

SUPPORTING STRUCTURAL REFORMS IN EU MEMBER STATES 2018-2025

The Council of Europe is an important partner of the EU in implementing reform projects of the Technical Support Instrument (TSI) in the areas of **human rights, democracy, and the rule of law**, tailored to the needs of EU member States. Since 2018, this work has been carried out in close co-operation with the European Commission Reform and Investment Task Force (SG.REFORM).

BY THE NUMBERS



65 PROJECTS SINCE 2018.



APPROXIMATELY **35 MILLION EUROS** IN SUPPORT MOBILISED.



Action in **most EU member States** to achieve structural reforms

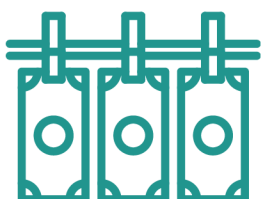
DELIVERING IMPACT IN EU MEMBER STATES



Delivering Good Governance in Slovakia

Supported by the Council of Europe and the European Union, Slovakia developed a more robust legislative framework in order to reinforce institutional structures and enhance collaboration between local, regional, and central authorities.

Slovakia, 2019-2021



Bulgaria, 2020-2023



Tackling money laundering and terrorist financing in Bulgaria

With the support of this project, the Bulgarian authorities adopted a strengthened Action plan for mitigating risks of money laundering and terrorist financing (ML/TF). Bulgaria:

- reduced the country's money laundering and terrorist financing risk exposure;
- improved the effectiveness of the prevention, detection and combating of money laundering and terrorist financing through legislative, regulatory, institutional and operational measures.

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This project, implemented in 2022, allowed Cyprus to modernise the Civil Procedure Rules, marking the first major reform of civil procedure in Cyprus in 60 years. The key achievements were:

- the successful adoption of the new Civil Procedure Rules (CPR) by the Supreme Court of Cyprus;
- the preparation for the application of the new CPR, through communication strategy, awareness raising events and training programmes, particularly for legal professionals.

Cyprus, 2020-2022



Slovenia, 2021-2023



Improving the juvenile justice system in Slovenia

Thanks to this project, Slovenia has successfully drafted a new law to improve and modernise its juvenile justice and penitentiary systems, marking the first major reform since the 1970s.

As a result, the justice system is more child-centred and has a greater focus on risk and needs assessment on an individual approach, in line with the latest European and international standards.

In addition, there is a better reintegration of prisoners, an increase in the professionalism of penitentiary staff and a more developed human resources policy.



Barnahus: Supporting child victims of sexual abuse in Finland

Barnahus, the leading European initiative dedicated to supporting child victims of sexual abuse, was implemented in Finland in five university hospital expert units specialising in forensic psychology/psychiatry. The project:

- addressed legislative gaps through advocating for a Barnahus-specific bill;
- improved the quality of the judicial system's response to child sexual exploitation and abuse;
- trained on forensic interviewing supported by AI;
- equipped professionals with the tools to respond to and manage cases in a child-friendly manner.

Finland, 2021-2024



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