



Structural Reform Support Service current activities and plans for a future Reform Support Service

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Structural reform support service (SRSS)

Commission service, with a mandate to:

- Support member states with the preparation, design, and implementation of growth-enhancing reforms;
- Provide tailor-made support on the ground;
- Steer and coordinate technical support provided by the Commission.

Created in
July 2015

Offices in
3 countries

180
staff members



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
- Supreme audit institutions
- Independent fiscal institutions
- Fiscal strategy & tax policy

Growth & Business Environment

- Foreign investment and trade policy
- SME and competition policy
- Research, innovation and digital economy
- Transport, logistics, tourism, agriculture and other economic sectors
- Licensing, inspections and better regulation
- Investment management and public-private partnerships
- Management of state-owned enterprises
- Management of natural resources
- Energy Union

Labour Market, Education, Health & Social Services

- Labour market
- Welfare system
- Pension system
- Healthcare and long-term care system
- Education & vocational training

Financial Sector & Access to Finance

- Capital market development
- Financial literacy
- Financial sector supervision
- Insolvency
- Crisis management
- Insurance undertakings

The structural reform support programme (SRSP)

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

of 17 May 2017

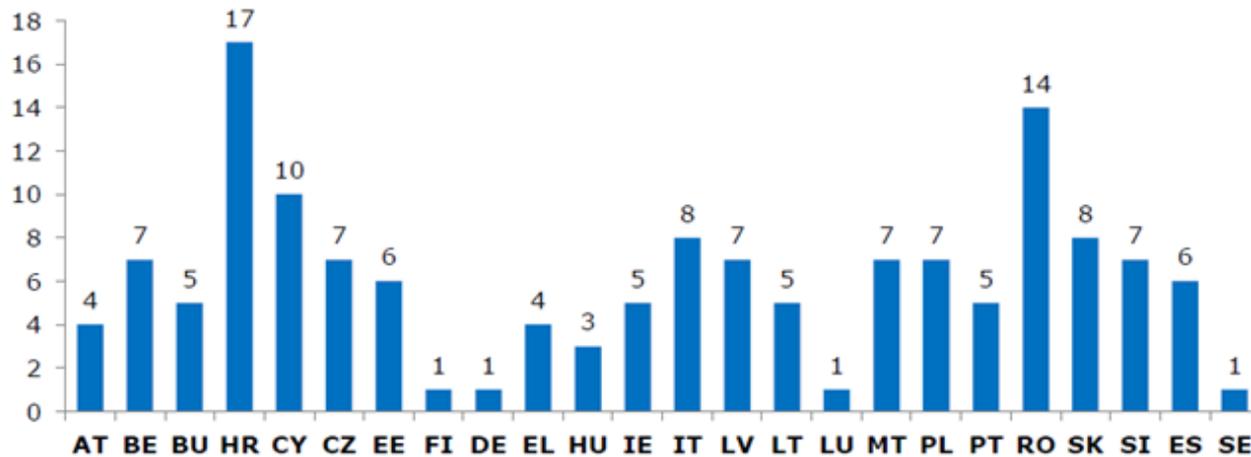
on the establishment of the Structural Reform Support Programme for the period 2017 to 2020 and amending Regulations (EU) No 1303/2013 and (EU) No 1305/2013

Key takeaways:

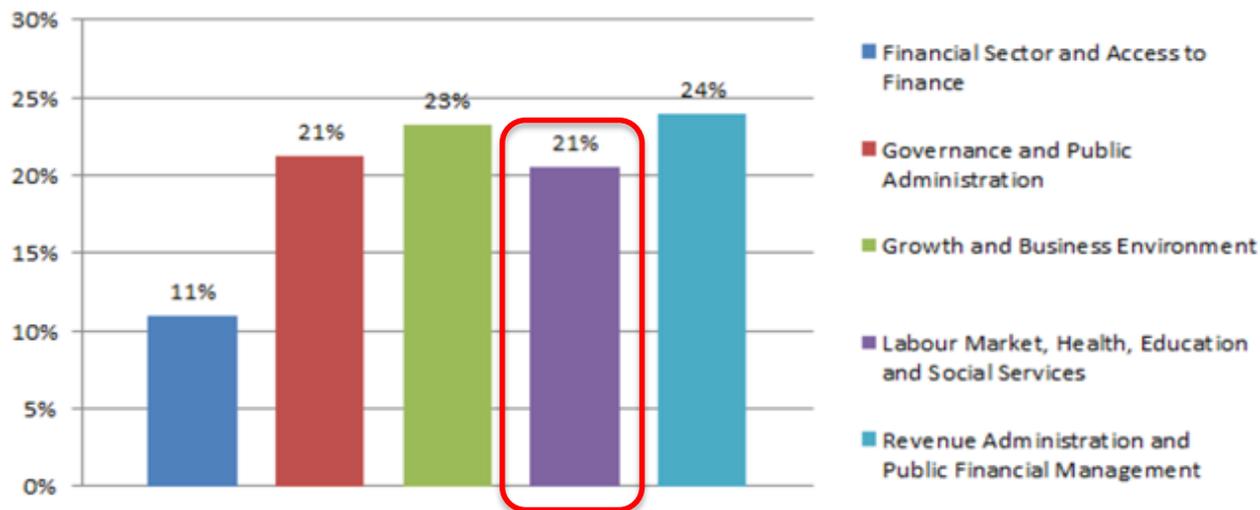
- ✓ Technical support is demand-driven, based on request from Member States;
- ✓ It is available to all Member States;
- ✓ Technical support covers the entire process of reform: from design to completion;
- ✓ It covers a broad spectrum of policy areas;
- ✓ The SRSS engages in dialogue with Member States to discuss technical support needs and to agree on cooperation and support plans.

Requests selected for SRSP 2018

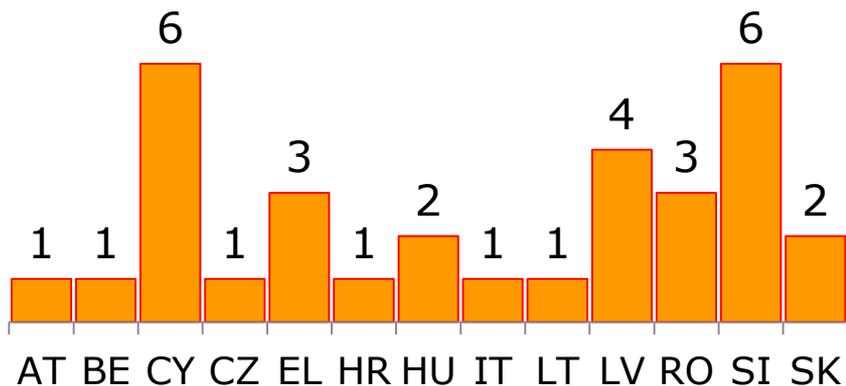
Per Member State



Per Area



TECHNICAL SUPPORT PROJECTS ON HEALTH (on-going and under preparation)



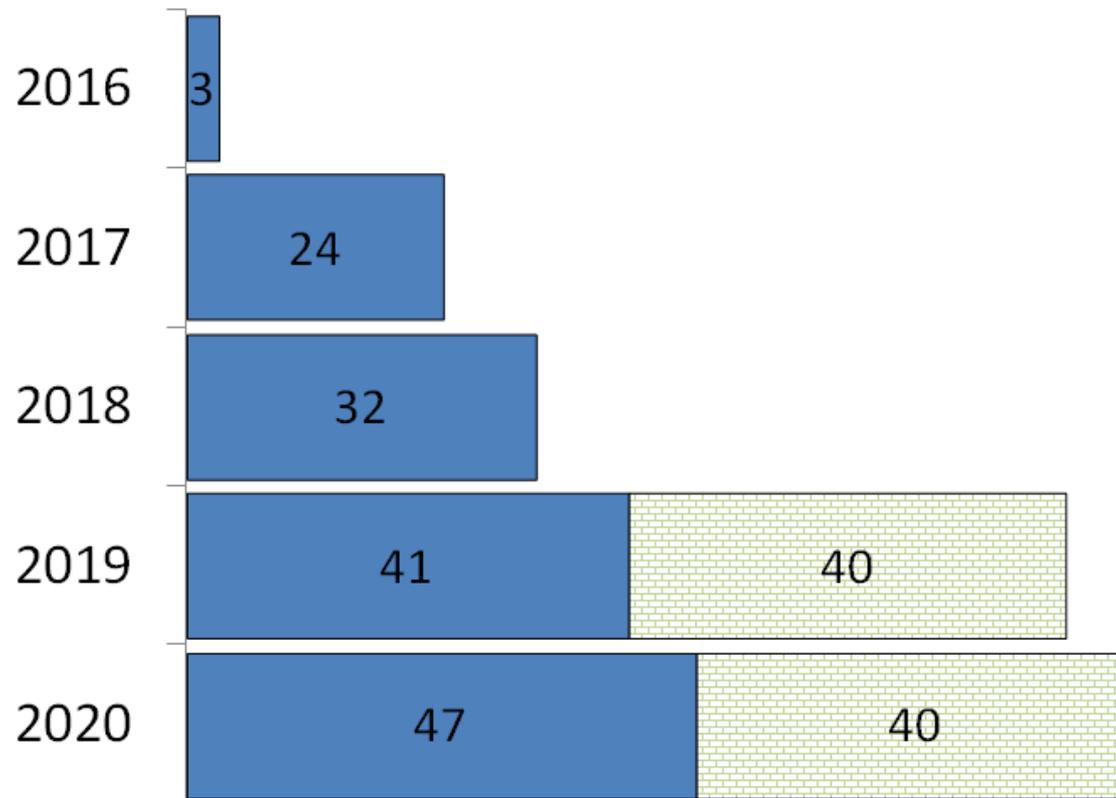
SOME EXAMPLES:

CAPACITY BUILDING FOR INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS
FUNCTIONAL INTEGRATION OF HOSPITALS
PRIMARY HEALTH CARE REFORM
CANCER SCREENING PROGRAMMES
DRG SYSTEM
SPENDING REVIEW ON MEDICINES
CENTRALISED PROCUREMENT
HEALTH SYSTEM PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT



SRSP original budget 2017-2020: 142,8 million Euro
+ 80 million Euro for 2019-2020 (approved 11 Sept)

Present budget: 222,8 million Euro



Submission of a request for support

Article 7

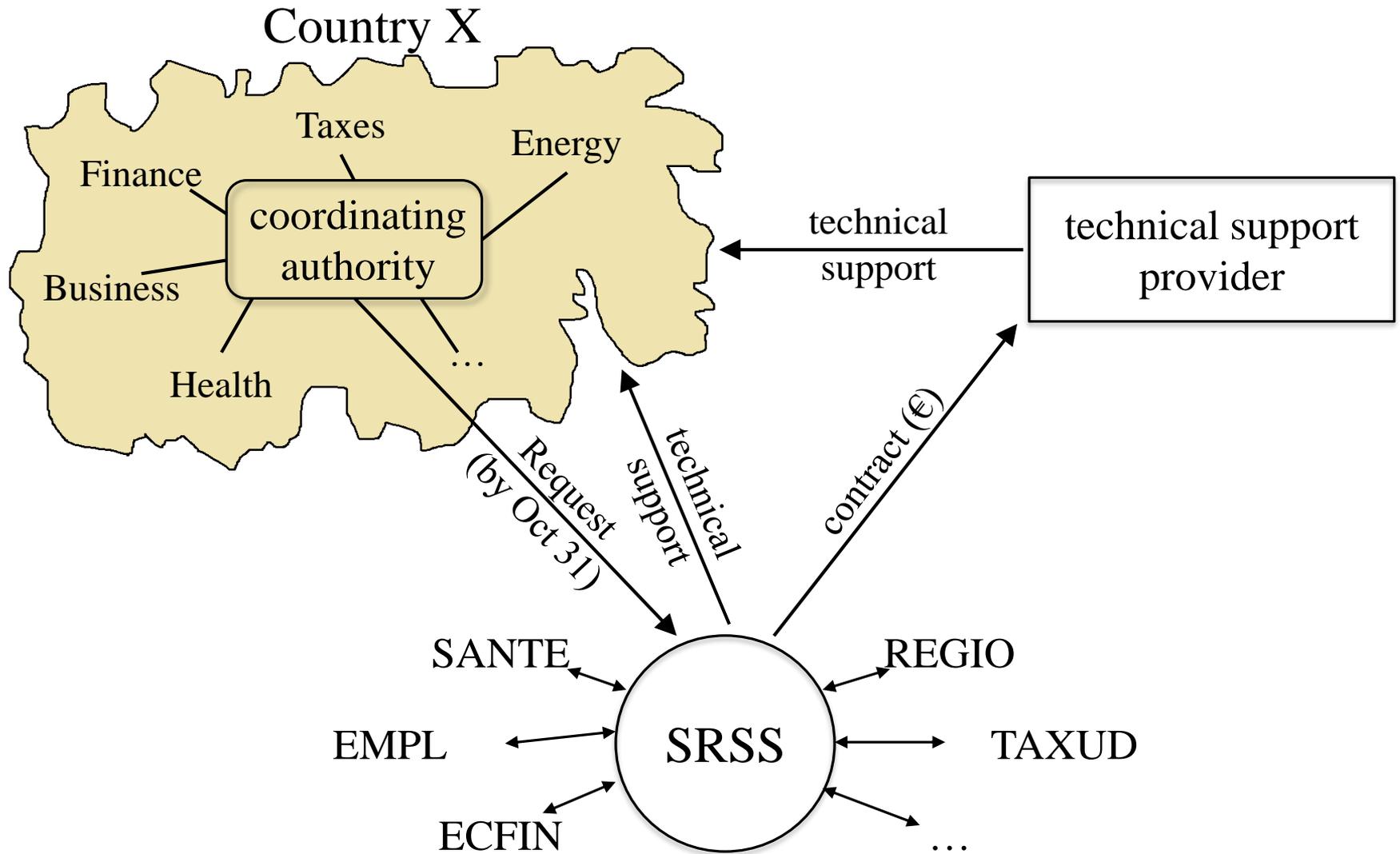
Request for support

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.



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Assessing health system performance in Latvia and Slovenia

for the Ministries of Health

The Commission is supporting national authorities in their efforts to develop and implement frameworks for assessing the performance of their health systems.



Context

National health authorities intend to develop tailored frameworks to **assess the performance of their health systems** and to apply them to monitor and **evaluate upcoming health reforms**.

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Support delivered

The support provided by the SRSS is delivered jointly to **Latvia and Slovenia** over 24 months in the form of continuous technical advice.

The support measures consist of:

- **organising trainings** and country visits;
- **identifying key dimensions** to be targeted by the assessment (e.g. efficiency, access, quality of care);
- **identifying and developing** explanatory indicators for each dimension; and
- **involvement** of relevant stakeholders in the implementation of the assessments.

Expected results

Support from the SRSS aims at the following results:

- develop **tailored frameworks** for the assessment of **health system performance**; and
- use those **frameworks to assess health sector** reforms.

And will have the following impact:

- **improved performance** of the health systems;
- increased local capacity of assessing the performance of the system; and
- **better health of the population**.

Implementing a primary health care reform in Austria

and providing effective start-up services to primary care units to enable health professionals to start their own primary health care unit on a sound and valid basis



Context

In ageing societies, the provision of high-quality primary health care service is key to a sustainable health system. Austria legislated a primary health care reform with the aim to establish 75 primary health care units by 2022. Austria requested support from SRSS to speed up the implementation of this ambitious reform aiming at setting-up an effective start-up support program.

Support planned

The support planned by the SRSS is built on the following components:

1. Creating a start-up guide with information for health professionals for the successful establishment of a Primary Health Care Unit;
2. Creating support material and providing training sessions for the Social Health Insurance and regional Governments on the availability and use of financial instruments for Primary Health Care Units;
3. Giving hands-on consultancy services to help start up Primary Health Care Units;
4. Designing a website and a communication strategy.

Expected results

The following results are expected from SRSS support:

- Comprehensive start-up information available
- Up to 18 primary health care units directly supported
- Stakeholders aware of the available technical and financial support options and empowered to implement reform
- Web-platform on-line and ready to use

Support to the implementation of EU colorectal cancer screening guidelines in Italy, Slovakia and Romania

To extend coverage and effectiveness of cancer screening programmes and to contribute to a reduction in the burden of cancer in the population



Context

National health authorities intend to improve the implementation of EU colorectal cancer screening guidelines and to profit from a mutual exchange of experiences.

Support delivered

The support provided by the SRSS is delivered jointly to Italy, Romania and Slovakia over 18 months in the form of continuous technical advice.

The support measures consist of:

- Train and empower senior managers;
- Train and retrain health professionals;
- Organise country visits to good practice experiences;
- Development of communication campaigns;
- Tailored advice on ICT issues and on legal matters.

Expected results

In Italy, managers, senior official and clinicians in four selected regions are fully enabled to develop and test sound methodologies for CRC screening. In Romania, screening experts are empowered with the capacity to design an effective screening programme, implement a screening registry and clearly communicate their actions to the population. In Slovakia, a screening registry is implemented with fully operational procedures and readily available for deployment at national level.

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Reform Support Programme post-2020

MFF proposals post-2020

A Modern Budget for a Union that Protects, Empowers and Defends

The Multiannual Financial Framework for 2021-2027

*Brussels, 2.5.2018
COM(2018) 321 final*

A new programme proposed
in the **new EU Multiannual
Financial Framework post-2020**
to support a stable euro area:

Reform Support Programme



EUBudget
EUAddedValue
FutureOfEurope

What is the Reform Support Programme?

Objective: the RSP offers a comprehensive set of tools, building on experience of the SRSP, to support faster **implementation of structural reforms** across EU Member States

Participation by Member States is **voluntary**

the Commission is proposing a new Reform Support Programme (the Programme), which includes three separate complementary instruments: (i) the reform delivery tool, in the form of a financial support instrument; (ii) a follow-up programme to the SRSP, in the form of a technical support instrument; and (iii) a convergence facility, to provide specific and targeted support to non-euro-area Member States (also referred to as a "convergence facility"). The Programme thus aims to support Member-State governments and public authorities, upon their request for technical support or upon their submission of proposals for reform commitments, in their efforts to design and implement growth-sustaining structural reforms. The Programme is intended to contribute to the overall objective of enhancing cohesion, competitiveness, productivity, growth, and employment. It could also have a positive impact on the realisation of the European Pillar of Social Rights.

3 complementary instruments

Reform Delivery Tool

- **Financial support** available to all Member States
- **European Semester** reform challenges

Technical support

- Tailored **technical expertise** available to all Member States
- Continuation of the **SRSP**
- **Wider scope** for intervention

Convergence Facility

- **Financial and technical support** to Member States committed to adopt the euro
- Reforms to prepare for **participation in the euro area**

Reform Support Programme

Complementarity to other funds & programmes (in particular Structural and Cohesion Funds)

- Structural and Cohesion Funds to support investment-related actions
- Reform Support Programme to promote the design and implementation of structural reforms ("framework conditions")



Cohesion and values

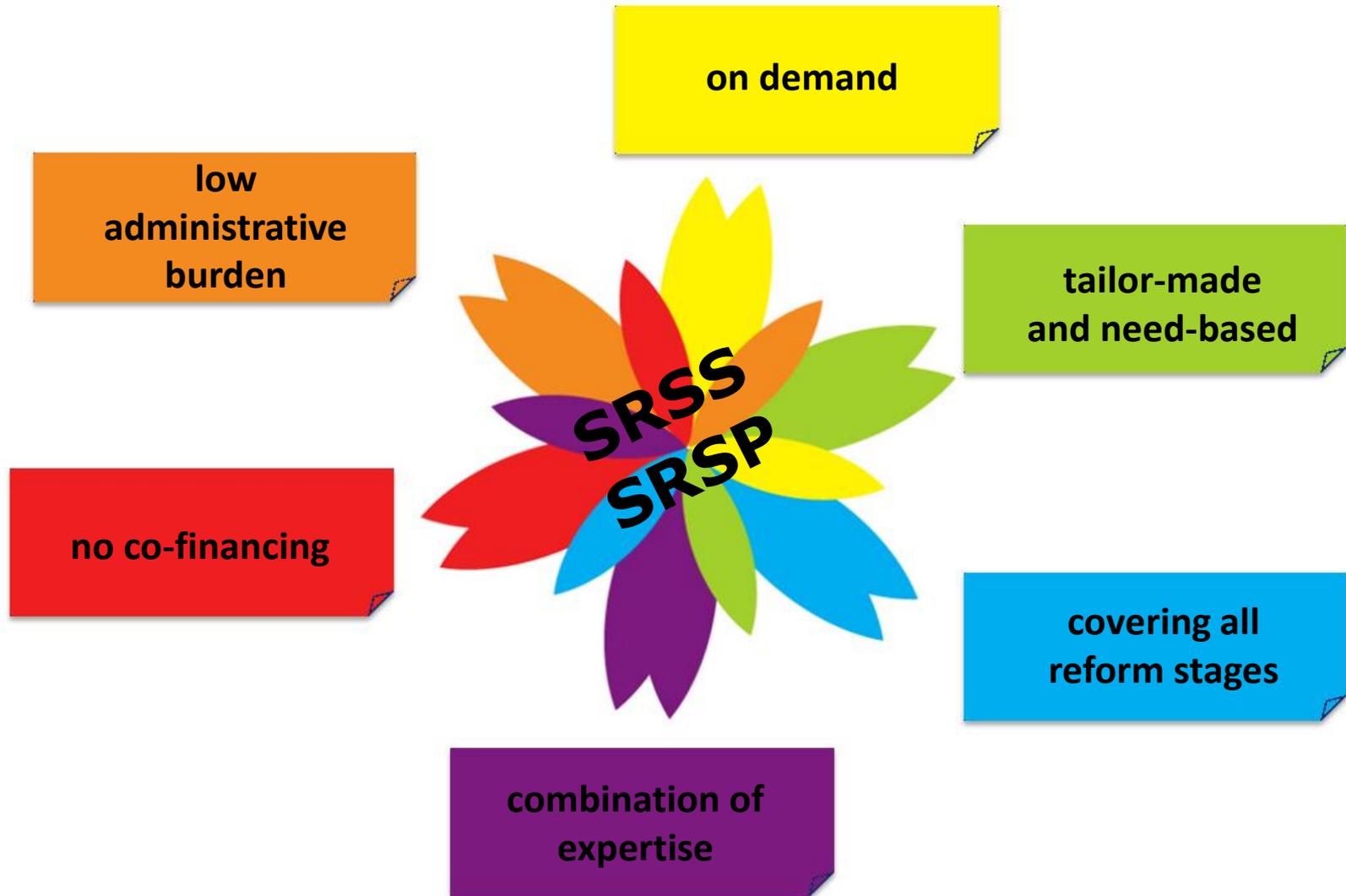
TOTAL	EUR 25 billion
Reform Delivery Tool	22 billion
Technical support	840 million
Convergence Facility (financial + technical support)	2.16 billion (2 billion + 160 million)

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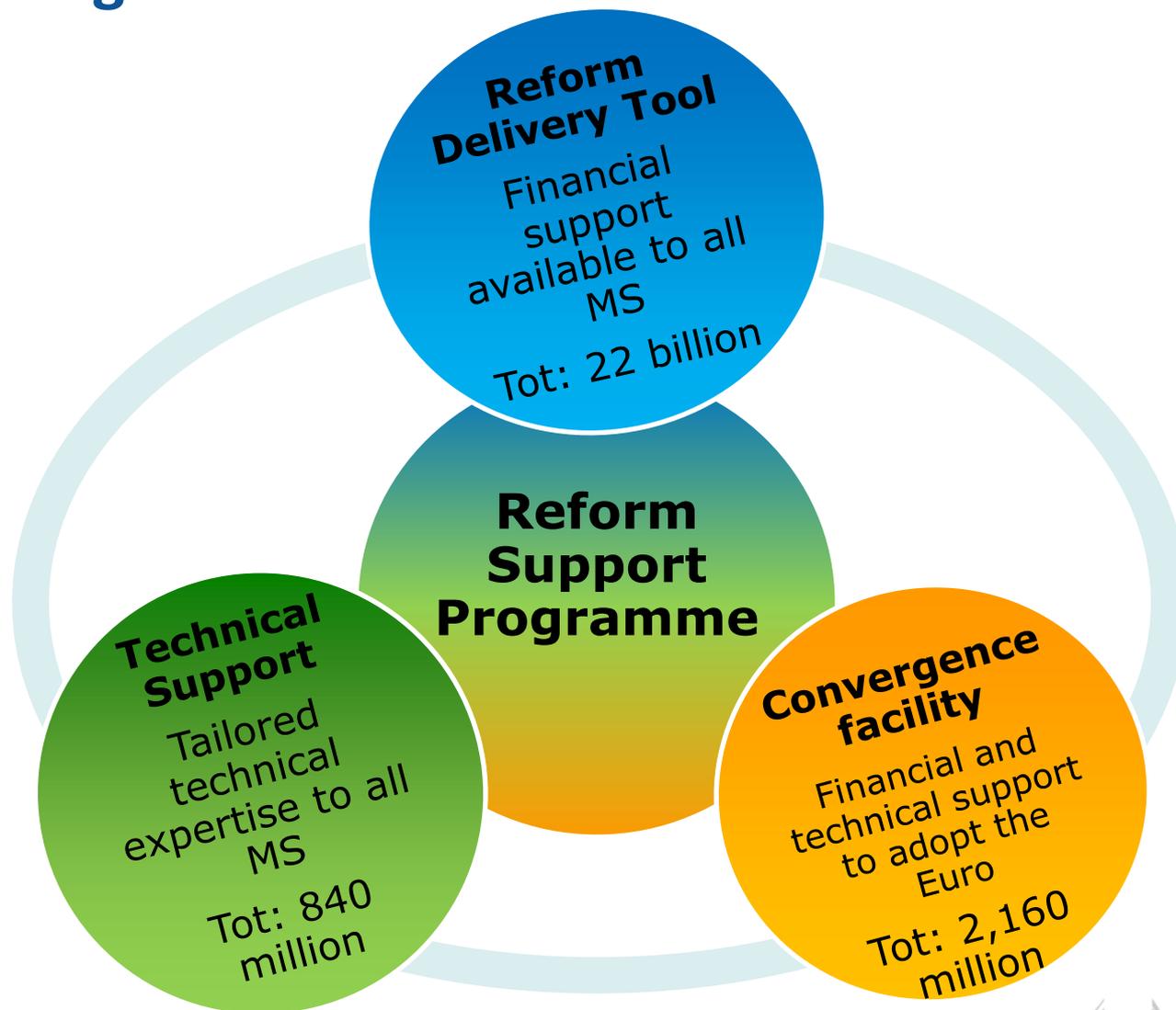
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Conclusions

Today: Main features of technical support provided by SRSS/SRSP to Member States



Post 2020 (maybe): Main proposed features of the Reform Support Programme



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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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https://ec.europa.eu/info/sites/info/files/srss-information-brochure_en_1.pdf