



# **Structural Reform Support Programme** providing tailored technical support for reforms

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Structural Reform Support Service

# Structural reform support service (SRSS)

Commission service, with a mandate to:

- Support member states with the preparation, design, and implementation of growth-enhancing reforms;
- Provide tailor-made support on the ground.

Created in  
**July 2015**

Offices in  
**4 countries**

**180**  
staff members



# The structural reform support programme (SRSP)

REGULATION (EU) 2017/825 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL

of 17 May 2017

on the establishment of the Structural Reform Support Programme for the period 2017 to 2020 and amending Regulations (EU) No 1303/2013 and (EU) No 1305/2013

## Key takeaways:

- ✓ Technical support is demand-driven, based on request from Member States;
- ✓ It is available to all Member States;
- ✓ Technical support covers the entire process of reform: from design to completion;
- ✓ No co-financing is required;
- ✓ The SRSS engages in dialogue with Member States to discuss technical support needs and to agree on cooperation and support plans.

## The SRSS can engage in any policy area identified by a Member State as a reform priority.

### This includes:

#### Governance & 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 & Public Financial Management

- Revenue administration
- Budget preparation
- Spending reviews
- Supreme audit institutions
- Independent fiscal institutions
- Fiscal strategy & tax policy

#### Growth & Business Environment

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

#### Labour Market, Education, Health & Social Services

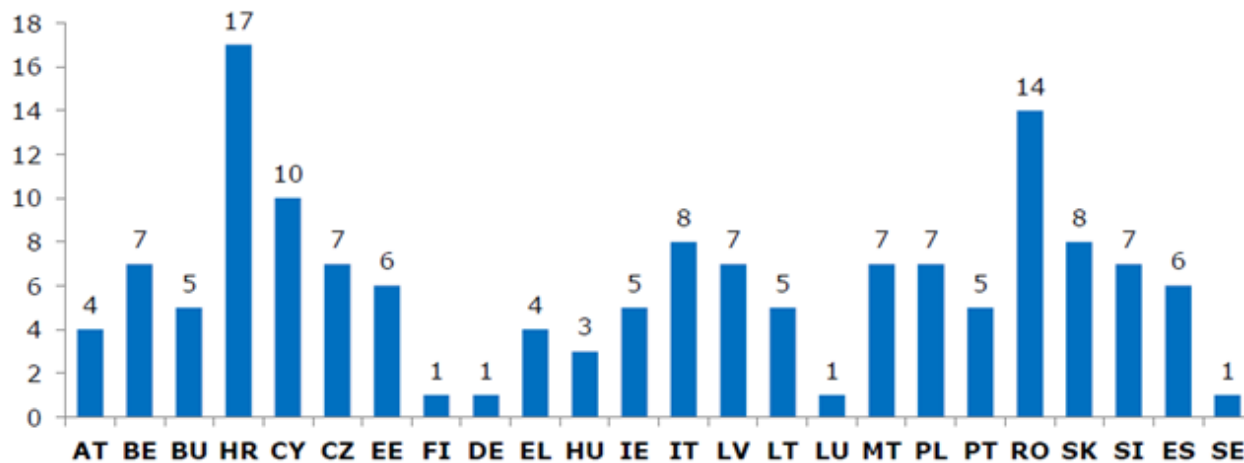
- Labour market
- Welfare system
- Pension system
- Healthcare and long-term care system
- Education & vocational training

#### Financial Sector & Access to Finance

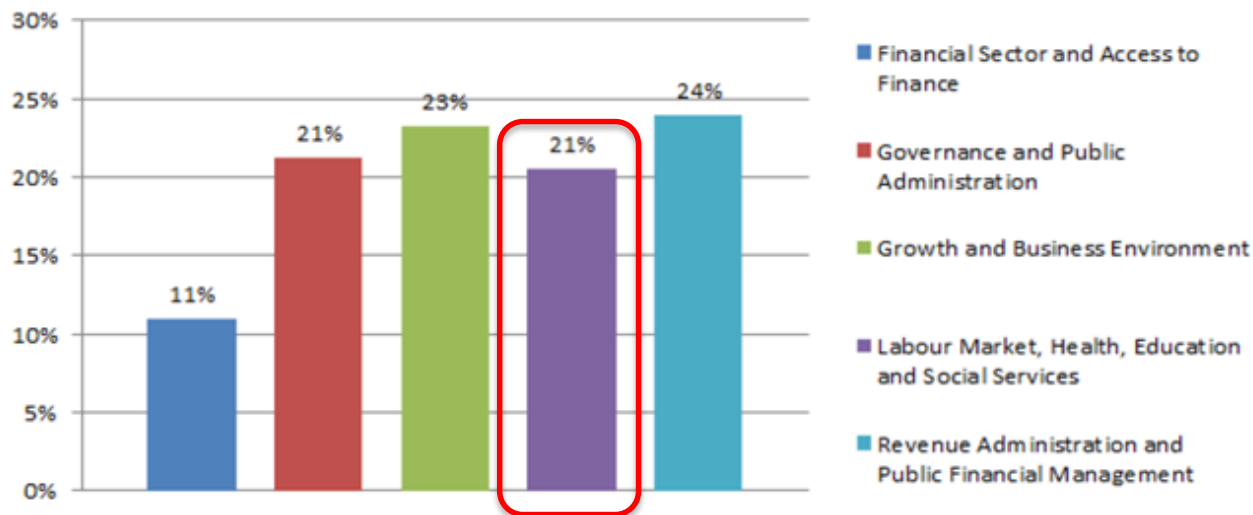
- Capital market development
- Financial literacy
- Financial sector supervision
- Insolvency
- Crisis management
- Insurance undertakings

# Requests selected for SRSP 2018

Per Member State



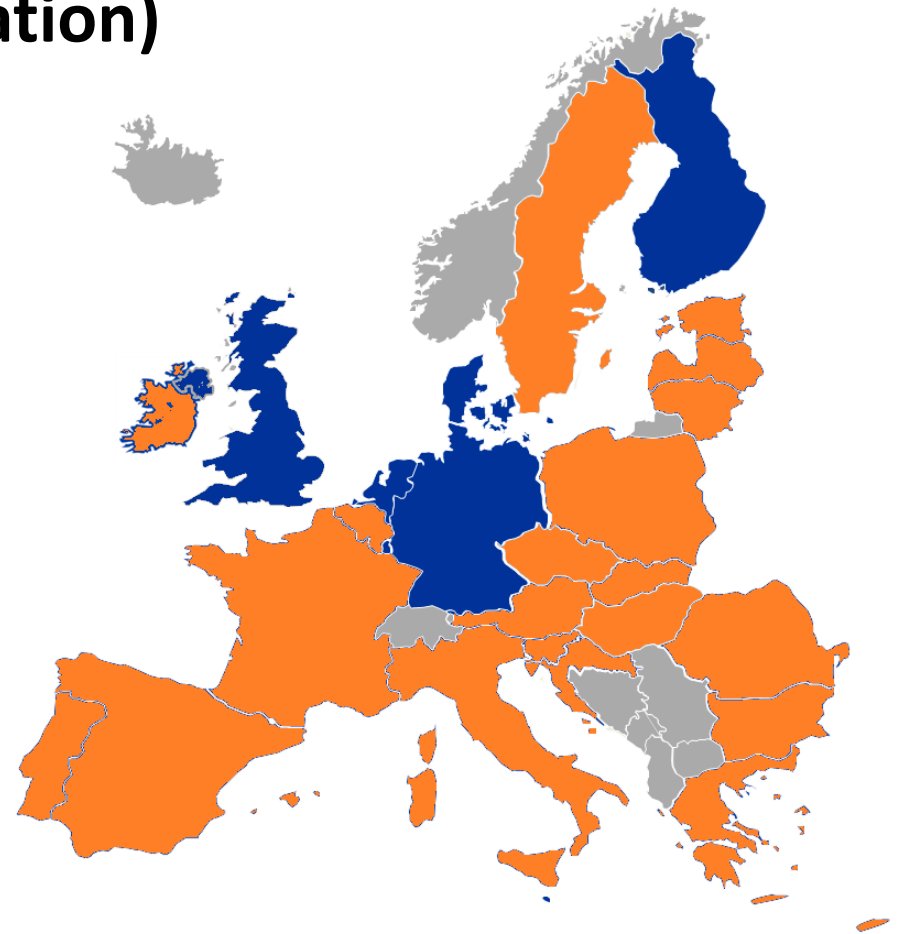
Per Area



# TECHNICAL SUPPORT PROJECTS ON HEALTH IN 21 COUNTRIES (on-going and under preparation)

## SOME EXAMPLES:

INTEGRATED SERVICE PROVISION  
NATIONAL E-HEALTH CENTRE  
CAPACITY BUILDING FOR INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS  
CAPACITY BUILDING FOR AMBULATORY SURGERY REFORM  
FUNCTIONAL INTEGRATION OF HOSPITALS  
PRIMARY HEALTH CARE REFORM  
CANCER SCREENING PROGRAMMES  
DRG SYSTEM  
SPENDING REVIEW ON MEDICINES  
CENTRALISED PROCUREMENT  
HEALTH SYSTEM PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT



# Today: Main features of technical support provided by SRSS to Member States



# SRSP – how it works



summer year n



**Dialogue** between a Member State and the Commission on possible requests for support



by 31 October year n

Member State **submits** requests for support through the national coordinating authority



December year n



EC **adopts decision** on list of requests to be supported



summer year n

**Grant agreements and contracts are signed** and projects can start



spring year n+1

**Preparation of projects** (grants / procurement)



February year n+1

EC adopts **financing decision** (legal basis for budgetary commitments to projects)



# Key points

- *Good planning ahead = less (or no) problems later on*
- *Good communication, particularly on problems and risks*
- *EC as partner – sharing responsibilities and dealing with risks*

# Visibility

- *Indicate that the action has received funding from the EU*
- *EU emblem*
- *Disclaimer excluding Commission's responsibility (II.8.1 & II.8.2)*

# Ownership & use of results

- *Grant beneficiary retains ownership of results*
- *The EU acquires rights to use the results of the action through distribution to the public, communication through press information services, inclusion in widely accessible databases etc.*
- *HU needs to be able to use the deliverables – any conditions on use should be discussed and settled early on*

# Reporting & payments

- *Three reporting periods: 1-6 months, 7-12 months and 13-20 months*
- *1<sup>st</sup> pre-financing payment (40%) – done*
- *2<sup>nd</sup> pre-financing payment (30%) – after 2<sup>nd</sup> reporting period*
- *payment of the balance*

## **Structural Reform Support Programme**

[https://ec.europa.eu/info/publications/structural-reform-support-programme-proposal-regulation\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/info/publications/structural-reform-support-programme-proposal-regulation_en)

*Thank you*

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