



**[TSI placeholder]
Regulation (EU) 2020/XXXX ([TSI placeholder] Regulation)¹**

INSTRUCTIONS

**Accompanying the template for request for technical support
(Article X of the [TSI placeholder] Regulation)**

The request for technical support (hereunder “the request”) should be filled in after careful reading of these instructions and the [TSI placeholder] Regulation.

The purpose of these instructions is to facilitate the submission of requests for support under the [TSI placeholder] to the Commission. The Commission will analyse the request for support in line with Article X of the [TSI placeholder] Regulation. The information submitted will also serve as a basis for reaching an agreement with the Member State concerned, resulting in a Cooperation and Support Plan.

Should a Member State want to submit a request for special measures under urgency (interim support – Article X of the [TSI placeholder] Regulation), the Member State should contact DG REFORM at REFORM-SRSP@ec.europa.eu for the relevant template. Please note that the request for special measures under urgency should be filled **only if** there are **serious grounds of urgency requiring an immediate response**. The special measures that may be provided under urgency will only be interim support (for a maximum of six months), to be replaced by support measures that are to be provided under normal circumstances, and according to the procedure thereof, under the [TSI placeholder] Regulation. If the Member State concerned wishes to continue receiving support under the [TSI placeholder], after the special measures expire, the standard request for support will need to be submitted according to the Article x of the [TSI placeholder] Regulation.

The information included in the template for the request will be considered sensitive or confidential to the Member State insofar as it concerns the public interest of the Member State, unless otherwise specified by the authorities submitting the request.

Personal data provided in the request are processed in accordance with the applicable data protection rules. The privacy statement explaining the processing of personal data could be found on the following link:

¹ The establishment of the Technical Support Instrument is subject to the agreement of the European Parliament and of the Council on the adoption of the proposal for a Regulation establishing a Technical Support Instrument, COM(2020) 409 final.

https://ec.europa.eu/info/files/privacy-statement-submission-requests-technical-support_en.

These instructions are accompanied by a pre-filled example of the template.

INTRODUCTION

Who submits the request for support?

All requests need to be formally submitted by the **Coordinating Authority**. Under the [TSI placeholder], the Coordinating Authority is responsible for submitting requests for technical support on behalf of the Member State concerned, for coordinating the planning and submission of the requests for support, as well as for the overall implementation of the support measures, in cooperation with the Commission.

The Coordinating Authority is the single contact point for the interaction with the Commission on the matters related to the [TSI placeholder]. Member States designate the Coordinating Authority in accordance with their legal framework.

Please note that each request should be submitted separately through the DG REFORM portal².

Please indicate the title of the request. The title should be concise and indicate the purpose of the request for support (e.g. removing restrictions in the professional services sector).

The Coordinating Authority submits all requests **in the order of priority** decided by the Member State; this includes requests emanating from independent authorities.

General information: contact details and title of the request

Please indicate the relevant **contact details** of the national Coordinating Authority, the recipient national authority and the relevant contact persons, including their contact details (name, address, function, email, phone number, etc.).

The **recipient national authority** is the authority of the Member State (including authorities at regional and local levels) that requests the support, and, in case of selection, that will be responsible for its implementation, in cooperation with the Commission (i.e. DG REFORM).

Please, tick the box if, to your knowledge, this request covers the same policy area and priorities for support as identified in the request(s) submitted by other Member State(s) under the present call of the [TSI placeholder]. Please, tick this box only if you are aware that other Member State is requesting technical support, and such request addresses the same topic as your request (for example, if you had bilateral discussions with other authorities of another Member State).

² <https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/srss-portal/>

1. DESCRIPTION OF THE PROBLEM/NEED TO BE ADDRESSED

*Article X of the [TSI placeholder] Regulation **defines the criteria for analysis by the Commission of the request for support: urgency, breadth and depth of the problems identified, support needs** in respect of the policy areas concerned, analysis of **socio-economic indicators and general administrative capacity of the Member State.***

The Commission will use the information requested herewith, and that must be provided by the Member State, to carry out the analysis of the requests.

1.1 What is the problem/need to be addressed with the support requested?

Please provide a detailed description of the problem or the need to be addressed with the requested support measures.

1.2 Breadth of the problem/need

Please explain how broad is the problem/need? Does the problem that the request is trying to address affect a significant part/sector of the economy, which is particularly important for the Member State? Does it extend across several policy areas (i.e. could the results of the action also have an impact on other policy areas)? Is the problem/need likely to spread to other policy areas ("spill-over")? Does it cover different aspects of a specific policy area?

1.3 Depth of the problem/need

How deep is the problem/need? Is the problem/need severe (e.g. having a potential negative consequences for the economy, if so – which ones)? Were there any previous reform efforts? What was the impact of those efforts? What did not work and why? What still needs to be addressed?

1.4 Urgency of the request for support

[NOTA BENE: the urgency of the request should not be confused with the request for (temporary) "special measures" under urgency]

In order to determine the urgency of the request, information should be provided on the basis of the following elements.

- Is the problem/need a new/emerging one?
- Is the request for support linked to a deadline that must be respected (e.g. in the context of the implementation of recovery and resilience plans under the

Recovery and Resilience Facility³, European Semester Country-Specific Recommendations, National Reform Programmes (NRPs), Union priority deadlines such as emission reduction objectives, deadlines imposed by Union law (due to infringement procedures, transposition of Union directives), enabling conditions in EU Funds, etc.?

- Is the rapid execution of the support a key factor in resolving the problem/need?
- Is there a date after which the requested support measures become irrelevant?

NOTA BENE: If there is a deadline (at national, European or international level) for starting the implementation/delivery of the measures, please clearly indicate the deadline.

1.5 Socio-economic and environmental indicators

The relevant socio-economic and environmental indicators will be taken into consideration when analysing the request. These indicators may be macro-economic indicators, environmental indicators, general indicators or indicators related to the relevant policy area (e.g. unemployment rates, rates for early leavers from education, at-risk-of-poverty-or-social-exclusion rates, investment rates, indicators of investment bottlenecks, non-performing loans rates, etc.). These data will back-up the request for support. Therefore, please make sure that the data provided is related to the problem to be addressed and the support requested and that it is recent.

For each request, if available, please provide socio-economic and environmental indicators relevant to the policy area(s)/sector(s). Detailed quantitative evidence can be submitted as an Annex to the request, or at a later stage.

1.6 Other means/ funding

Please, provide a short description of the means/funding that the Member State considered for implementing the requested support. If such options have been explored, please specify which ones. If possible, indicate also what is the complementarity of other funds with the technical support requested.

Please note that this section refers not only to means/funding at EU level, but at international, regional and national levels as well (capacity at national level to carry out the measures).

³ The establishment of the Recovery and Resilience Facility is subject to the agreement of the European Parliament and of the Council on the adoption of the proposal for a Regulation establishing a Recovery and Resilience Facility, COM(2020) 408 final.

2. DESCRIPTION OF THE SUPPORT MEASURES REQUESTED AND ESTIMATED COST

2.1 Indicative description of the support measures requested

If already envisaged, please provide an outline of possible support activities, e.g.: provision of ad hoc experts; placing resident experts on the ground; capacity building: seminars, conferences, workshops, working visits, training; collection of data; development of methodologies; studies and expertise related to policy advice, policy change, legislative, institutional, structural and administrative reforms, etc.

The full list of eligible actions is provided in Article X of the [TSI placeholder] Regulation.

If possible, indicate also the envisaged key outputs (e.g. diagnostic report, comparative analysis, recommendations, feasibility study, technical specifications for an IT tool, guidelines).

Please explain also how the requested support measures will help to address the problem identified.

If appropriate, please differentiate between support "phases"; this could help to identify which activities need to take place first, or which activities can only start at a later stage (e.g. after the finalisation of some other actions, etc.).

For the preparation and implementation of recovery and resilience plans under the Recovery and Resilience Facility⁴, please specify the type of support that would be needed (e.g. definition of reforms and investments, related milestones and targets; costing methodology, etc.).

If known, please specify also the form of expertise that would be needed (e.g. short-term experts, long-term experts, capacity building actions such as seminars, conferences and workshops, working visits to other Member States, trainings, collection of data and statistics, studies, research, analysis, etc.).

2.2 Indicative duration of the support measures requested

Please provide the overall estimated starting and end date of the requested technical support (covering all proposed measures). If possible, please provide also an indicative starting and an end date of each individual requested support measure/activity and/or their estimated duration.

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Please consider the deadlines (if provided) in the description of the urgency of the request (1.4).

2.3 Indicative estimated total cost of the support measures requested (in EUR)

Please indicate how much you estimate the support measures/activities would cost. Please note, however, that this is only an estimation, which can help determine the final costing. It does not bind the Member State nor the Commission in any way.

Indicate the estimated total cost (in EUR) of the support measures (number). Please note that this is a numerical field - only enter numbers - no letters, spaces, full stops, nor commas.

➤ 2.3.1 Additional information (indicative cost items/indicative budget breakdown)

Please provide (if known) a more detailed budget breakdown of the estimated total cost or information on the indicative cost items of requested support measures.

Indicative cost items are supposed to assist in quantifying the effort required to deliver the requested support measures (if already known and indicated in point 2.1.) and breaking down the request into tangible tasks/steps. It can be the form of expertise that would be needed, for example:

- capacity building seminars, conferences and workshops (X working days for Y participants and with Z experts);
- benchmarking analysis, studies, research (finalised in a report and dissemination workshop for X participants);
- short-term experts, long-term experts (X experts for Y amount of time);
- study visits to other Member States (to approx. X countries), expert mission/workshop (X number of days for Z participants to approx. X countries).

2.4 Expected results/use of the results of the support measures requested

Indicate the ultimate objective that the support measures should achieve (expected result of the requested support). What would be possible benefits also from a European perspective? How does the Member State intend to use the support provided to achieve the expected results?

2.5 Administrative capacity of the Member State

(this refers to the recipient national authority and its capacity to implement and absorb the requested support measures).

The administrative capacity should take into account the capacity of the Member State to implement and absorb the support measures to be provided and to carry out the reforms for which support is requested.

Please indicate if there is any structure/team within the recipient national authority to manage the project and to follow-up on the results after the project completion. Please also elaborate on the wider inter-institutional cooperation envisaged for the technical support project and subsequent reform (i.e. how will relevant stakeholders, such as other ministries or implementing agencies, be involved).

In addition, please indicate the resources (staff, budget for complementary activities, etc.) that the recipient national authority requesting support is ready to dedicate for these purposes.

2.6 Envisaged provider(s) (if applicable)

*According to Article X of the [TSI placeholder] Regulation, technical support **may be provided in cooperation with other Member States' entities, international organisations, individual experts, public or private bodies or other entities.***

If applicable, please indicate suggestions you may have for support provider(s) for certain support activities (a Member State authority or public body, international organisations, other public-sector entities, etc.). Indicate also which entity/organisation (and why) could help carry out the support measures. If more than one and/ or if you envisage to use both public and private providers, please indicate accordingly. Please do not provide names of private providers.

Please note also that this is only a suggestion; the final selection of the provider is undertaken by the Commission on the basis of the applicable rules, notably, the relevant rules stemming from, inter alia, the Financial Regulation (Regulation (EU) No 2018/1046).

3. CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE REQUEST

*According to Article X of the [TSI placeholder] Regulation, the request can be related to **different circumstances** ("triggering factors").*

- The preparation of recovery and resilience plans under the Recovery and Resilience Facility⁵;

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- The implementation of recovery and resilience plans under the Recovery and Resilience Facility⁶;
- The implementation of growth-sustaining and resilience-enhancing reforms in the context of economic governance processes, in particular the country specific recommendations issued in the context of the European Semester (or the Country Reports);
- The implementation of economic adjustment programmes for Member States that receive Union financial assistance under existing instruments, in particular in accordance with Regulation (EU) No 472/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council for the euro-area Member States, and Council Regulation (EC) No 332/2002 for non-euro-area Member States;
- The implementation of the actions linked to Union priorities, e.g. Capital Markets Union (CMU), Energy Union, Customs Union, other Union priorities;
- The implementation of actions related to the implementation of Union law (e.g. infringement procedures, other governance cycles);
- The implementation of reforms by Member States, undertaken at their own initiative, in particular to support recovery, achieve sustainable economic growth and job creation and enhance resilience (e.g. national reform priorities linked with Union priorities, , etc.).

3.1. Additional information

Please indicate to which of the above-mentioned circumstances your request is related. Please also add relevant explanations as appropriate.

For the preparation and implementation of the recovery and resilience plans under the Recovery and Resilience Facility, please provide more detailed information on how does the request relate to the national recovery and resilience plan.

For economic governance, please indicate also the Member State's country-specific recommendation(s) and country report(s) concerned (number(s), years(s)).

For Union priorities and own reforms, indicate specific priorities and add references to national reform(s).

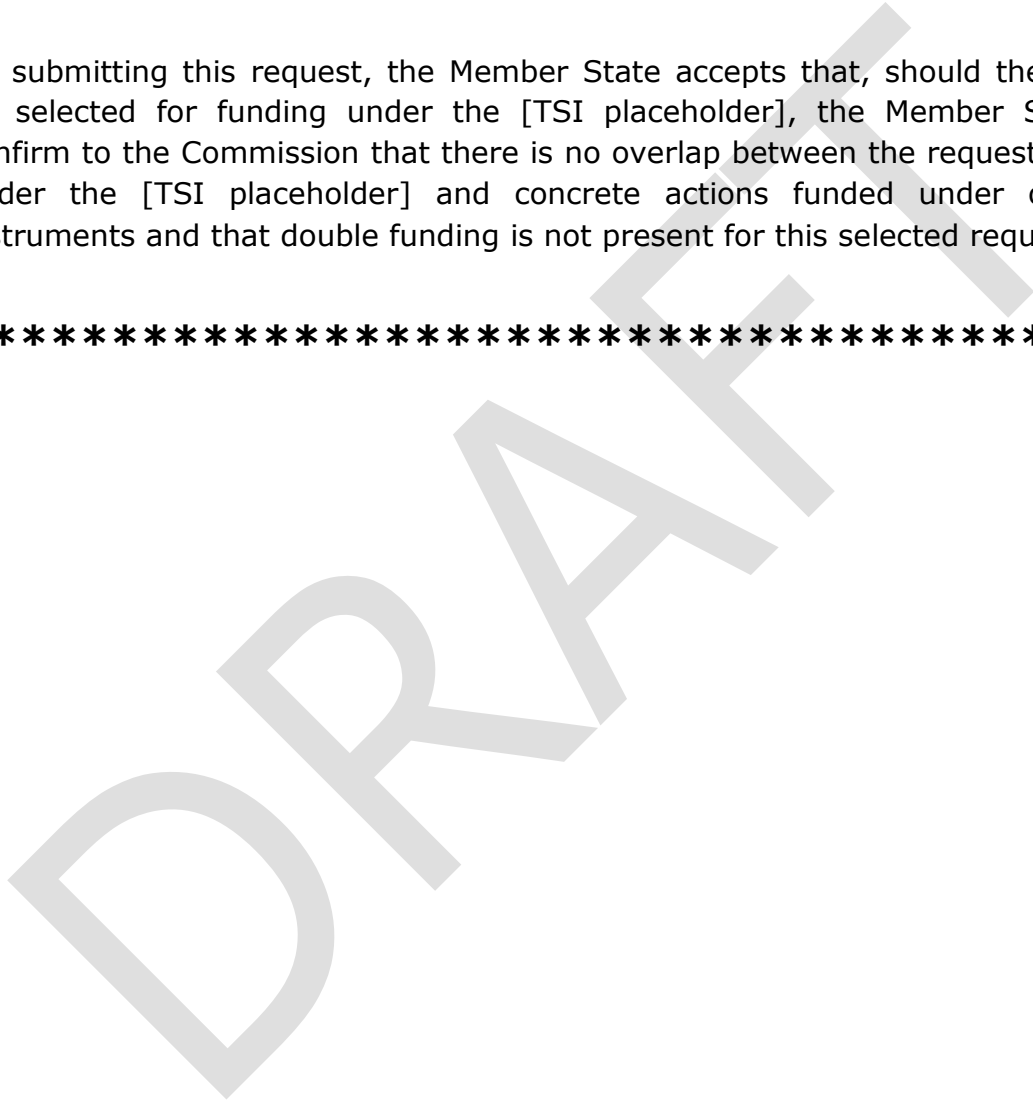
Please provide supporting information to justify your selection: e.g., reference to the National Reform Programme or other relevant government documents and mention the link between the request and the reform.

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Disclaimer:

Please note that the request is fully subject to the principles governing the [TSI placeholder] Regulation and Regulation No 2018/1046 on the Financial Rules applicable to the General Budget of the Union. In compliance with the principle of prohibition of double funding, the recipient national authority shall immediately inform the European Commission of other related ongoing actions financed by the EU budget. In no circumstances, shall the European Commission finance the same costs twice.

By submitting this request, the Member State accepts that, should the request be selected for funding under the [TSI placeholder], the Member State will confirm to the Commission that there is no overlap between the request selected under the [TSI placeholder] and concrete actions funded under other EU instruments and that double funding is not present for this selected request.





**[TSI placeholder]
Regulation (EU) 2020/XXXX ([TSI placeholder] Regulation)⁷**

**REQUEST FOR TECHNICAL SUPPORT*
(Article X of the [TSI placeholder] Regulation)⁸**

DEADLINE: 31 October 2020

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| Member State: | Country X |
| Title of the request: | Removing restrictions in the professional services sector |
| Order of priority of the request: | 2 |
| Total number of requests: | 10 |
| Date of submission: | 30 October 202030 October 202030 October 2020 |

| COORDINATING AUTHORITY | |
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| Name | Secretariat General for EU Affairs |
| Address | Xxx street 1; 1000, city, country |
| Contact person | [Mr/Ms x, y, z] |
| Email | xxxx@xxxx.xx |
| Telephone number | +32 XXX XXX XXX |

| RECIPIENT NATIONAL AUTHORITY | |
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| Name | Ministry XX |
| Address | Xxx street 1; 1000, city, country |

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⁸ Regulation [TSI placeholder].

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| Contact person | [Mr/Ms x, y, z] |
| Position | Director/ Head of sector/ Head of unit |
| Email | xxxx@xxxx.xx |
| Telephone number | +32 xxxx |

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | This request for technical support covers the same policy area and priorities for support as identified in the request(s) submitted by other Member State(s) under the present call. |
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| 1 | DESCRIPTION OF THE PROBLEM/NEED TO BE ADDRESSED |
| 1.1 | What is the problem/need to be addressed with the support requested? |
| | <p>In country XX, services currently contribute to XX% of GDP. However, high administrative burden and regulatory barriers hamper productivity of the market, especially for professional services, i.e. regulated professions and new business models. This high level of regulation co-exists with falling Total Factor Productivity (TFP) in the services sector, which is below comparator countries. It is likely that a high level of regulation constrains competition, which then results in allocative, productive, and dynamic inefficiencies in services sector but also in subdued output and high prices in other sectors. According to a recent research, liberalising services in 12 areas has the potential to increase productivity by 5.7% on average.</p> <p>Currently, professional services have restrictions on entry such as certificates, licences, mandatory trainings, and exams; restrictions on conduct like fee arrangements, geographical limits, bans to advertise or join multi-disciplinary practices; and restrictions on foreign providers, e.g. residency and nationality requirements.</p> <p>The Government acknowledges the need to enhance deregulation of some professional services and to develop better regulation for certain professions. At the moment, there are more than XX regulated professions, which is above the EU average (according to the Commission's analysis). A new regulatory framework needs to be designed to improve the current system which can create barriers.</p> <p>Several previous reform efforts had been made in the past (reform X in 2002, reform Y in 2005). With the changes brought about in the globalised economy over the past 10 years, it is essential to review the regulatory framework for professional services. As reflected in the National Reform Programme, the Government is currently planning to reform the regulation of professions. However, the Ministry XX is lacking the ability to analyse market data that would enable to define a plan of actions to gradually reduce administrative and regulatory barriers. In this context, additional measures to enrich the analysis of the current situation and to define opportunities for the reform would ensure that a well substantiated reform proposal can be put forward by the Government during 2020.</p> |

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| 1.2 | How broad is the problem/need? Does it affect a significant part/sector of the economy or extend across several policy areas ("spill-over")? |
| <p>Restrictive business environment in the services sector sets a limit on the country's growth potential. The problem affects services sector virtually across all areas of the economy, the most concerned are in particular: tourism, legal professions, accounting services and transport. There is a risk that the problem spreads to other areas of the economy.</p> <p>Overly regulated services sector unavoidably affects the investment attractiveness of the economy, causes business to seek more favourable conditions in other Member States and may lead to productivity and employment losses.</p> <p>A reform of regulation on professions could have positive spill-over effects in other economic sectors as high productivity in the professional services sector can have positive effects on other industries such as manufacturing, construction and food-processing. Easier services market access for professionals and new business models can open up employment opportunities.</p> | |
| 1.3 | How deep or severe is the problem/need? What are the consequences of the problem? Were there any previous reform efforts? What was the impact of those efforts? What did not work and why? |
| <p>A cumbersome business environment depresses productive investment and productivity growth. Country XX's productivity growth lags behind that of other EU Member States in all sectors of the economy. The average productivity of country XX's firms has improved in recent years, but inefficient allocation of resources has prevented productive businesses from growing faster than their less productive competitors. Productivity is particularly weak in state-owned enterprises and in heavily regulated sectors such as energy, and to a lesser extent in transport. The persistent high level of the administrative burden in the provision of services and of parafiscal charges continues to constrain investment in business creation and expansion.</p> <p>2020 European Semester Country Report of the European Commission points out that the regulatory environment for professional services in country XX remains restrictive. This is particularly evident in legal and accounting services, where fixed tariffs and a marketing bans are still in force. Commission's finding is in line with the OECD's Product Market Regulation (PMR) indicators of services market restrictiveness.</p> <p>Previous attempts of the Government to reduce regulatory barriers to services sector, and the regulated professions in particular (referred to in section 1.1) failed to achieve substantial results as they were not comprehensive enough and limited to only a few professions (due to lack of analytical evidence, inadequate administrative capacity, lack of best practices examples from other countries, etc.).</p> | |
| 1.4 | How urgent is the need to address the problem? Is there a specific deadline (at national, European or international level)? |
| <p>There is an urgent need to address the problem, which has been acknowledged by the national Government. The reform of professional services market regulations is envisaged by October 2021, within the National Reform Programme.</p> <p>A 2020 Country Specific Recommendation (CSR n° X) of the Commission for country XX calls for a services market reform: "Remove unjustified regulatory restrictions hampering access to and the practice of regulated professions. Reduce the administrative burden on businesses".</p> <p>Moreover, reform recommendations for professional services (as a part of the proposed Commissions "Services Package") indicate that country XX is above the EU average in</p> | |

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| regulatory restrictiveness in almost all of the main professions. | |
| 1.5 | Provide relevant socio-economic and environmental indicators, data or evidence linked to the problem/need to be addressed. Please make sure that the data provided is related to the problem to be addressed and the support requested. |
| <p>According to the OECD's PMR score, country XX is among the most regulated EU Member States, including in professional services. The overall PMR (restrictiveness) score for is xx. This is above the OECD and EU average of 1.5.</p> <p>As indicated in section 1.1, excessive level of regulation constrains competition, resulting in allocative, productive, and dynamic inefficiencies in services but also subdued output and high prices in other sectors. Reducing the levels of entry and conduct restrictions in key services has the potential to improve the productivity of the economy. Deregulating services may also help to create jobs and promote shared prosperity – an important consideration given the country's relatively high unemployment rates of 13% of the total labour force and 31% of the population aged 15-24 in 2018 (National Statistical Office). Regulating new business models may further stimulate employment in particular among the young people and it has the potential to reduce regional disparities in access to markets and employment (unemployment rates in the catching-up regions are two-three-fold compared to the rates in the capital – National Statistical Office).</p> | |
| 1.6 | Have other means / funding (at national, regional, EU, international level) been considered for addressing the problem identified? Which ones? If so, what is the complementarity of other funds with the technical support requested? |
| <p>Due to the high degree of specialisation and lack of knowledge at the level of the Ministry, there is no capacity to carry out the measures at national level. Moreover, no international or regional programmes have been identified that could provide the requested support. "XXX" programme has been deemed not relevant for the requested support, due to the limitations in the scope of the actions eligible for funding under the programme. There are no national sources of funding available for this type of measures.</p> | |

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| 2 | INDICATIVE DESCRIPTION OF THE SUPPORT MEASURES REQUESTED AND THE ESTIMATED COST |
| 2.1 | Briefly describe the indicative support measures requested and how they will help to address the problem identified. If possible, indicate envisaged key outputs (e.g. diagnostic report, comparative analysis, recommendations, feasibility study, technical specifications for an IT tool, guidelines, etc.). |
| <p>Building on the lessons learnt from the previous reform effort of the Government, and to provide options for deregulating regulated professions, support is requested for three components/types of activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A technical review of entry and conduct requirements for regulated professions (diagnostic study), identifying the professions that pose a high economic return from a reform and outlining detailed recommendations for reform measures to be taken in at least 12 regulated professions. The review will require collection of relevant statistical data, stakeholder interviews and a review of relevant national and EU legislation in force for the selected regulated professions. | |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advisory and technical support for identifying mechanisms to safeguard reforms, including the use of proportionality testing before the adoption of new regulation of professions (linked to Commission proposal for a new Directive). This component may include some training of relevant staff of the Ministries and related Agencies (for at least 10 people), based on good practices examples identified by the analysis. • At least 1 study visit(s) to a Member State(s) which have recently undertaken a similar reform and established mechanisms to safeguard the reform. <p>The results of the support measures will feed directly into the Government's commitment to prepare a reform package/proposal which is to be presented by the end of 2020.</p> |
| 2.2 | <p>Indicate the possible duration of the support measures requested (all measures together) and if available, an indicative timeline of each individual measure.</p> |
| | <p>Estimated duration: 12 months starting as of March 2021. In 2021, it is expected that there will be strong political support for the reform process.</p> <p>Based on the previous experience in this sector, the technical review is estimated to last 5-6 months, while the support related to safeguard of reforms could be stretched out to a period of 10 – 12 months. Study visits would be planned to coincide with the technical review and the analytical support.</p> |
| 2.3 | <p>Indicate the estimated total cost of the support measures requested (in EUR)</p> |
| | <p>500000</p> |
| 2.3.1 | <p>Additional information (indicative cost items / indicative budget breakdown, estimated expert days)</p> |
| | <p>Estimated overall cost of the request: EUR 500 000;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technical review (finalised in a report and dissemination workshop for X people) estimated at EUR XXX; • Safeguarding of reforms/training (approx. X days for Z people) estimated at EUR XXX; • Study trip (to approx. X countries) estimated at EUR XXX. |
| 2.4 | <p>Indicate the expected results (what is the ultimate objective that the technical support should achieve) and the expected use of these results (how will these be taken forward by the Member State)</p> |
| | <p>The expected result of the support measures delivered is a comprehensive understanding of the barriers to entry to and conduct in professional services sectors, incl. summary of existing requirements for regulated professions and recommendations for the removal of the barriers which have a high economic cost. The objective is to prepare the ground for the Government to propose a law lowering regulatory barriers by 2020 and to facilitate stakeholder buy-in for the proposed reforms.</p> <p>The ultimate objective is to achieve productivity gains from more efficient and competitive professional services markets (easier access to jobs, higher employment and lower prices for professional services and new business models), and from attracting more skilled professionals to the service sector while guarding the interest of</p> |

public health and safety. From a wider perspective, this would increase the productivity of the EU as a whole.

The support provided will feed into the Government's preparation of new reform measures which will be part of the Government's action plan(s) on administrative burden reduction and services market liberalisation. It will be used by the Government in informing implementation of the reform measures identified in the National Reform Programme.

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Provide information on the administrative capacity of the recipient national authority (the role and the staff availability to manage the project and follow-up on its results)

This project will be involving the following government partners: 3 people in the Coordinating Ministry in charge of service market regulations, 1 – 2 people in each line ministry with a mandate over specific regulated professions and 2 people in the Competition Agency. A dedicated working group will be established for this purpose. A platform for coordination among the coordinating ministry and the line ministries as well as the Competition Agency has already been established. The same working group will continue to work on the issue after the project is implemented to follow-up on the measures delivered.

The beneficiary ministries (and professional chambers) will need to be trained to know how to implement the reform recommendations. There is a need to develop understanding of indicators and expected results and outputs. Coordinators from line ministries have basic knowledge on the EU services market law and policy. However, the stock of knowledge needs to be enlarged and especially focused on practical motivation to do the reform job.

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(If applicable,) indicate any envisaged provider of support (please do not provide names of private providers)

A preference is expressed for partnering with an international origination or an EU Member State body with substantial experience and expertise with reforms of regulated professions.

It might be beneficial to cooperate with the national statistical office on some parts of the support measures.

3**CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE REQUEST**

The requested support is linked to:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Preparation of Recovery and resilience plans under the Recovery and Resilience Facility ⁹ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Implementation of Recovery and resilience plans under the Recovery and Resilience Facility ¹⁰ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Reforms in the context of economic governance process (e.g. CSR, Country |

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Implementation of Economic adjustment programmes |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Implementation of Union priorities (e.g. CMU, Energy Union, Customs Union, etc.) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Implementation of Union law (e.g. infringements) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Implementation of Member States' own reform priorities to support recovery, sustainable economic growth, job creation and enhance resilience |
| 3.1. | Additional information |
| <p>Reduction of barriers for businesses and deregulation of services sector is an important priority of the current Government, outlined in the Government's manifesto of xx/xx/xxxx and is very likely to be included in the national recovery and resilience plan.</p> <p>Reform of the regulated profession is called for in the Country Specific Recommendations of XXXX (CSR n°X).</p> <p>Liberalisation of regulated professions is part of Commission's priorities, as spelled out in Communication on the services package (COM(2016) 820, Communication on reform recommendations for regulation in professional services).</p> | |

DISCLAIMER:

Please note that the request is fully subject to the principles governing the [TSI placeholder] Regulation and Regulation No 2018/1046 on the Financial Rules applicable to the General Budget of the Union. In compliance with the principle of prohibition of double funding, the recipient national authority shall **immediately inform** the European Commission of other related on-going actions financed by the EU budget. In no circumstances, shall the European Commission finance the same costs twice.

By submitting this request, the Member State accepts that, should the request be selected for funding under the [TSI placeholder], the Member State will confirm to the Commission that there is no overlap between the request selected under the [TSI placeholder] and concrete actions funded under other EU instruments and that double funding is not present for this selected request.

* **Should a Member State wish to submit a Request for special measures under urgency (interim support – Article X of the [TSI placeholder] Regulation), it should contact DG REFORM at REFORM-SRSP@ec.europa.eu for the relevant template. Please note that the request for special measures under urgency should be filled **only if** there are **serious grounds of urgency requiring an immediate response**. The special measures that may be provided under urgency will only be interim support (for a maximum of six months), to be replaced by support measures that are to be provided under normal circumstances, and according to the procedure thereof, under the [TSI placeholder] Regulation. If the Member State concerned wishes to**

continue receiving support under the [TSI placeholder], after the special measures expire, the standard request will need to be submitted according to the Article X of the [TSI placeholder] Regulation.

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