



Integration of Third Country Nationals in EU Member States

The flagship technical support request

This flagship technical support project is targeted at Member States wishing to benefit from the social and economic gains of migrant integration, also in light of the twin digital and green transitions. Successful integration of third country nationals (TCNs) will promote fairness and social cohesion while benefitting the economy and the society at large. To this end, the flagship offers activity packages targeted at different areas and functions of national administrations to enable Member States to engage in effective and sustainable reforms in the area of migrant integration.

Integration benefits at a glance

Social

- Increased social mobility
- Equality of opportunities
- Social cohesion



Economic

- Fiscal benefits: 3 500 EUR in per-capita gains per average extra-EU immigrant (JRC 2020)
- Contribute to successful green and digital economies



Sectoral

- Potential to respond to increased labour demand in sectors highly affected by the twin transitions such as health and elder care, agriculture, construction.



The benefits of integrating TCNs particularly in the green and digital economy context provides **a window of opportunity**:

Fact 1: TCN workers are at an outsized risk of unemployment due to the COVID-19 fallout

Fact 2: TCN workers enjoy less on the job training and are often overqualified

Fact 3: Sectors crucial to the twin transitions employ large numbers of TCNs and will see increased employment needs

Opportunity addressed with this flagship project Strengthen integration and participation of TCNs through facilitated access to efficient, adequate essential services. Enhance the impact of policies by better coordination and monitoring. Reskill, upskill and train the TCN workforce.



IMPACT OBJECTIVES:

✓ **Strengthening TCN socio-economic integration** through labour market participation and access to services.

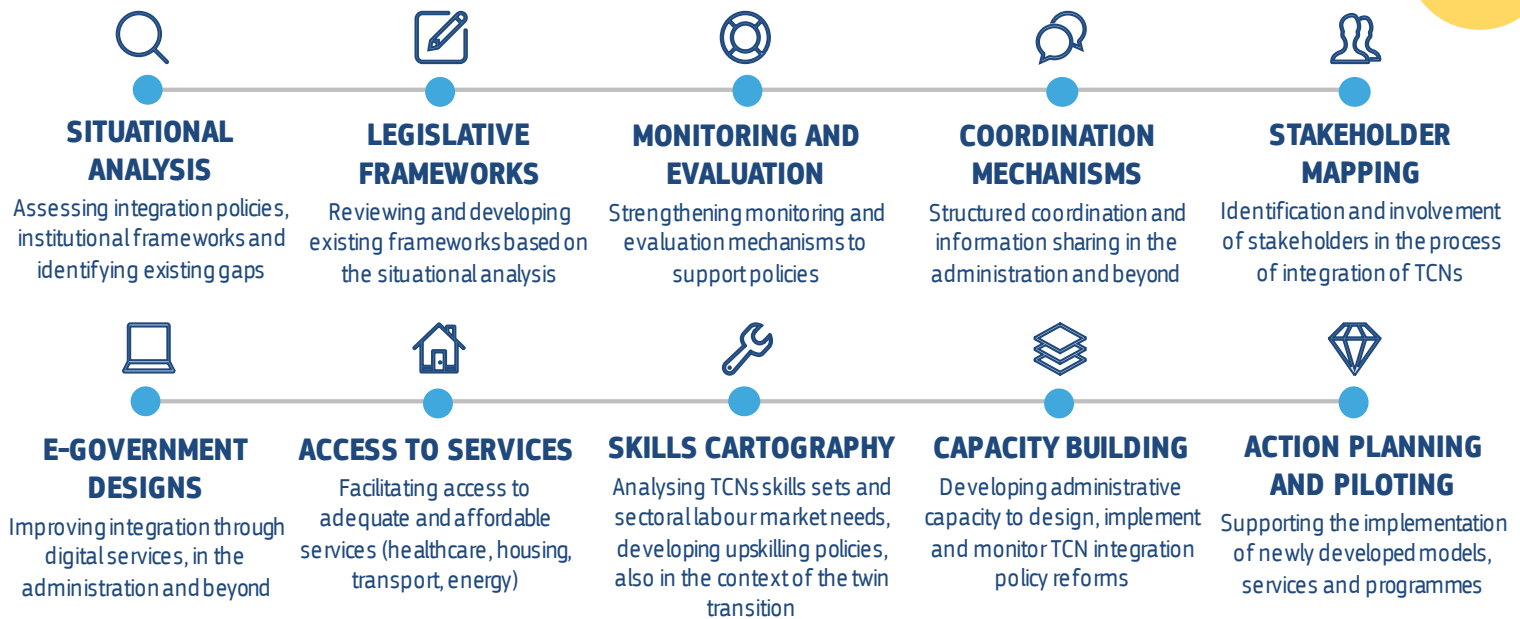
✓ **Advancing the digital and green transitions:** contributing to successfully addressing its challenges and benefitting from its opportunities

✓ **Shaping successful, future-oriented integration policies,** implemented through accessible and efficient administrative services



HOW CAN WE ENHANCE SOCIO-ECONOMIC INTEGRATION?

This flagship identifies the **technical support measures** needed to facilitate the dual task of social integration of TCNs and their increased participation in the labour market with a possible focus on green and digital. It suggests ten activity packages with measures tailored to the national and local contexts:



SECTORAL APPROACH

The flagship also contains technical support fiches for sectors which are considered to be instrumental to the green and digital transition. These sectoral fiches lay out the current role of TCNs in these sectors, forecast growth and skills necessities and demonstrate where upskilling and reskilling efforts by Member States should be concentrated.

