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Technical Support Instrument Mid-term Evaluation

The Technical Support Instrument (TSI) Mid-term Evaluation was released on 12 May 2025 providing key insights on the implementation of the TSI. It was conducted halfway through the TSI's implementation period (2021-2027) to assess its early progress and impact.

Since 2021, the Technical Support Instrument (TSI) has been providing tailor-made technical expertise to EU Member States to design and implement reforms in a wide range of policy areas including:

-  Sustainable growth and business environment
-  Revenue administration and public financial management
-  Governance and public administration
-  Labour market, education, health and social protection
-  Financial sector and access to finance
-  Migration and RRP implementation

SCOPE OF THE MID-TERM EVALUATION



All projects funded under the TSI cycles **2021, 2022 and 2023**



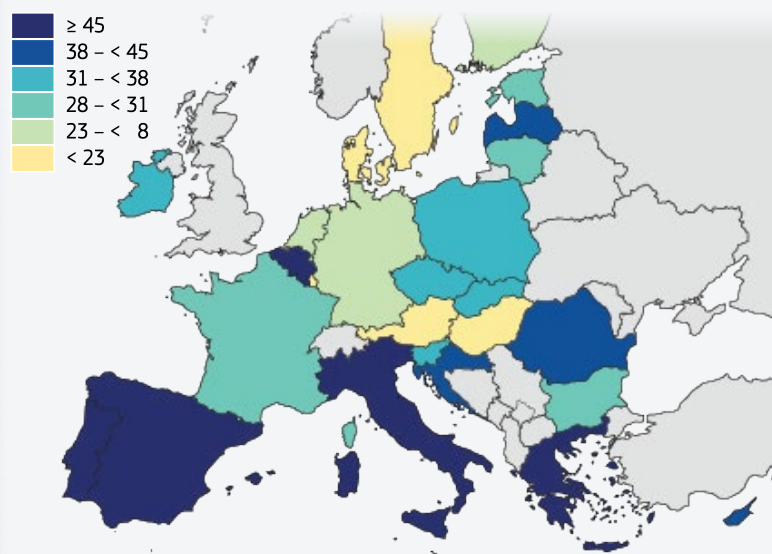
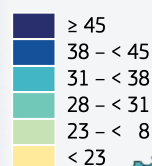
In all **27** EU Member States



For a total of **611** technical support projects, corresponding to **886** national components of projects



For a total budget of **EUR 359 million**



National project components
Standalone + Multi-country projects

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Main lessons and recommendations



Alignment with EU priorities

The TSI has been coherent with other EU processes and has contributed to the achievement of EU priorities.



Holistic vision of country support

The evaluation underscored the need for a strategic approach to integrate technical support with other EU programs and instruments.



Flagship projects

The introduction of flagship projects was considered a success as they enabled a better alignment between national reforms and EU priorities, driving regulatory compliance, and promoting the application of EU law.



Better monitoring

Strengthening how projects are monitored and evaluated is crucial to understanding their impact and success.



Ownership and engagement

The demand-driven nature of the TSI helps ensure Member States' ownership of projects and stakeholders' commitment. However, tracking its contribution to long-term goals needs improvement.



Consistent follow-up

The success of technical support and the achievement of long-term sustainable results depend on Member States' consistent and systematic follow-up of technical support projects.



Collaboration is key

Strong collaboration and exchanges between beneficiary authorities and policy officers' are crucial for the implementation of the projects. Continued support from policy officers after project completion might enhance sustainability.

How the TSI works

Activities



Policy advice, formulation of strategies/reforms



Capacity building
(workshops, exchange of best practices, training)



Data collection & methodology development



Development and publication of studies and reports



Operational activities
(e.g. translation, administrative assistance, facilities)



Communication
(awareness-raising, TSI results)

Results



Adoption of a new strategy, a new law/act or modification of an existing one



Adoption of (new) procedures and actions to enhance the implementation of reforms



Improved internal working procedures, methodologies and processes, organisation



Organisational change, change management, improved HR management

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