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Technical Support Instrument (TSI)

MCP- 25BE34, 25DE35, 25ES12, 25FR15, 25LU09, 25MT29, 25NL16 - Preparation of a common baseline for an Anti-Money Laundering / Counter Financing of Terrorism Reporting System

Project Summary

Project title	MCP- 25BE34, 25DE35, 25ES12, 25FR15, 25LU09, 25MT29, 25NL16 - Preparation of a common baseline for an Anti-Money Laundering / Counter Financing of Terrorism Reporting System
Project area	Belgium, France, Germany, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands and Spain
Budget	927,586.00 EUR
Funding	European Commission SG REFORM (87%) and Council of Europe (13%)
Implementation	Economic Crime and Cooperation Division
Duration	18 months (18 June 2025 – 17 December 2026)

1. BACKGROUND

The Technical Support Instrument (TSI) is the European Union (EU) programme that provides tailor-made technical expertise to EU Member States to design and implement reforms. The support is demand driven and does not require co-financing from Member States. The TSI is the successor programme of the Structural Reform Support Programme (2017-2020) and builds on its experience in building capacity in Member States.

In 2024, Belgium, France, Germany, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands and Spain have requested support in the area of anti-money laundering and countering the financing of terrorism (AML/CFT) from the European Commission under Regulation (EU) 2021/240 establishing a Technical Support Instrument ("TSI Regulation"). The request for technical support was assessed by the European Commission in accordance with the criteria and principles referred to in Article 9 of the TSI Regulation and was selected for funding. The technical support will be provided under the conditions set in the Contribution Agreement REFORM/IM2025/006.

The implementation of the Project contributes to the ongoing reforms introduced by the Participating Financial Intelligence Units (Participating FIUs) of Belgium, France, Germany, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands and Spain contributing to the objectives of Regulation (EU) 2024/1624 and Directive (EU) 2024/1640 on the mechanisms to be put in place by Member States for the prevention of the use of the financial system for the purposes of money laundering or terrorist financing and their effective application across the countries of the Participating FIUs and throughout the European Union as a whole. The Project is aimed at improving the efficiency of the participating FIUs' analytical capacity in the processing of suspicious transaction reports (STRs) and transaction records (TrRs) through the introduction of a Standardised Minimum Data Set which will contain the meaning of specific terms, the format in which it should be reported to the FIUs and the inter-relationship between them.

2. PROJECT IMPACT, OBJECTIVE AND OUTCOMES

The general objective of the Technical Support Instrument (TSI) that this Project is contributing to is to support Belgium, France, Germany, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands and Spain in their efforts to implement reforms, which could encourage investment, increase competitiveness, and assist in achieving sustainable economic and social convergence, resilience, and recovery. This should also strengthen their institutional and administrative capacity, including at regional and local levels, to facilitate socially inclusive, green, and digital transitions, to effectively address the challenges identified in the country-specific recommendations and to implement Union law. The expected long-term effect of this Project (impact) is the improved efficiency of the Participating FIUs' analytical capacity with regard to the processing of STRs and TrRs.

The Outcomes of the Project are:

Outcome 1	Reporting of core data points of information and data by obliged entities, in line with the Standardised Minimum Data Set,
Outcome 2	Transition by Participating FIUs from the use of existing customised STR reporting forms to Standardised Minimum Data Set,
Outcome 3	Reduction in time used by Participating FIUs to reformat data reported in STRs and response to request for transaction records, in different formats (pdf, jpeg, xml, excel, etc.), improving FIUs ability to analyse transactions in a more efficient manner,
Outcome 4	Reduction in variations in the quality, granularity and understanding of information provided in STRs and transaction records exchanged by Participating FIUs in support of cross-border investigations.

3. IMPLEMENTATION ARRANGEMENTS AND CONTACTS

The Project is being implemented by the Economic Crime and Cooperation Division (ECCD) under the Department of Economic Crime and Corruption, Directorate General I Human Rights and Rule of Law of the Council of Europe.

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