Structural reform support service (SRSS): opportunities for support

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Introducing the Structural Reform Support Service

Structural Reform Support Service

The Structural Reform Support Service, SRSS, is a service of the European Commission with a mandate to:

- support Member States with the preparation, design and implementation of **growth-enhancing reforms**;
- focus on providing **tailor-made** support on the **ground**; and
- **steer and coordinate** technical support provided by the Commission.

Structural Reform Support Service
How it works

At the request of a Member State, the SRSS:

1. engages in a dialogue to discuss technical support needs;
2. agrees on a "cooperation and support plan" with the Member State; and
3. provides financing for the technical support and coordinates the necessary expertise.

The technical support provided by the SRSS covers the entire process of reform, from inception to completion, and this support is available to all EU Member States.

Structural reform support service

SRSS facts

Created in
July 2015

Offices in
3 countries

150+
staff members

Brussels

Athens

Nicosia

Policy areas of SRSS support

The SRSS can engage in any policy area identified by a Member State as a reform priority.

This includes:

Governance & public administration

- Governance
- Central & local administration
- e-Government
- Management of human resources
- Better regulation
- Anti-corruption & anti-fraud strategies
- Anti-money-laundering strategies
- Judicial reform

Revenue administration & public financial management

- Revenue administration
- Budget preparation
- Spending reviews
- Fiscal strategies & tax policy
- Supreme audit institutions/ independent fiscal institutions

Growth & business environment

- Investment licensing
- Competition policy
- Trade issues
- Digital society
- Land registry
- Energy Union
- Better regulation
- Management of State-owned enterprises (SOEs)
- Sectoral expertise: transport, environment, water, agriculture, etc.

Labour market, health & social services

- Labour market policies & laws
- Welfare system
- Pension system
- Healthcare system
- Education & vocational training

Financial sector & access to finance

- Access to finance
- Capital Markets Union
- Bank supervision & resolution
- Non-performing loans
- Insolvency & financial literacy
- Insurance & pensions
- Competition issues

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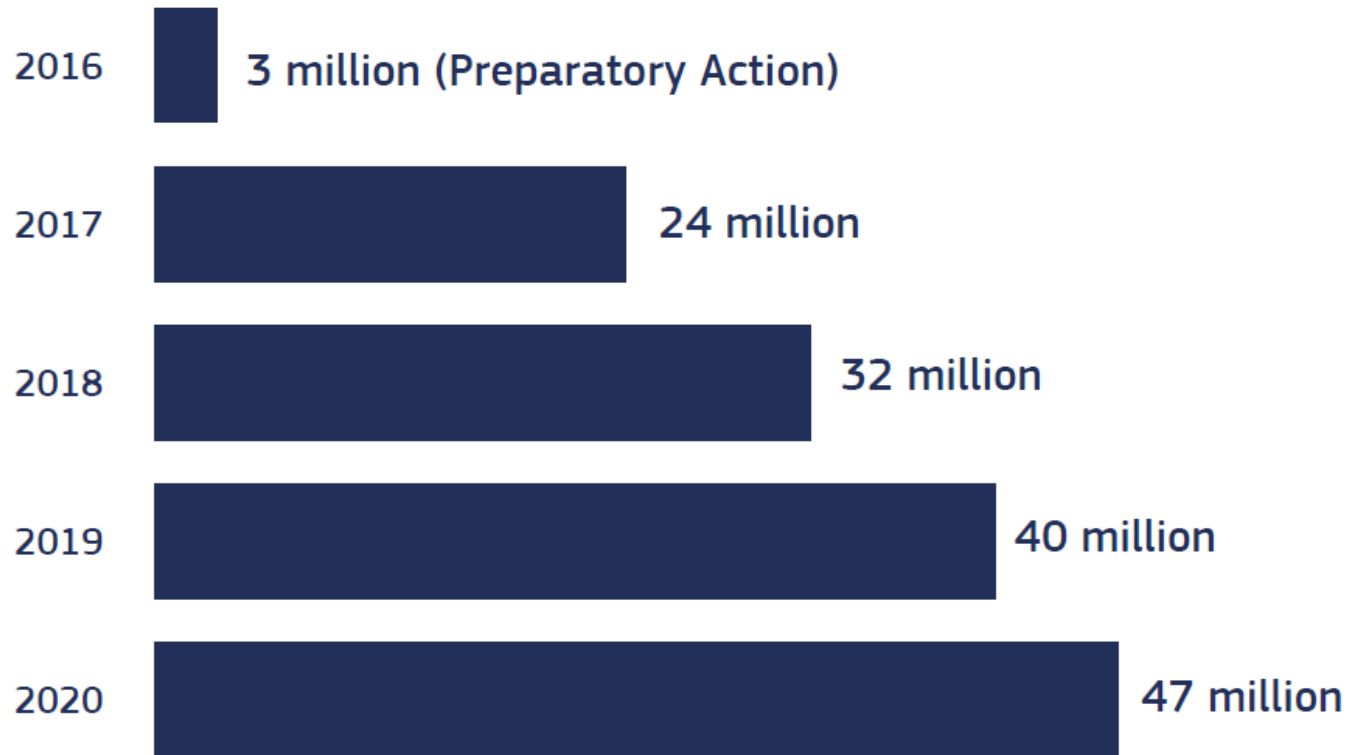**REGULATION (EU) 2017/825 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL**

of 17 May 2017

on the establishment of the Structural Reform Support Programme for the period 2017 to 2020 and amending Regulations (EU) No 1303/2013 and (EU) No 1305/2013

Key takeaways

- The SRSP establishes a comprehensive programme for Commission engagement with Member States on technical support;
- Assistance is demand driven, based on a request from a Member State;
- The budget of EUR 142.8 million is for the Commission to use for the delivery of technical support to Member States; there are no co-financing requirements;
- For those Member States with high support needs, unused Structural Funds (technical assistance) can be transferred to be used under the technical support programme for that Member State (Article 11 of the SRSP Regulation);
- Available to all 28 EU Member States.

European Commission

SRSS – SRSP budget

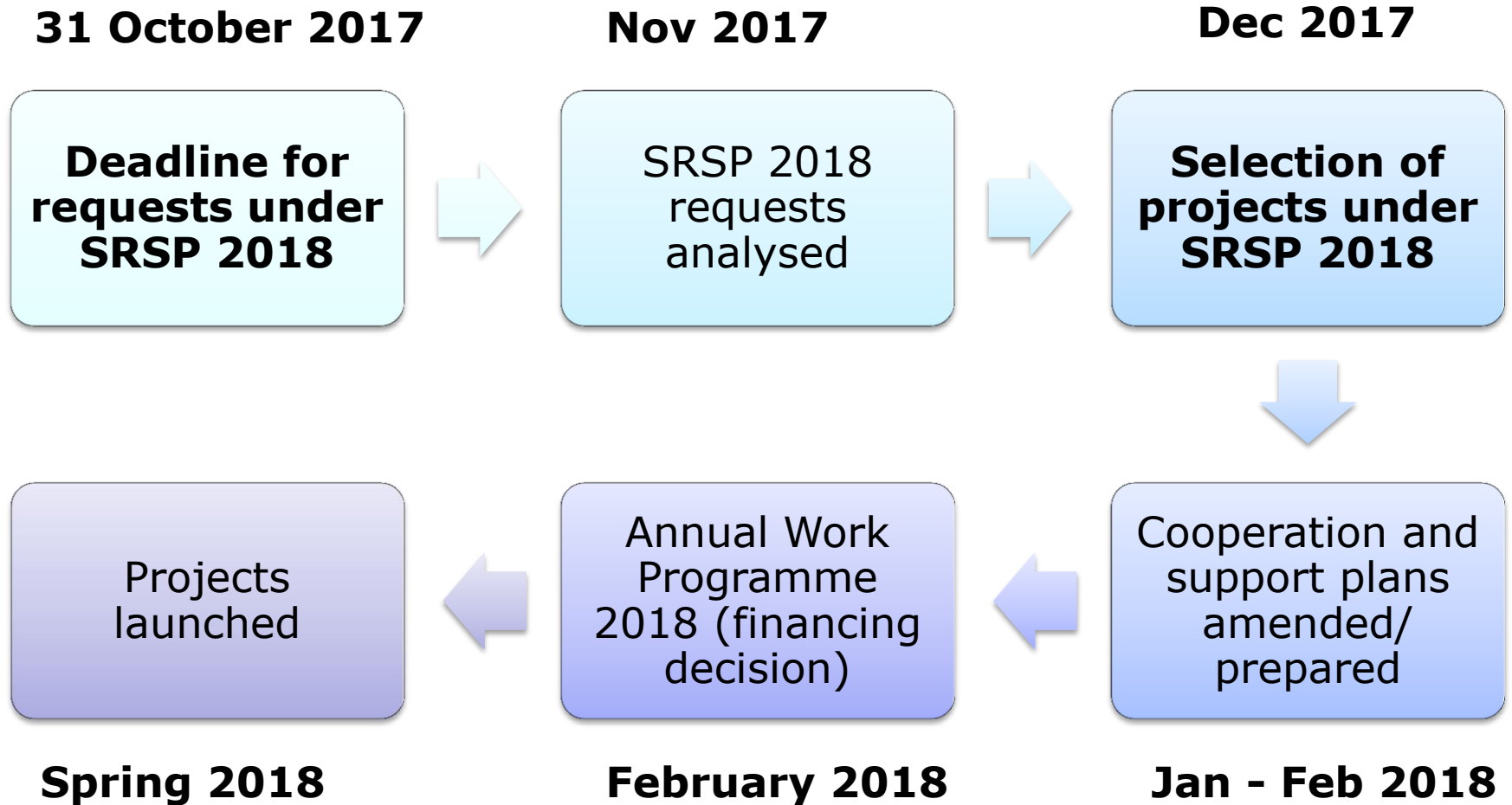| Year	Budget
2016	3 million (Preparatory Action)
2017	24 million
2018	32 million
2019	40 million
2020	47 million

Article 7

Request for support

1. A Member State wishing to receive support under the Programme shall submit a request for support to the Commission, identifying the policy areas and the priorities for support within the scope of the Programme as set out in Article 5(2). That request shall be submitted by 31 October of a calendar year. The Commission may provide guidance on the main elements to be included in the request for support.

All requests from one Member State are submitted in a **centralised way through the Coordinating Authority**

N.B. Support is not financial assistance.

SRSP roll-out calendar (SRSP 2018)

31 October 2017

Deadline for requests under SRSP 2018

Nov 2017

SRSP 2018 requests analysed

Dec 2017

Selection of projects under SRSP 2018

Cooperation and support plans amended/ prepared

Jan - Feb 2018

Annual Work Programme 2018 (financing decision)

February 2018

Projects launched

Spring 2018

COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING DECISION

on the adoption of the work programme for 2017 and on the financing of Structural Reform Support Programme and repealing Decision C(2017)3093
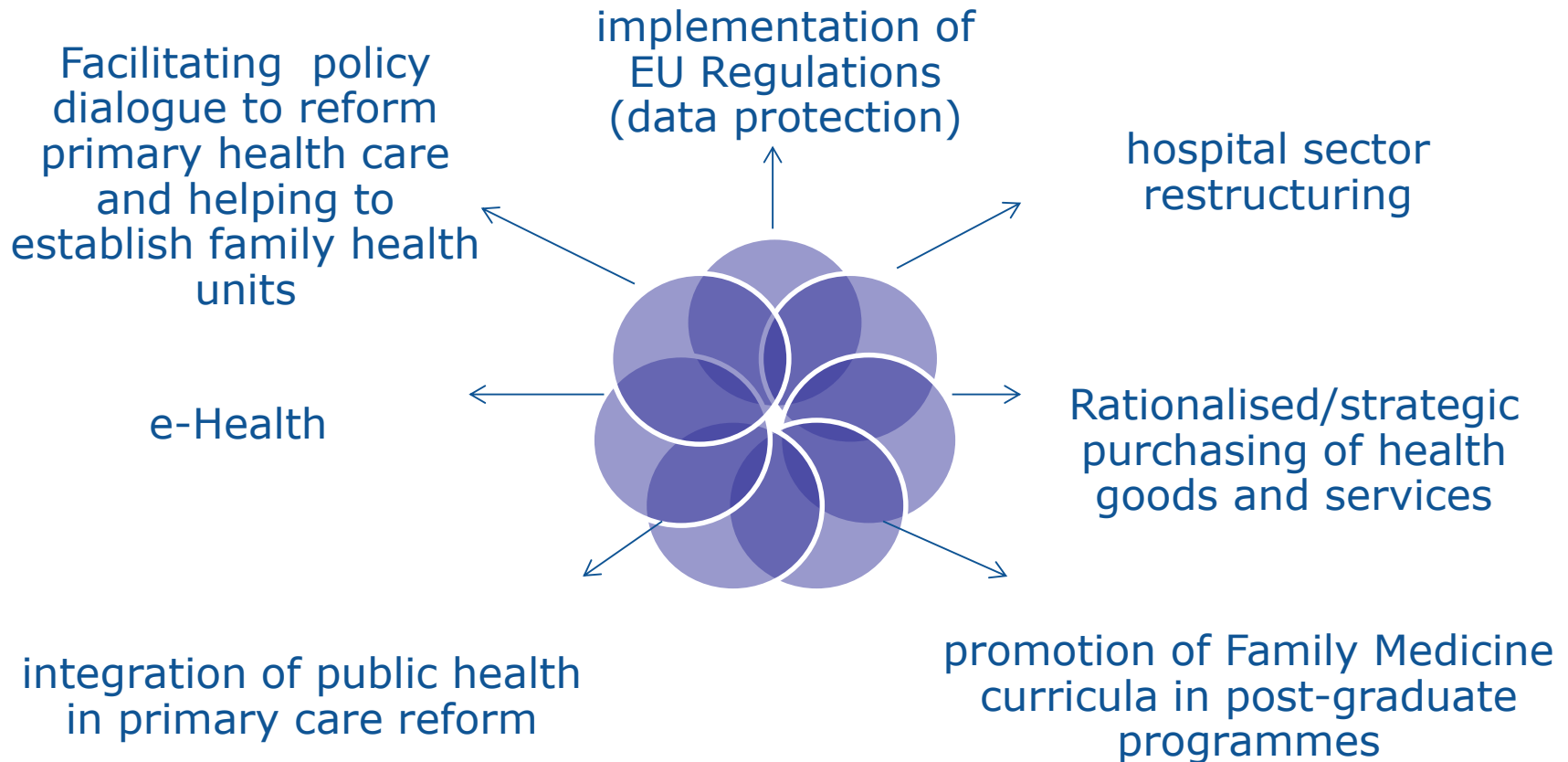
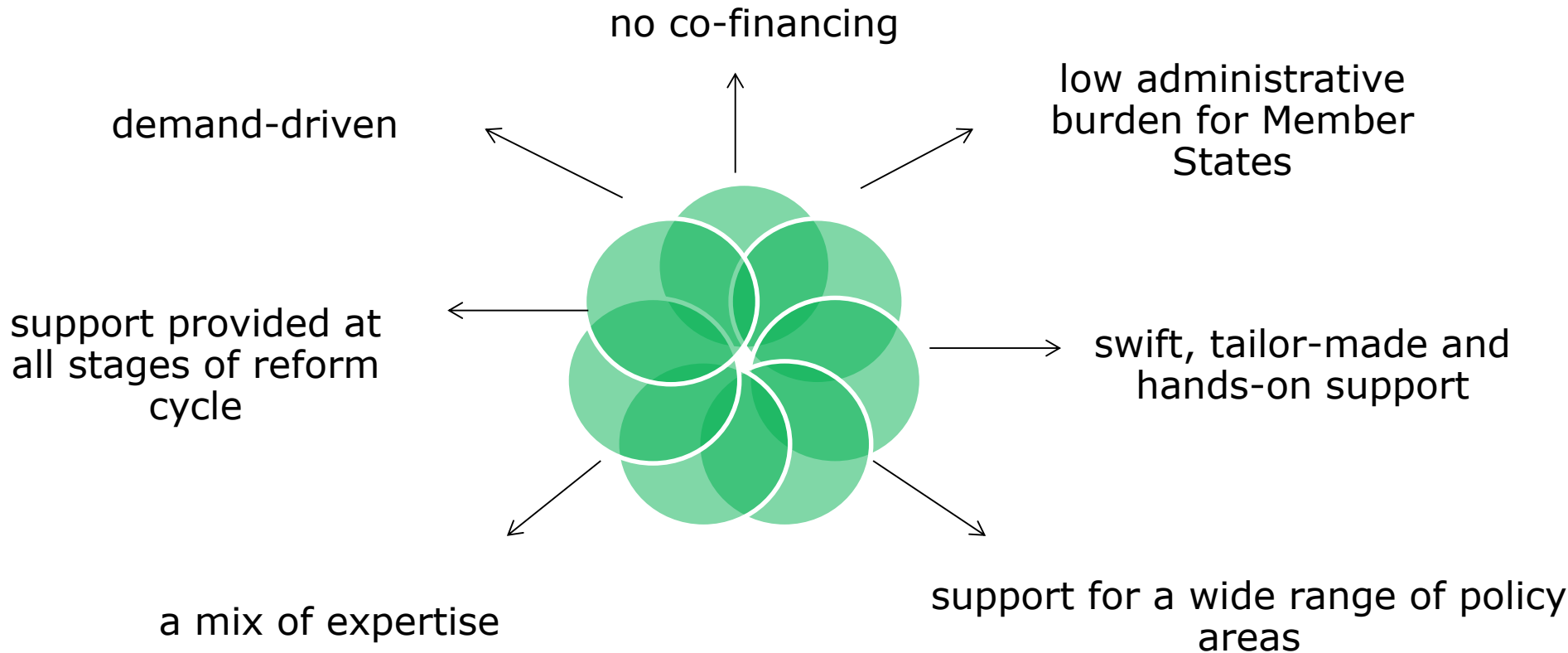|	(a) PMF and Revenue administration	(b) Governance and Public Administration	(c) Growth and Business Environment	(d) Labour market, health and social services	(e) Financial sector and access to finance	Total
TOTAL	3480000	1190000	7133800	5758000	4938200	22500000
Of which:						
1) Grants	1690000	755000	3978800	4120000	832000	11375800
2) Indirect management	0	0	250000	0	1710000	1960000
3) Administrative arrangement	0	0	0	0	100000	100000
4) Public procurement	1790000	435000	2905000	1638000	2296200	9064200

SRSP 2018 requests

What is SRSP prioritising?

- ☑ **Projects with clear added value**

- ☑ **Well-defined follow-up perspective**

- ☑ **Reflecting the entire lifecycle of a <u>reform agenda</u>**

- ☑ **Important reforms encompassing different actions**

Examples of support projects in the area of health

implementation of EU Regulations (data protection)

Facilitating policy dialogue to reform primary health care and helping to establish family health units

hospital sector restructuring

e-Health

Rationalised/strategic purchasing of health goods and services

integration of public health in primary care reform

promotion of Family Medicine curricula in post-graduate programmes

To sum up, main features of SRSP:

no co-financing

low administrative burden for Member States

demand-driven

support provided at all stages of reform cycle

swift, tailor-made and hands-on support

a mix of expertise

support for a wide range of policy areas

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SRSS website:

https://ec.europa.eu/info/departments/structural-reform-support-service_en

SRSP website:

https://ec.europa.eu/info/publications/structural-reform-support-programme-proposal-regulation_en

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