



Directorate-General for Structural Reform Support (DG REFORM)

Technical Support Instrument 2022 - support to NPBIs for implementing Pillar 2 of the Just Transition Mechanism

European Long-Term Investors Association

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Agenda

Discussion Session

- **General presentation of the Technical Support Instrument**
- **Flagship Technical Support Project – Implementation of the Just Transition & support to NPBIs**
- **Discussion**

The Technical Support Instrument at a glance

What is the Technical Support Instrument?

- Provides **tailor-made technical expertise** to EU Member States to **design and implement reforms**.
- **Support is upon request** and **does not require any co-financing**
- An **important pillar of the EU recovery plan**
- **Can cover all reform phases**, from design to implementation and evaluation.

Wide range of reform areas covered

Green transition



Skills, education and training



Financial sector and access to finance



Digital transition



Governance and public administration



Revenue administration and public financial management



Health and long-term care



Competitiveness

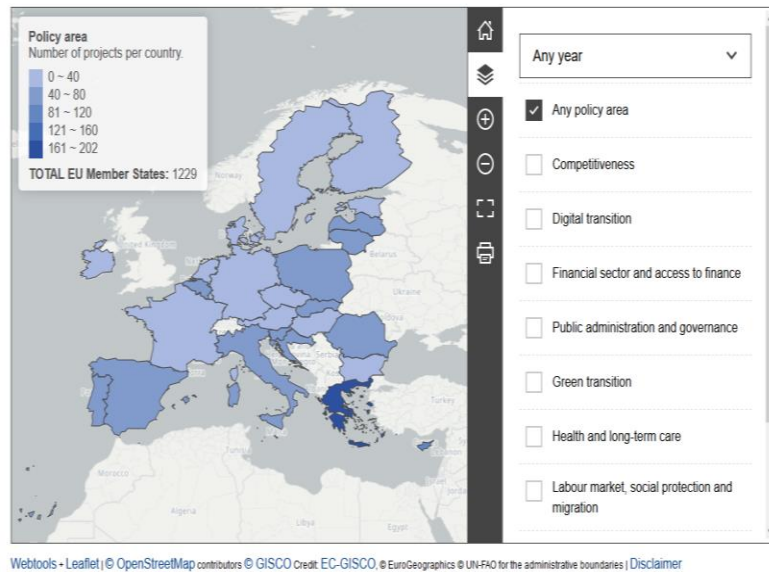


Labour market and social protection



Where to find further information on TSI projects

- **DG REFORM's website** ([link](#))
- **TSI webpage** ([link](#))
- **Examples of reform support** ([link](#))
- **Selected TSI 2021 requests (1st call)** ([link](#))



Examples of reform support projects

Design of a system to monitor the implementation of the law on inclusive education in Portugal

The Commission is supporting the Portuguese Ministry of Education to stir the discussion with all relevant stakeholders to define standards, indicators and procedures.

[Details](#)



Improving the relevance and quality of adult education

The Commission has provided technical support to Belgium, Spain, Hungary, the Netherlands and Portugal to upgrade their adult education systems.

[Details](#)



Strengthen capacity to better integrate migrants and refugees

The Commission has supported Italy, Austria and Portugal in strengthening the capacity to provide integration services to migrants and refugees.

[Details](#)



Strengthening regulatory impact assessment in Portugal

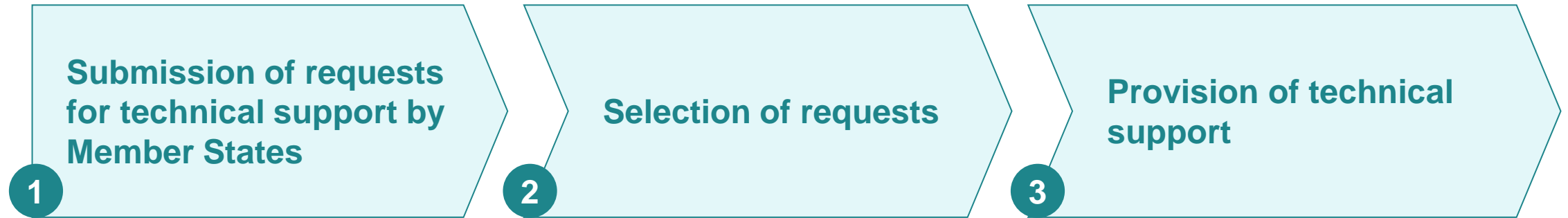
The Commission supported Portugal's efforts to improve the way the legislation is prepared by strengthening its regulatory impact assessment system.

[Details](#)



TSI 2022 cycle

How does the Technical Support Instrument work?



Direct provision

European Commission's in-house expertise



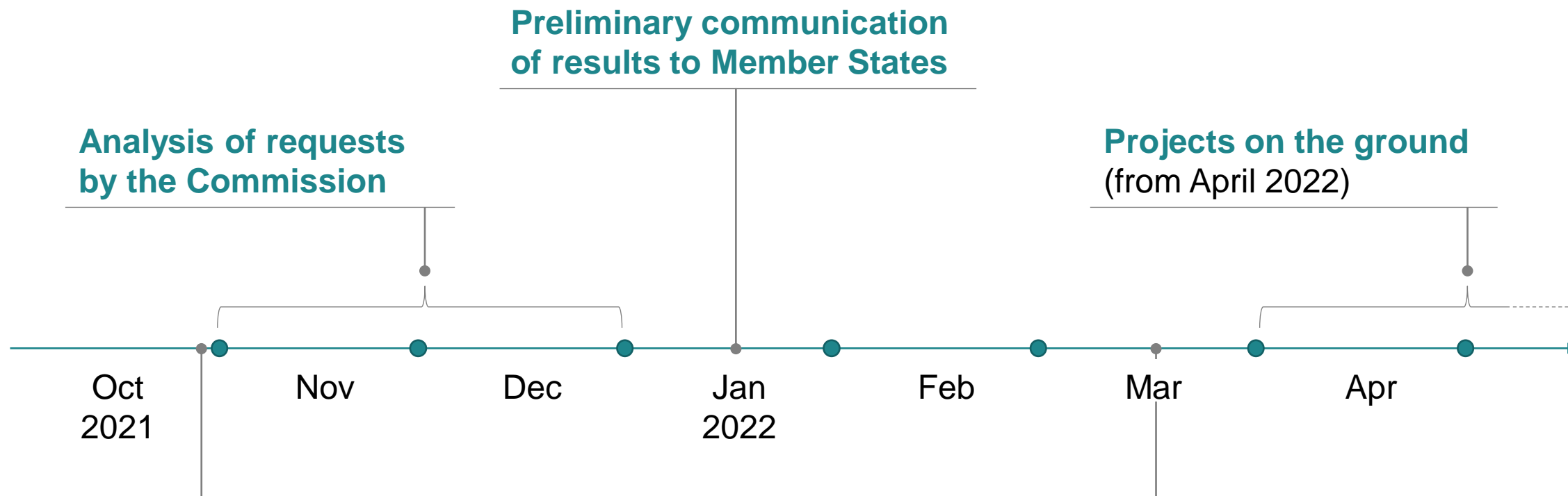
Indirect provision

Other international organisations

Member States' experts

Private sector experts

TSI 2022 – Adoption of the requests – timeline



Deadline for submission of requests under the TSI 2022 call (31 October)

Request submitted through Coordinating Authorities

Formal decision of the Commission

Technical Support Instrument 2022 – Flagship technical support projects

Flagship technical support projects

Definition

- Flagship technical support projects are **projects proactively proposed by DG REFORM** that:
 - Are **largely needed across Member States**
 - Meet a top **EU / Commission priority**
 - Are designed in a way that **can easily be fitted to various national contexts**
- Their uptake is **voluntary**

Flagship technical support projects

Format

- Flagship technical support projects:
 - May be taken up **individually** by different Member States **or jointly** as a multi-country project;
 - May comprise technical support modules that Member States can opt-in and be **tailored-made to national context**
- For TSI 2022, we are proposing **13 flagship technical support projects**

Flagship technical support projects

Background

- Two successful Flagships have been implemented so far:
 - **Support for the preparation of Just Transition Plans (2020)**: timely and effective support on a key EU priority, rolled out in parallel across 17 Member States
 - **Green budgeting training (2021)**: capacity building actions to support Member States in their efforts in greening public finances in line with the EU Green Deal; 18 Member States expressed interest

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Flagship technical support projects for TSI 2022

Digital

EU Supervisory Digital Finance Academy:
Strengthening Supervisory Capacity in innovative
Digital Finance

Digital Skills for Digital Transformation of Health and
Care System

Development of resilient, innovative and human-
centric digital government services

Green

Bridging the climate financing gap with public policy
instruments

Recharge and Refuel - Clean, smart and fair urban
mobility

Support to Renovation Wave

Greening taxes - applying polluter pays principle in practice

Support to the implementation of the Just Transition

EU priorities

Support to the Tourism ecosystem: towards a more
sustainable, resilient and digital tourism

Integration of Third Country Nationals in EU Member States

Implementation of the European Child Guarantee in EU
Member States

Gender mainstreaming in public policy and budget
processes

Regional and local authorities – Enhancing cooperation &
Quality of public administration



Flagship Technical Support project: Support to the implementation of the Just Transition

- Objective: **support the implementation of a Just Transition** for regions affected by the transition to climate neutrality.
- **Three technical support packages** that Member States and regions can choose from and tailor to the national and local contexts:

SUPPORT TO NATIONAL PROMOTIONAL BANKS FOR PILLAR 2 UNDER THE JTM

- Capacity building and advice for the implementation of the dedicated InvestEU Just Transition scheme

OTHER SPECIFIC NEEDS ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE JTM

- Complementary administrative and regulatory reforms in the most affected regions, not covered by available technical assistance streams

JUST TRANSITION IN REGIONS AND SECTORS NOT COVERED BY THE JTM

- Just transition challenges in areas or sectors that are not covered by the JTM, but that nevertheless may face significant economic, social and environmental impacts of the climate transition



Support to the implementation of Pillar 2 Just Transition Mechanism

INVESTEU "JUST TRANSITION" SCHEME – PILLAR 2

- The InvestEU Fund provides an **EU budget guarantee of €26.2 billion** aimed at increasing the risk-bearing capacity of implementing partners. The budget guarantee is divided among 4 **policy windows**:



- The InvestEU Just Transition Scheme** will support investments that address social, economic and environmental challenges deriving from the transition towards achieving of EU's 2030 and 2050 climate targets.
- Investments in just transition regions or which benefit just transition regions, will be possible through any of the InvestEU policy windows**, depending on the specific investment needs identified by Member States in their territorial just transition plans i.e. sectors and activities envisaged to be supported.



Support to the implementation of Pillar 2 Just Transition Mechanism

ROLE OF NATIONAL PROMOTIONAL BANKS (NPBs)

- NPBs will play a key role, alongside the European Investment Bank Group, in ensuring these **investments materialize in the most affected regions**.
- As Eligible InvestEU Implementing Partners, **NPBs will have direct access to the EU guarantee**.
- Project promoters, with projects in the regions having an approved transition plan or projects that benefit those regions, will be able to apply directly to implementing partners **who will offer tailor-made financing solutions based on the financial products supported by the EU guarantee**.



Support to the implementation of the Just Transition

IDENTIFIED SUPPORT MEASURES

The flagship focusses on ways to **support NPBS to implement the Just Transition on the ground** via the Just Transition Scheme.

For instance, DG REFORM can provide support to NPBs to:

**DEVELOP FINANCIAL PRODUCTS
SUPPORTED BY EU GUARANTEE**

**DEVELOP A METHODOLOGY TO
ASSESS THE ECONOMIC, CLIMATE
AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS
OF PROJECTS**

**TRACK AND REPORT ON THE
FINANCING AND INVESTMENT
OPERATIONS**

**IDENTIFY BARRIERS AND
OPPORTUNITIES FOR FINANCING
JUST TRANSITION PROJECTS**

**DEFINE A JUST TRANSITION
INVESTMENT STRATEGY**

**CONDUCT MARKET RESEARCH
TO ASSESS INVESTORS' APPETITE**

Questions & Answers

How and where to submit requests

- [Factsheet](#) on the Just Transition Flagship with the support packages available
- [Template](#) for request for support under the Just Transition Flagship
- [General information](#) about the TSI 2022 call
- Requests need to be sent to national [Coordinating Authority](#) (internal deadlines)
- To contact us: REFORM-B3@ec.europa.eu