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# Supporting reforms in **THE NETHERLANDS**

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Since 2017, the European Commission has provided expertise to help design over 1000 reform projects in 27 Member States through the Structural Reform Support Programme. As of 2021, the Technical Support Instrument (TSI), its successor, continues to support reforms with an emphasis on the green and digital transitions. The TSI can also support the preparation and implementation of Member States' Recovery and Resilience Plans.



PROJECTS

## **NEW PROJECTS UNDER TSI 2021**

In the first round of the TSI, the Commission will support the Netherlands with 5 projects in the areas of local government, financial supervision, employment and green technologies.

### Examples of new projects adopted include:

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Developing a methodology for a democratic smart cities approach



Introducing advanced analytics techniques in financial supervision



Designing more effective policies for job creation



Decarbonising the maritime shipping sector



Supporting hydrogen pilot projects and investments in innovative green technologies

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PROJECTS

## COMPLETED AND ONGOING REFORM PROJECTS

The Netherlands has so far benefited from 7 projects financed under the predecessor of the TSI, the Structural Reform Support Programme (SRSP). This support has addressed a broad range of policy areas, including green transition, public administration, labour market and investments. To date, 1 project has been successfully concluded. Examples of successful reform projects include the following:



### ➔ Improving the effectiveness of public policy

The European Commission supported the Netherlands in reforming their policy-evaluation system in order to achieve better way of effective policy-making. The programme provided expertise to help gain insight and acquire good practices in policy evaluation systems from the European institutions, other EU Member States as well as from third countries, which are pioneers in evaluating the effectiveness and efficiency of public policy. As a result, the Netherlands is planning to adopt and implement an improved policy-evaluation system.



### ➔ Introducing a new national basic skills strategy

The European Commission is supporting the Netherlands in engaging key national stakeholders and municipalities to develop a new national basic skills strategy. The programme provided expertise to help develop a monitoring system to measure participation in basic skills courses and their impact on participants' career development as well as a framework to ensure quality in non-formal learning. As a result, in dialogue with local governments and vocational education training providers, the Netherlands is preparing to introduce the new system in line with EU best practice.

