

A network diagram with various colored nodes (blue, orange, teal) connected by thin lines, set against a light blue gradient background.

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Webinar: The Technical Support Instrument (TSI) supporting the design and implementation of health reforms



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The webinar focus has been the Technical Support Instrument (TSI) aimed at providing on-demand tailor-made expertise to EU Member States to design and implement reforms (covering national, regional and local level) and does not require any co-financing from MS. The annual timeline of the TSI starts in October, when the applicants can submit requests for technical support. From November to December every year the requests are assessed and ranked, so to provide a preliminary communication of results to MS in January and to assume a formal decision of the Commission in March to start providing technical support from April/May. The selection criteria are aimed at assessing urgency, breadth & depth, support needs, administrative capacity, as well as sound financial management, prioritization by the MS, added value and impact on the ground, verification aimed at excluding overlaps. The type of technical support varies from assessment of the state of play on access to key services, stimulating stakeholders' involvement, design & implementation of specific services and policy measures / national or regional strategies, design of monitoring and evaluation mechanisms tools, capacity building and pilot testing of recommendations.

Among technical Support Instrument Flagship projects 2024, interventions are foreseen on fostering well-being and mental health policy areas in order to: support mental health professionals, increase the availability, accessibility and inclusiveness of mental health services, mainstream mental health and physical exercise in the educational setting, enforce the capacity of health systems on mental health issues.

A new opportunity is provided by the public administration cooperation exchange action to promote direct one-to-one dialogues and allow different stakeholders to learn from each other and share knowledge.

In the last part of the webinar, Promis presented two examples:

- a flagship TSI initiative on integrated care aimed to support MS in designing and implementing structural reforms adopting a person-centred integrated perspective and
- a multi-country TSI initiative on youth well-being, education, training, social protection; and labour prospects aimed to face critical health problems among children and vulnerable young people, following the implementation of relevant reforms in Italy (Italian National Action Plan for childhood guarantee) and in Slovenia (Slovenian National Mental Health Programme) and developing collaboration protocols to be piloted.