

EUROPEAN COMMISSION STRUCTURAL REFORM SUPPORT SERVICE

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### Mandate of the Structural Reform Support Service:

- Support Member States with the preparation, design and implementation of structural reforms;
- Focus is on tailor-made support, on the ground

### SRSS FACTS

- Created in July 2015; Offices in Brussels, Athens and Nicosia; 140+ staff.

### POLICY AREAS OF SRSS SUPPORT

GOVERNANCE  
& PUBLIC  
ADMIN-  
ISTRATION

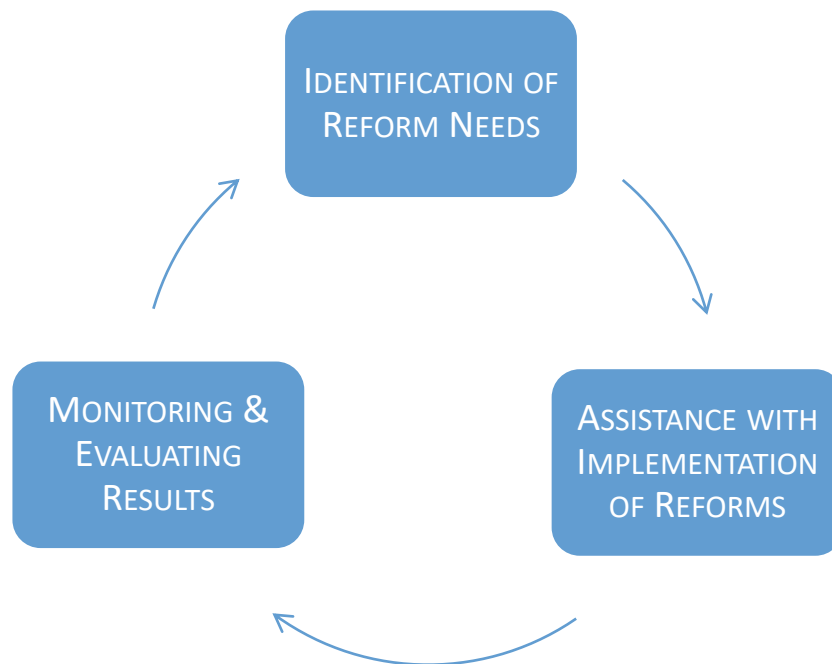
REVENUE  
ADMIN-  
ISTRATION &  
PFM

GROWTH &  
BUSINESS  
ENVIRON-  
MENT

LABOUR  
MARKET,  
HEALTH &  
SOCIAL  
SERVICES

FINANCIAL  
SECTOR &  
ACCESS TO  
FINANCE

## TYPES OF TECHNICAL SUPPORT



## TECHNICAL SUPPORT PROVIDERS

- In-House Commission expertise
- Experts from Member States administrations;
- International organisations;
- Private firms, including consultancy firms; and
- Individual experts

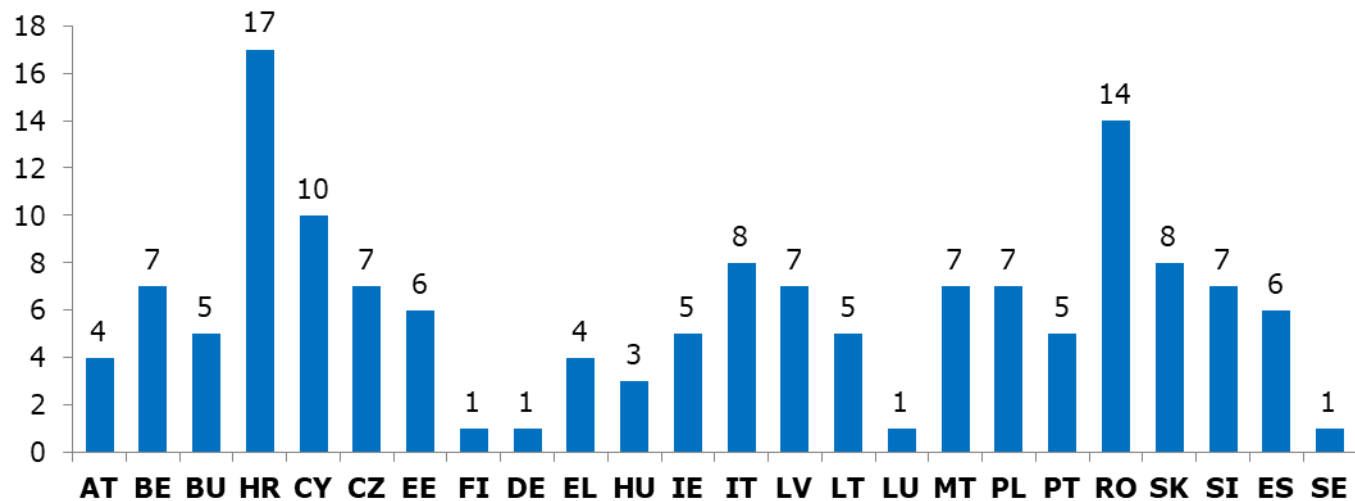
## Programme for ALL EU Member States

- **Objective:** Strengthen the capacity to implement reforms
- **Legal base:** Regulation (EU) 2017/825
- **Demand-driven:** upon request
- **Duration:** 2017-2020
- **Budget:** €142.8 million (2017-2020)
  - no co-financing required
- **Scope:** a wide range of policy areas

## 2<sup>ND</sup> ROUND OF THE STRUCTURAL REFORM SUPPORT PROGRAMME (SRSP)

- 444 requests for support received for an estimated total amount of EUR 152 million
- 146 projects proposed to be funded under SRSP 2018 (from 24 Member States)

Per Member State



## HOW IT WORKS

**At the request of a Member State, the SRSS:**

- Engages in a dialogue to discuss technical support needs;
- Provides financing for support and coordinates the necessary expertise.

The SRSS support is available to all EU Member States.

## TIMELINE



### **EXCHANGE OF BEST PRACTICES & REFORM EXPERIENCES:**

- Workshops with participation of experts from various European Countries
- Study visits to countries with relevant reform experience
- Support of cross-country reform cooperation

### **SUPPORT ON METHODOLOGICAL & PROCESS REVISIONS:**

- Adaptation of assessment tools to the national context
- Development of training programs & materials
- Design of pilot programs + monitoring and evaluation

### REVIEW OF IT & BUSINESS PROCESSES

- Review of existing IT support and data management environment
- Review of business processes
- Preparation of technical specification for procurement of new systems

### INSTITUTIONAL REORGANISATION & INTEGRATION

- Development of a new organizational structure
- Internal and external communication
- HR strategy & training development



## MAIN BENEFITS OF THE SRSP

no co-financing

demand-driven

low administrative  
burden for Member  
States

support provided  
at all stages of  
reform cycle



swift, tailor-made and  
hands-on support

a mix of expertise  
(own experts, TAIEX,  
IOs, private sector...)

support for a wide range of  
policy areas