Directorate-General for Structural Reform Support (DG REFORM)

European Commission Technical Support Instrument:
Technical support in the area of improving digital health

The Label2Enable: 1st roundtable on reimbursement and payment of health apps

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European Health Union and the **European Health Data Space**

Improve healthcare delivery across the EU, by empowering people to control their health data in their home country or in other EU countries; offer a consistent, secure, trustworthy and efficient framework for the use of health data.

NextGenerationEU: the largest stimulus package ever financed in Europe

A total of €2.018 trillion to rebuild a post-COVID-19 Europe

A greener, **more digital** and more resilient Europe

37 billion EUR – total health expenditure in Recovery and Resilience plans
12 billion EUR – digital transformation of health systems

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The Technical Support Instrument can support the preparation, amendment, revision and implementation of the recovery and resilience plans (RRP) under **NextGenerationEU**.

More than 60% of projects approved related to RRP implementation.

Technical Support Instrument Flagships 2022 and 2023:

Digital skills of the health and care professionals (2022)

Towards person centred integrated care (2023)

European Commission Technical Support Instrument:
Supporting digital transformation of health systems

What is Technical Support Instrument?

€ 864 million of budget for the period 2021-2027

27 Member States; **over 1200 reforms across all areas**

Demand-driven and **tailor-made**

Any reform phase, from design to implementation and evaluation

Important pillar of the EU recovery plan, supporting its implementation

Technical Support Instrument (TSI) (europa.eu)

Examples

eHealth strategies and investment plans; AI strategy for healthcare
(Bulgaria, Croatia, Slovenia, Slovakia)

Telemedicine
(Croatia, Slovenia, Slovakia, Spain)

eHealth governance and interoperability
(Belgium, Czechia, Estonia, Greece)

Digital skills for healthcare workforce
(Estonia, Greece, Italy, Romania, Spain)

mHealth support measures:
- Feasibility study for a national regulation of health apps
- Integration of health apps into electronic health records
- Digital skills for health care workforce

An EU Member State wishing to receive technical support submits a request to the Commission, via a national Coordinating Authority by 31 October of each year.

The Commission analyses the requests and enters into dialogue with the Member State to assess the country' specific needs and the options to support the design and implementation of the reforms.

Support may be provided:
• directly through the Commission's in-house expertise or with:
  • experts from EU Member States' national administrations (TAIEX)
  • international organisations
  • universities and nonprofit organisations
  • private firms and consultancies
  • individual experts from private sector

- Review and development of legislative and policy frameworks

- 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 and tools

- How to finance reforms

- Capacity Building /Pilot testing of recommendations

DG REFORM, What we do:

https://ec.europa.eu/reform-support/what-we-do_en

• DG REFORM support in Health and Long-term care:

https://reform-support.ec.europa.eu/what-we-do/health-and-long-term-care_en

• The Technical Support Instrument:

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