participating authority
2. Description of the support measures requested and the estimated cost	
2.1 – 2.6 (outcome, outputs, support measures, etc.)	Lead submitting authority
2.7 – 2.9 (previous technical support, administrative capacity, other stakeholders)	Each participating authority
3. Circumstances of the request	Each participating authority
4. Agreement to communication activities by both the coordinating authority(-ies) and the beneficiary authority(-ies)	Each participating authority

Repository of project ideas

- **System to gather ideas** for possible (individual) needs for technical support, and to identify matches ahead of the TSI 2024 submission.
- **Informal and Non-Committal exercise** to identify authorities with similar needs and partner **to create high-quality multi-country requests**.
- **Launch in June 2023** and open until October 2023.
- **How to upload your idea:** [link](#)

* Process in a nutshell

1. Authorities **upload individual ideas** of potential needs in the repository system
2. Basic information of the idea is added to the system
3. Authorities can **explore similar ideas** in the Repository and “like” other ideas.
4. The system allows to **contact** other authorities and **discuss** on similar needs.
5. Authorities receive a **notification** when they receive a message.



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TSI 2024 – Support to Regions

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Support Regional and Local authorities

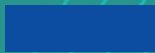
- DG REFORM will reinforce communication on the fact that the **TSI is also open to regional and local authorities** (for individual and multi-regional requests)
- Regional and local authorities considered essential to build capacity, resilience and reforms overall.
- TSI 2024 - **Flagship on Overcoming Barriers to Regional Development**

TSI 2023:

- **32 Projects had a regional dimension**
- **10 Multi-regional projects**



Discussion



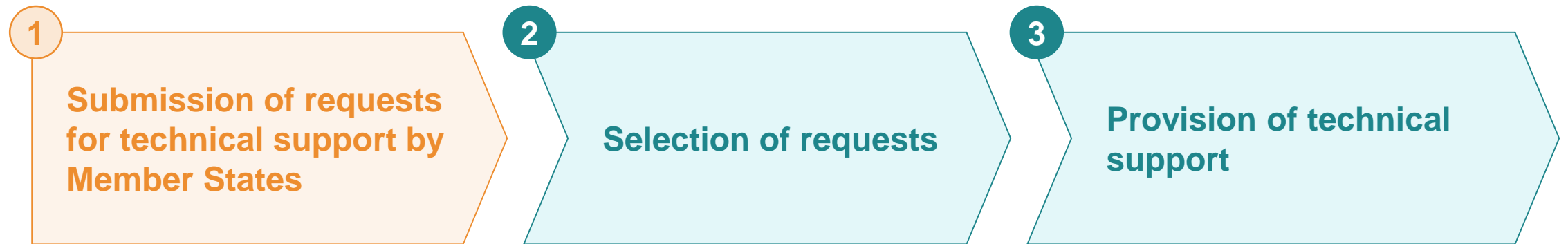


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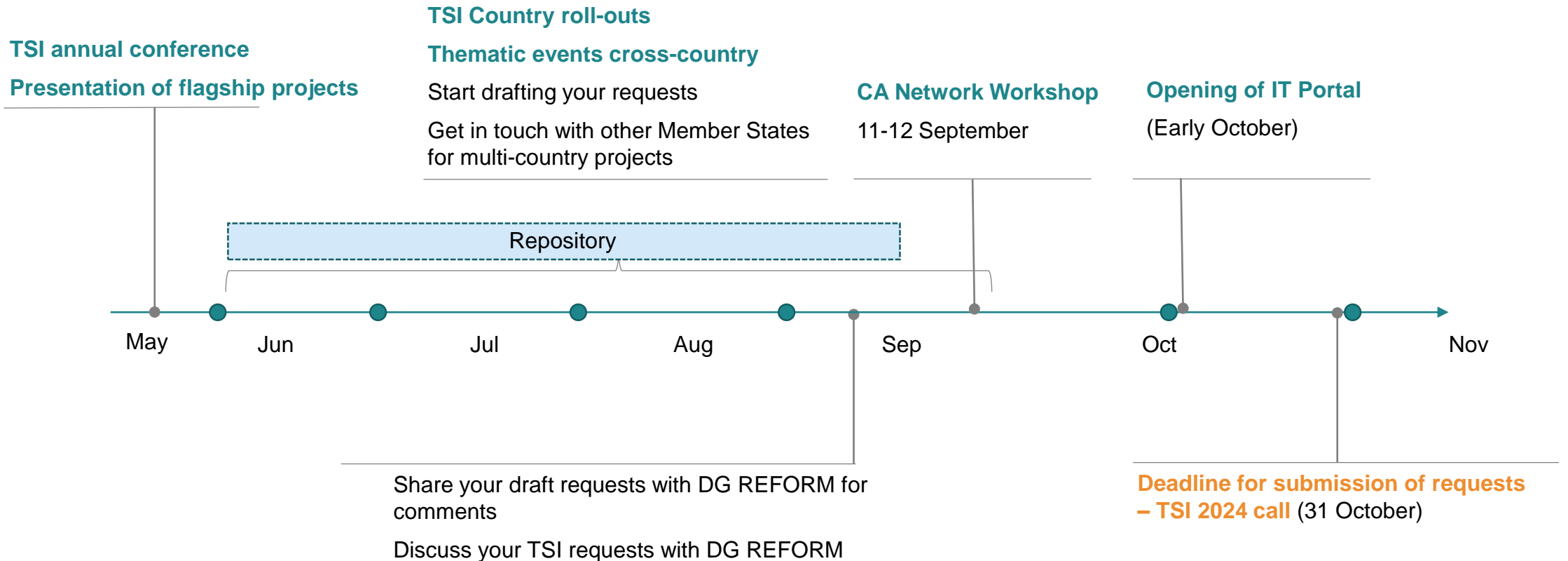
TSI 2024 – Submission of requests: Process and timeline

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Technical Support Instrument – Process



Timeline for the TSI 2024 call for requests



National Coordinating Authority

- The main aim is to facilitate communication between potential beneficiaries and the Commission (DG REFORM):

Contact Points:

- Pavol Meluš

The national **deadline** for submission of the request for technical support is 16th **October 2023**.

E-mail addresses:

- srsp@mfsr.sk
- pavol.melus@mfsr.sk

Telephone:

- +421 2 5958 5408

Draft and final requests should be sent to srsp@mfsr.sk

Template for request for technical support

The **request for technical support** will consist of questions on the following aspects:

- **Multi-country dimension** of the request
- **Description of the problem/need** to be addressed
- Indicative **description of the support measures requested**, the **estimated cost** and **indicators** to measure progress
- **Consent** to communication activities



TECHNICAL SUPPORT INSTRUMENT (TSI) PROGRAMME
Regulation (EU) 2021/240 (TSI Regulation) ⁽¹⁾

REQUEST FOR TECHNICAL SUPPORT¹
(Article 9 of the TSI Regulation)

DEADLINE: 31 October 2023
To be submitted [by/via]

Member State:	
Title of the request:	
Order of priority of the request:	
Total number of requests:	
Date of submission:	dd/mm/yyyy

COORDINATING AUTHORITY	
Name	
Address	
Contact person	[Mr/Ms x, y, z]
Email	
Telephone number	

⁽¹⁾ Regulation (EU) 2021/240 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 10 February 2021 establishing a Technical Support Instrument, OJ L 57, 18.2.2021, p. 1-16.

Template for request for a Flagship project


TECHNICAL SUPPORT INSTRUMENT (TSI) PROGRAMME Regulation (EU) 2021/240 (TSI Regulation)

REQUEST FOR A FLAGSHIP TECHNICAL SUPPORT PROJECT

DEADLINE: 31 October 2023

- 13 Flagship technical support projects to choose from
- Partially pre-filled template

TSI 2022



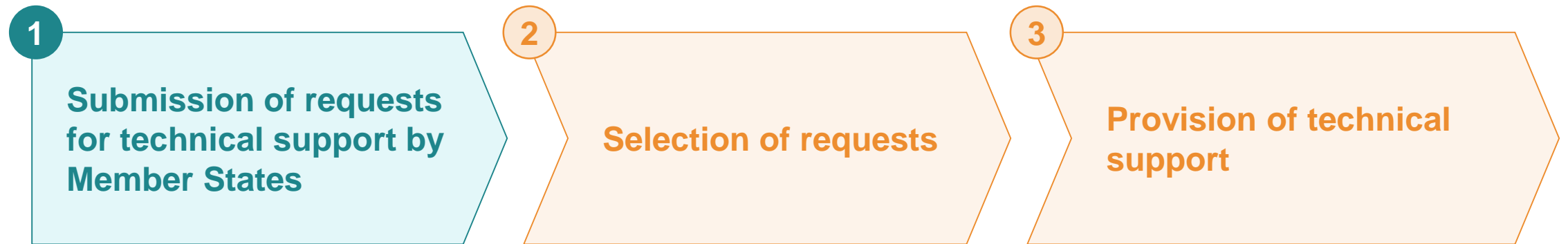
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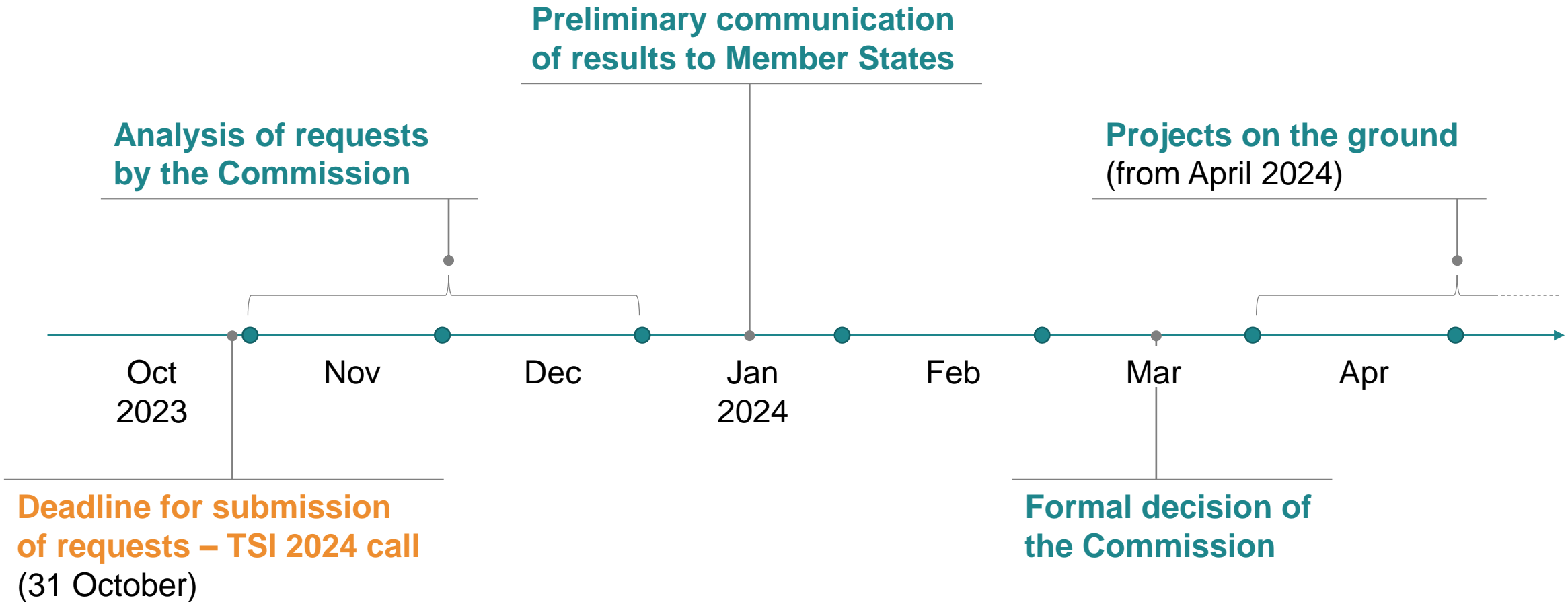
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Technical Support Instrument – Process



Adoption of the requests – timeline





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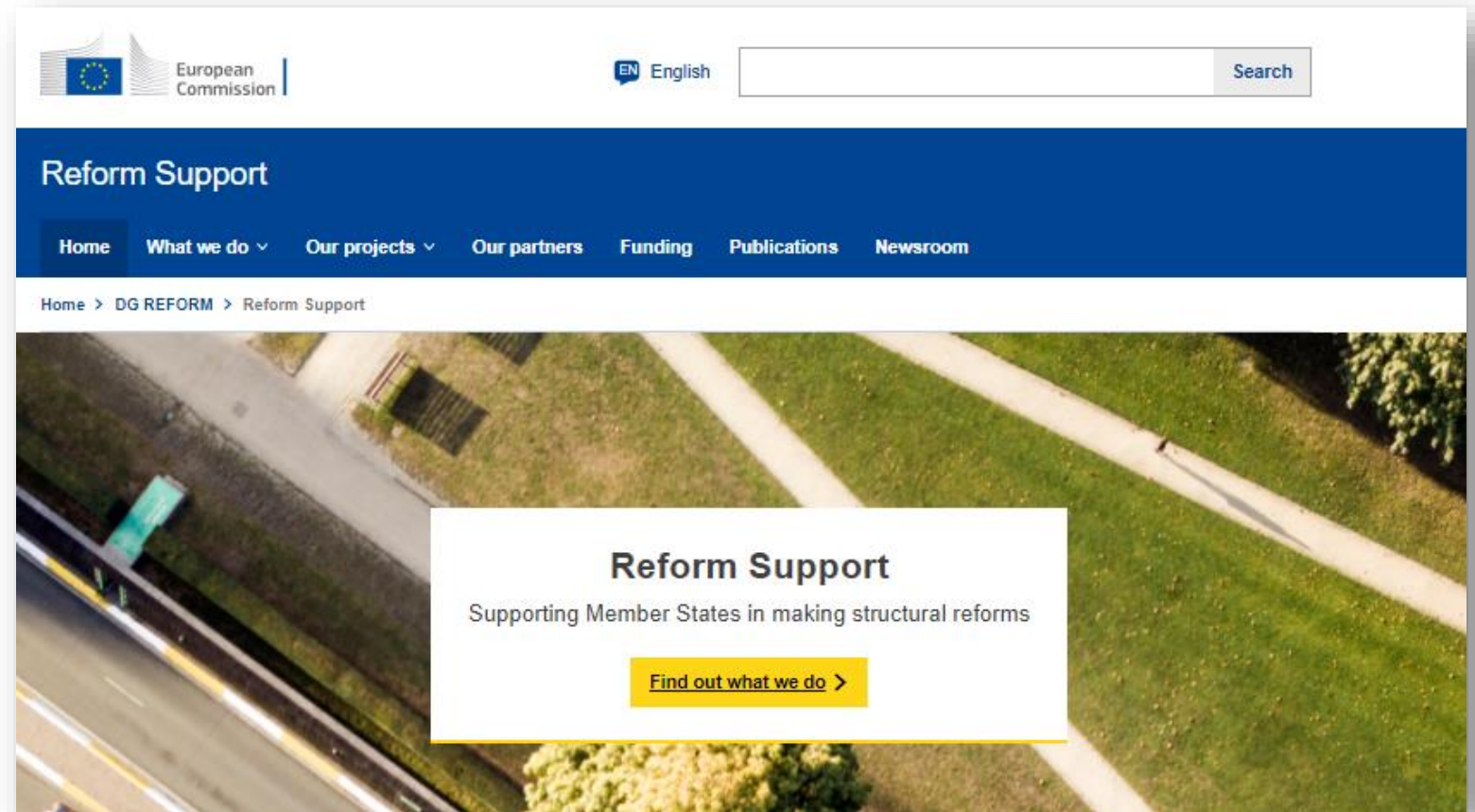
TSI– Communication resources

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Commission's website for Reform Support

Website on **all technical support measures provided by the Commission in Member States** with information on:

- Commission's activities
- Real-life projects
- Commission's partners
- Funding
- Publications
- Latest news



Visit ec.europa.eu/reform-support

Where to find further information on TSI projects

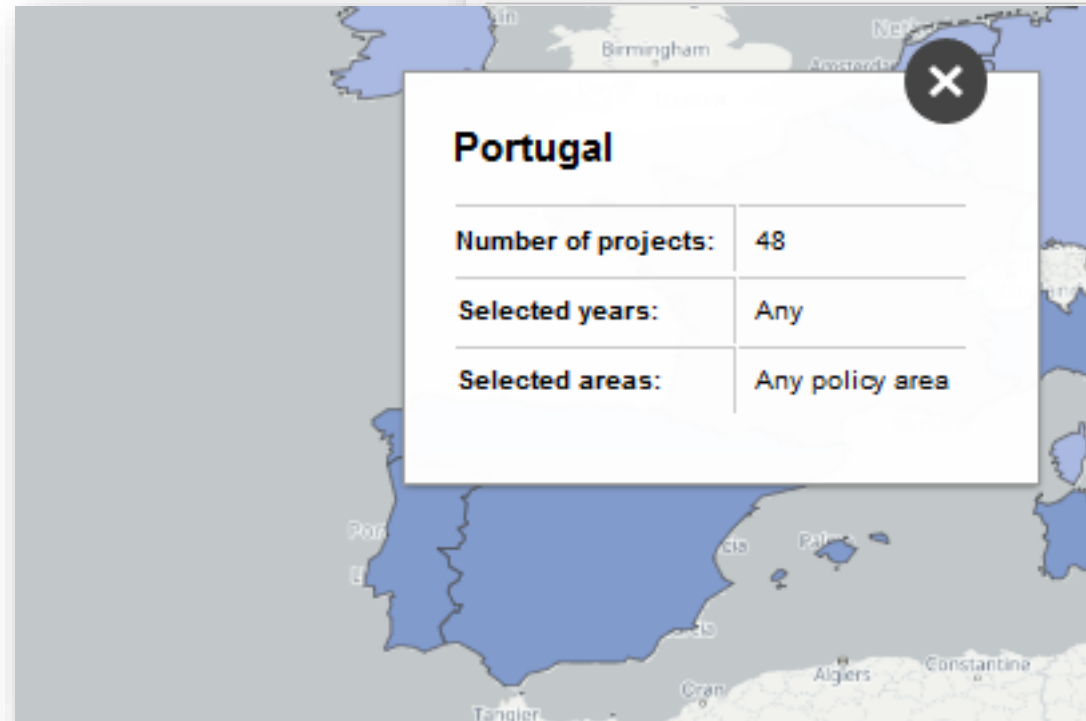
- DG REFORM's website ([link](#))
- TSI webpage ([link](#))
- Selected TSI 2023 requests ([link](#))

Examples of reform support projects

Design of a system to monitor the implementation of the law on inclusive education in Portugal

The Commission is supporting the Portuguese Ministry of Education to stir the discussion with all relevant stakeholders to define standards, indicators and procedures.

[Details](#)



For each Member State, TSI 2022 country factsheets have been published in English and national languages



Supporting reforms in FRANCE
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10 NEW PROJECTS SELECTED UNDER TSI 2022

With the second round of the TSI, the Commission will support France with 10 projects in the areas of digitalisation of justice, public administration (simplification of administrative procedures), education (focusing on special needs education and life-long learning for teachers), financial literacy, promoting equality in policy and budgeting process. 3 of those projects are multi-country projects.

Examples of new projects adopted include:

- Introducing gender mainstreaming in public policy
- Combating child poverty and social exclusion
- Improving financial literacy of new retail investors
- Creating an online support platform for offence victims
- Consolidating new regional schools for in-service training of educational staff



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Examples of new projects adopted include:

- Introducing gender mainstreaming in public policy
- Developing human-centric digital government services
- Developing a sustainable blue economy for the maritime and fisheries sectors
- Leveraging artificial intelligence for better regulation
- Enhancing cooperation and quality of public administration at regional and local level
- Transforming the tourism ecosystem



Supporting reforms in SPAIN
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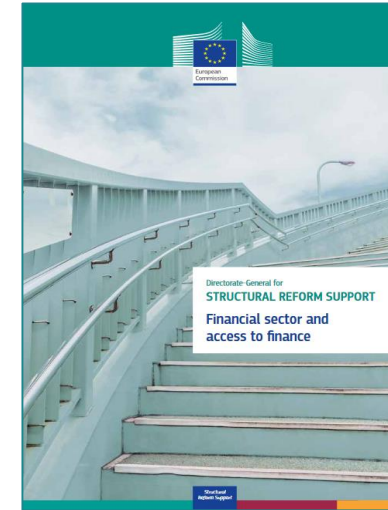
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- Transforming the tourism ecosystem
- Combating child poverty and social exclusion
- Strengthening supervisory capacity in innovative digital finance
- Enhancing cooperation and quality of public administration at regional and local level
- Leveraging digital skills to transform health and care systems

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TSI Brochures ([link](#))

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In a context of structural, societal or economic disruptions, EU Member States must enhance further the resilience of their administrations and reinforce their capacity to anticipate and recover from crises. How can the European Commission's Technical Support Instrument help Member States in this endeavour?

High-Level representatives from the European Commission, Member States and other Institutions gathered to share their perspectives during the 2022 Technical Support Instrument annual conference.

The conference highlighted the way the [Technical Support Instrument](#) {EN|***} can support Member States for the **successful design and implementation of resilience-enhancing reforms**, and in particular in the context of the recent crises (COVID 19 pandemic, Russian invasion of Ukraine).

The conference presented the **main priorities for the Technical Support instrument** for the upcoming year, notably:

- Providing continuous support to the implementation of [Recovery and resilience Plans \(RRPs\)](#); {EN|***}
- Focusing the support on selected top EU priorities (notably through the concept of flagship projects - support projects proactively proposed by the Commission to Member States);
- Encouraging the design and implementation of multi-country (and multi-regional) projects.

- TSI at a glance
- List of 2024 Flagship Technical Support Projects
- Additional information on RRP's
- Presentations on TSI main features
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- TSI Annual Conference website ([link](#))

News about the TSI programme is also published on the Commission's official social media channels

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Reforms are necessary for economic growth and resilience.

226 projects will support national reforms across Europe, thanks to the EU's technical tools and support.

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