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# ANTI-CORRUPTION EU FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES



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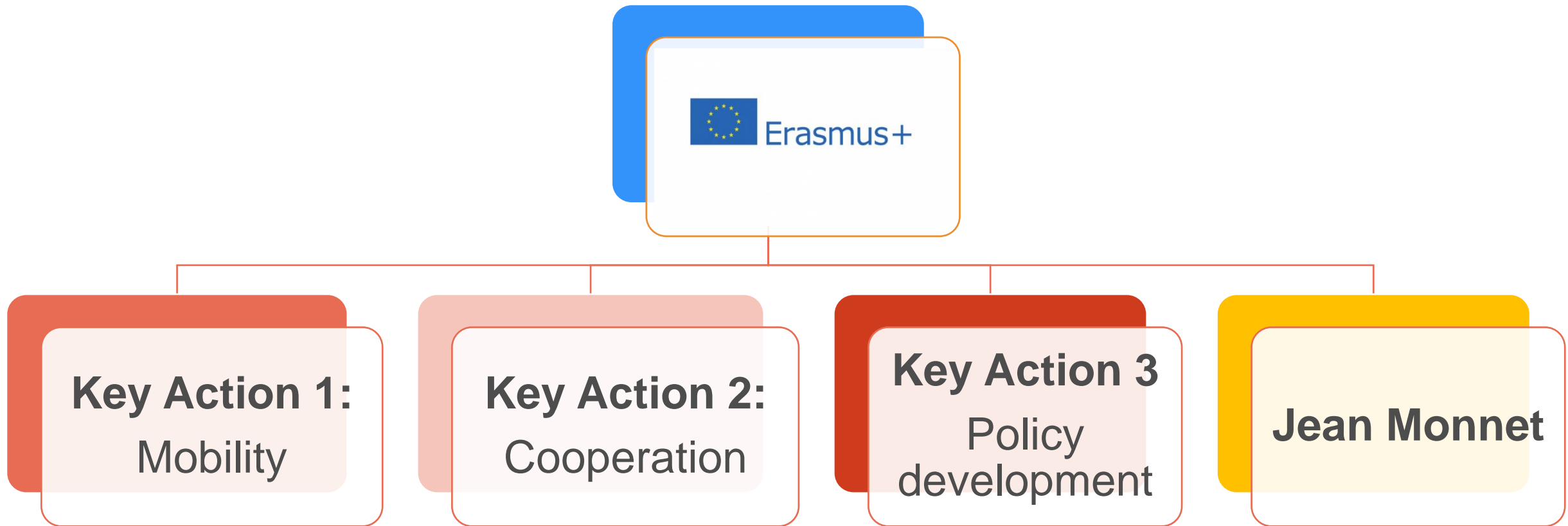


# Erasmus+

Enriching lives, opening minds.



# Structure of the Erasmus+ Programme





# Key priorities in Erasmus+

- Offering a **more inclusive and accesible** programme
- Making Erasmus+ a **more environmentally sustainable** programme and fostering sustainable behaviours
- Promoting the use of **digital tools** and the development of **digital skills**
- Enhancing **active participation** in the programme and in society

# Key Action 1(KA1) – Learning mobility

Mobility for school pupils and staff

Mobility for VET learners and staff

Mobility for higher education students and staff

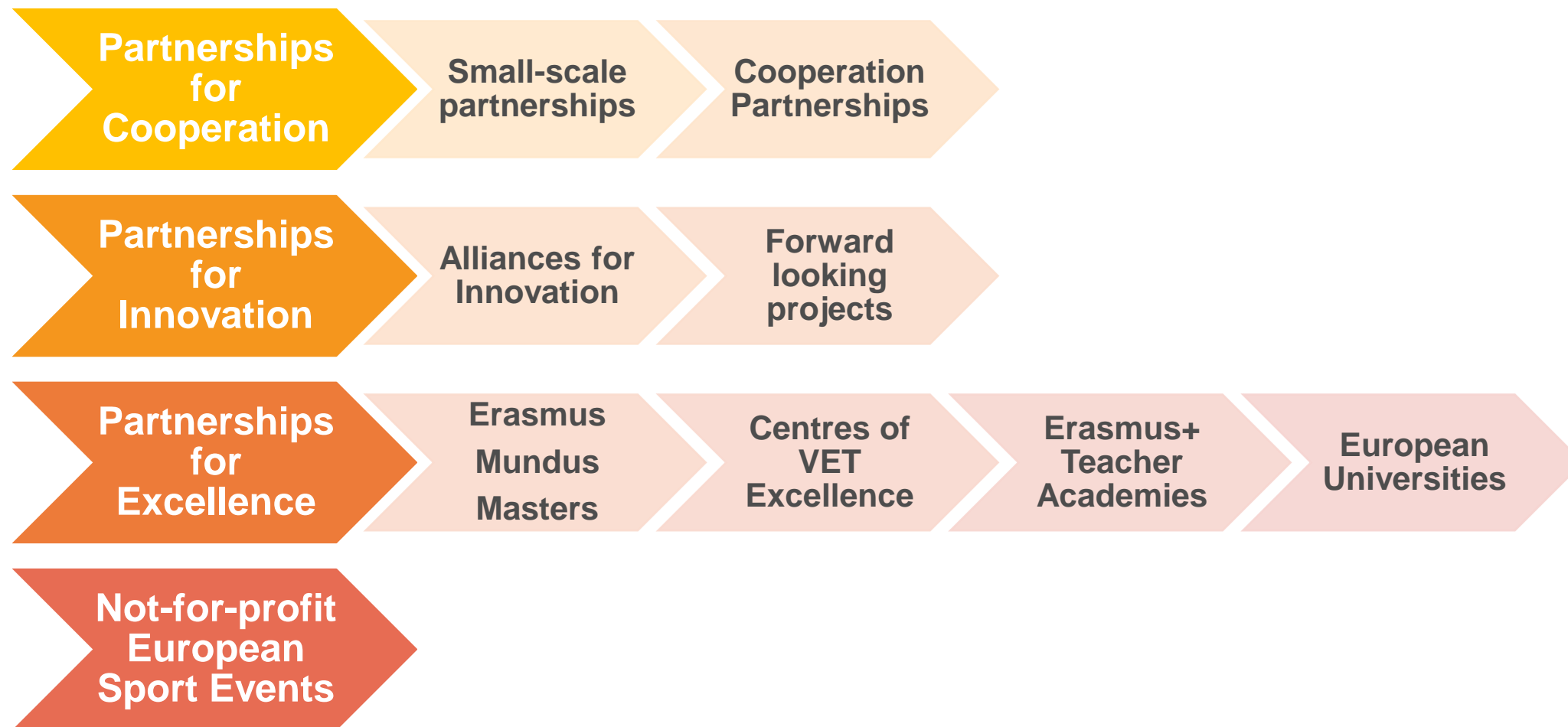
Mobility for staff and learners in adult education

Mobility for sport coaches

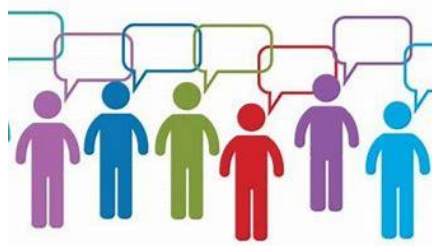
Youth exchanges, youth participation activities and youth workers mobility; DiscoverEU

Virtual Exchanges in Higher education and youth

# Different Cooperation models in Erasmus+



# Key Action 3 - Support to Policy reform



**Dialogue with Stakeholders**



**European Youth Together**



**Studies, surveys,  
evidence gathering**



**Policy experimentation**

Mostly: Specific Calls published by EACEA:

[https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-plus/actions/support-for-policy-reforms\\_en](https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-plus/actions/support-for-policy-reforms_en)

# Jean Monnet Actions

In addition to the classic opportunities for Jean Monnet in the field of higher education, **new Jean Monnet actions support teacher training on delivering facts & knowledge on the EU in classrooms**

The objective is to **cultivate active citizenship from a young age** - thus to discourage any type of hate speech or action, discrimination or bias (including towards religious groups) but rather cultivate an open, unbiased attitude in our young citizens

These actions will begin with **teacher training** and **networks of schools**

Applications can be introduced by **teacher training institutions** and **networks of schools** to develop content and material to facilitate the above.



# How can you participate in Erasmus+?



**Step 1:** Decide which action suits best your project idea

**Step 2:** Look for inspiration and best practices among previous projects and seek support from your Erasmus+ National Agency, National Erasmus+ Office or the EU Delegation in your country, or the Executive Agency EACEA in Brussels.



**Step 3:** Together with your project partners, write your application and submit it to the relevant Agency



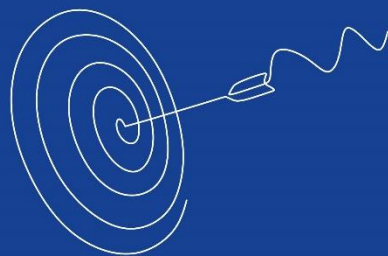
# Upcoming opportunities for applicants

- Always check the Erasmus+ Programme Guide!
- Call 2023: Some deadlines still coming up on 4<sup>th</sup> of October for some KA2 Partnerships and for KA1 Youth Projects
- Call 2024: Foreseen publication in November 2023. It will inform about the planned deadlines in all actions for the year 2024.



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# #ERASMUS+ DAYS 9 > 14 of October 2023



**6 days,**  
thousands of events,  
**join us!**

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# Useful links

- Look for inspiration and best practices in the Erasmus+ Project Results Platform: [https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/projects\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/projects_en)
- Contact the Erasmus+ National Agencies in your country: [https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/contact/national-agencies\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/contact/national-agencies_en)
- Contact the Executive Agency EACEA for centrally managed calls: <https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-plus>
- Find all Erasmus+ related information and reference documents in the Erasmus+ Website: [https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/node\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/node_en)



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# EU NETWORK Against Corruption

## Leveraging TSI over the Rule of Law

DG REFORM - Unit B2: Governance and Public Administration

*20 September 2023, 16:30 – 17:00 CET  
Brussels, Berlaymont – Schuman room*

# Key points

- Presentation of the **Technical Support Instrument (TSI)**
- **DG REFORM's support in the areas of Justice & Anti-corruption**
- TSI 2024 **flagship** project **Reinforce Democracy and the Rule of Law** and the concept of **multi-country/multi-regional** projects

# How does the Technical Support Instrument work?

## Main features of the TSI:

- **Demand-based, tailor-made** technical expertise
- **Quick** mobilisation, **wide pool** of knowledge and experience
- **No co-financing required**
- **Tri-lateral collaboration** – the MS, the EC, and the provider

### Direct provision

- European Commission's in-house expertise



### Indirect provision

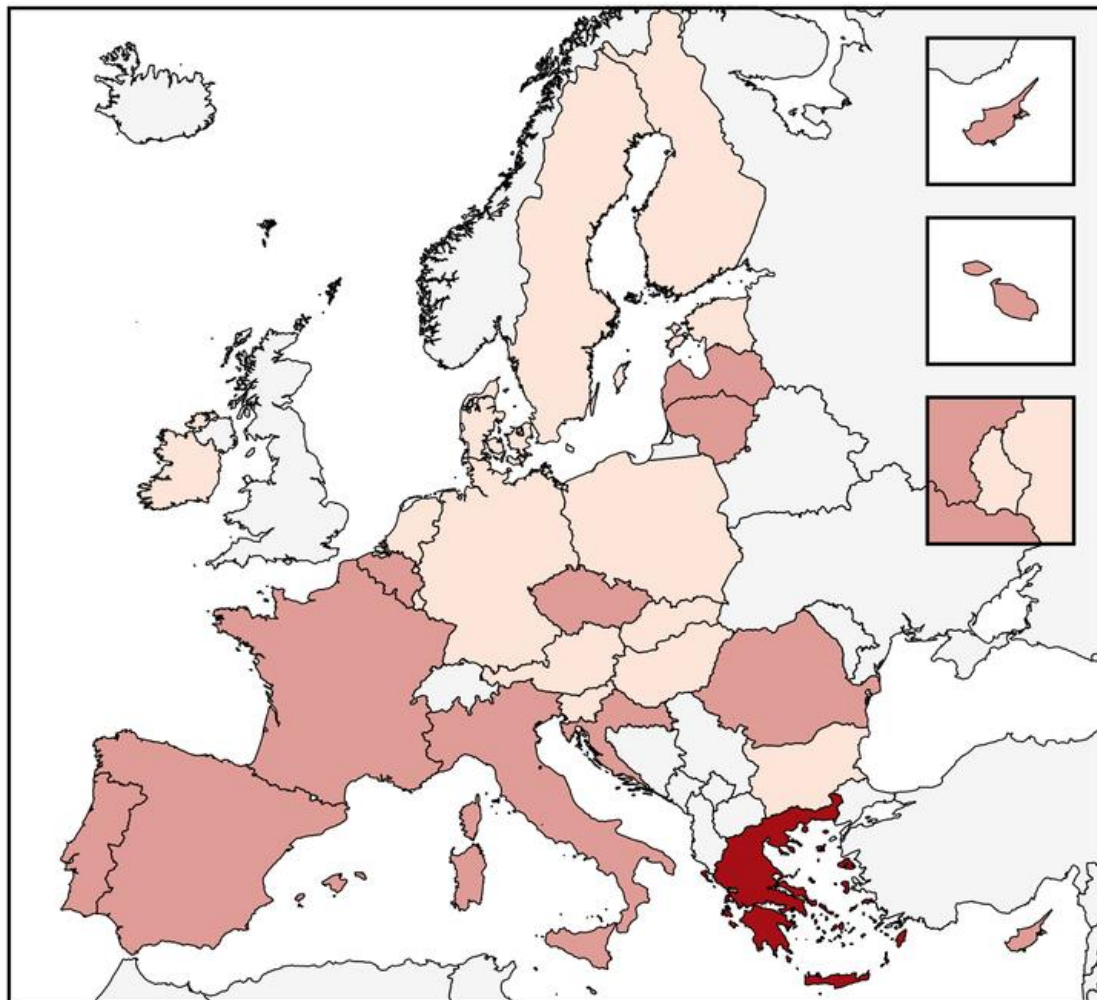
- Other international organisations
- MS' experts
- Private sector experts

**DG REFORM involved throughout the whole duration of the project**



# SRSP and TSI projects 2017 – 2023: country coverage

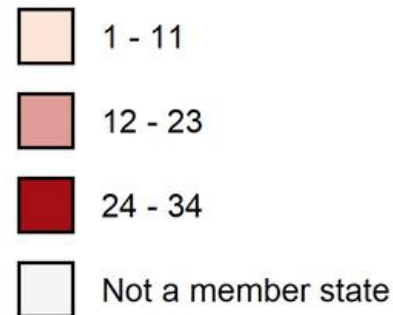
Number of TSI projects per country (293 projects)



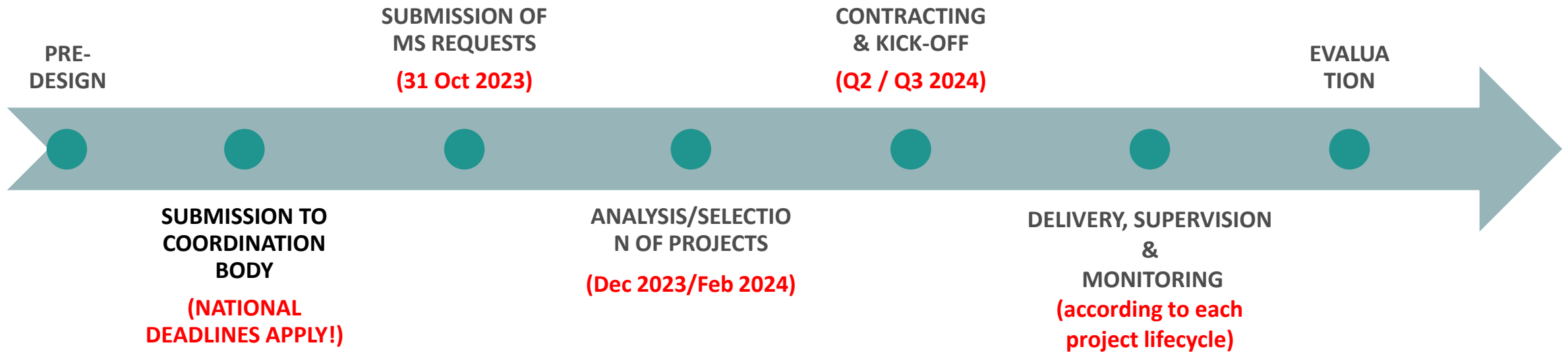
Statistics (excl. TSI 2023)

Policy area	Number of Projects	Budget
Justice and Judicial Reforms	52	17.6 M eur
Anti-Corruption	22	10.4 M eur
Public Procurement	15	4.6 M eur
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>32.6 M eur</b>

Density of requests



# Main stages of the TSI process and deadlines



# Technical support in the area of Justice

DG REFORM provides hands-on support to  
**national institutions to implement reforms in the judicial sector**

## Examples of support include:

- ✓ Reducing the length of **court proceedings**, improving the **clearance rate** of pending cases and strengthening the **enforcement of judgments**.
- ✓ Improving **access to the courts**, improving **assessment tools** and introducing standards for **timeliness and quality of judgements**.
- ✓ Redesigning the **allocation of cases in courts**.
- ✓ Supporting the **independence of judicial systems** by improving procedures for the appointment, promotion and evaluation of judges and prosecutors.

## Examples of specific projects:

- Establishing a digital justice strategy in **Malta**
- Establishing a balanced workload distribution in the judiciary system in **Bulgaria**

# Technical support in the area of Anti-corruption

DG REFORM provides hands-on support to national institutions to **enhance their corruption prevention, deterrence and detection mechanisms**

## Examples of support include:

- ✓ Designing and implementing anticorruption and anti-fraud strategies and action plans, including defining indicators to measure success.
- ✓ Drafting ethics guidelines (e.g. on conflicts of interest or disciplinary measures) to strengthen the integrity of the public administration.
- ✓ Designing internal control and internal audit systems, strategies and methodologies to reinforce the control environment in public bodies.

## Examples of specific projects:

- Supporting **Greece** in strengthening the preventive tools in the fight against corruption

# Technical support in the area of Public Procurement

DG REFORM provides hands-on support to national institutions to **improve their procurement management and control processes**

## Examples of support include:

- ✓ Developing and modernising procurement structures, standards and systems to ensure sound management of the national budget and EU funds.

## Examples of specific projects:

- Increasing the efficiency and transparency of public procurement activity in **Portugal** by applying novel methodologies (e.g. data science and artificial intelligence methods)
- Promoting green public procurement in **Hungary**, with focus on life-cycle costing



# Reinforce Democracy and the Rule of Law

## IMPACT

- Reinforced capacities in the Member States to implement the policy and guidance provided by the Commission to reinforce Democracy and Rule of Law.
- Enhanced quality and efficiency of justice systems and in particular digitalisation of justice.
- Improved capacity to fight corruption and fraud.

## OBJECTIVES

This Flagship Technical Support Project aims at building capacity in Member States to implement the policy and guidance provided by the Commission to **strengthen the capacity of the national authorities to fight corruption and fraud and to make judicial systems more efficient**. This will contribute to ensuring effective and equal protection of the Rule of Law in the EU.

- ✓ Support to Member States to **improve the efficiency of justice systems and in particular digitalisation of justice**.
- ✓ Support to Member States in **strengthening their capacity to fight corruption and fraud**.



# Reinforce Democracy and the Rule of Law

## Examples of support measures

1

Development of **action plans** and support to the implementation of **targeted actions regarding the efficiency of justice systems, such as digitalisation of justice.**

2

Support to the **development and promotion of multidisciplinary intervention centres for child victims and witnesses of violence** and more **integrated child protection systems.**

3

Developing **data-driven framework to identify irregularities** and to **address fraud and corruption risks** in public expenditure.

4

Support for the **development of institutional capacity, aimed at improving the detection, investigation, prosecution and adjudication of high-level corruption cases.**

# Multi-country (multi-region) projects

- A **multi-country or multi-region project** is a **technical support project** that is **relevant or common to more than one Member State** as it belongs to the **same policy area** and addresses the **same priorities for technical support**.
- The **benefit** is not only the **optimised resources** but the **opportunity for the Member States to transfer wider range practices** among themselves, **learn together** and **build wider networks with sister organisations**.





# Two types of multi-country (multi-region) requests

1) **Submission on behalf:** request submission by one Member State on its behalf and on behalf of (an)other Member State(s)

- **Role of the MS in charge of the submission:** coordination of the request submission process, including the inputs from all the MS concerned; submitting the request on behalf of other MS; liaising with DG REFORM, if necessary.

2) **Submission in parallel:** coordinated submission of similar requests by different Member States

- **Each Member State** ensures the requests are aligned.

**Important:** Individual technical support requests might be merged at the stage of evaluation and become multi-country (multi-region) projects!

# Improved “on behalf” process

Improved process to ensure: (1) **invitation** to participate to authorities from other Member States, (2) **information** on the needs of each MS, & (3) **CA validation** (& prioritization as relevant).

**NEW!**

## Common and identical section on support

measures as filled by the **leading authority** that creates the request and invites participants to fill their section.

Section	Responsible for filling
1. Description of the problem / need to be addressed	Each participating authority
2. Description of the support measures requested and the estimated cost	
2.1 – 2.6 (outcome, outputs, support measures, etc.)	Lead submitting authority
2.7 – 2.9 (previous technical support, administrative capacity, other stakeholders)	Each participating authority
3. Circumstances of the request	Each participating authority
4. Agreement to communication activities by both the coordinating authority(-ies) and the beneficiary authority(-ies)	Each participating authority

# Repository of project ideas

- **System to gather ideas** for possible (individual) needs for technical support, and to identify matches ahead of the TSI 2024 submission.
- **Informal and Non-Committal exercise** to identify authorities with similar needs and partner **to create high-quality multi-country requests**.
- **Launch in June 2023** and open until October 2023.

## \* Process in a nutshell

1. Authorities **upload individual ideas** of potential needs in the repository system
2. Basic information of the idea is added to the system
3. Authorities can **explore similar ideas** in the Repository and “like” other ideas.
4. The system allows to **contact** other authorities and **discuss** on similar needs.
5. Authorities receive a **notification** when they receive a message.



# Ideas for multi-country (multi-region) projects

- Improving the **efficiency of the management and administration of courts** by rationalising the allocation of workload to judges.
- **Strengthening child-friendly justice** and protection of Children against Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Abuse through the Barnahus model.
- **Strengthening access to justice** through fostering alternative dispute resolution and legal aid.
- **Developing common tools and methodologies for audit and corruption fraud prevention and detection** (e.g., methodologies for identifying discrepancies in asset declarations), including in the context of the RRP.
- **Developing methodologies and identifying best practices for corruption and fraud risk assessment** (e.g., systemic or sectoral).
- **Sharing of best practices for enhancing integrity in civil service.**
- **Use of data analytics, data mining, Artificial Intelligence (AI) to detect fraud and corruption.**

Member States are strongly encouraged to **propose any other ideas** they may want to explore.

Thank you for your attention!

Q&A

## General information on TSI 2024

- [Technical Support Instrument \(TSI\) | European Commission \(europa.eu\)](#)

## Contact information

- [REFORM-B2@ec.europa.eu](mailto:REFORM-B2@ec.europa.eu)



# Funding opportunities under the Internal Security Fund (ISF) *Anti-corruption*

*DG HOME A4  
September 2023*

# HOME Affairs Funds 2021–2027

Fund	Specific Objectives
<b>Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund (AMIF)</b>	Common European Asylum System – Legal migration – Integration – Return and readmission – Solidarity
<b>Border Management and Visa Instrument (BMVI)</b>	Border management at the external borders – Common visa policy
<b>Internal Security Fund (ISF)</b>	Exchange of information – Cross-border cooperation – Member States' capabilities to prevent/combat

# ISF - Objectives and minimum allocations

- SO1 - improve and facilitate exchange of information between and within competent authorities and relevant Union bodies, offices and agencies and, where relevant, with third countries and international organisations (**min. 10% of MS programmes**)
- SO2 - Improve and intensify cross-border cooperation, including joint operations, between competent authorities in relation to terrorism and serious and organised crime with a cross-border dimension (**min. 10% of MS programmes**)
- SO3 - Support the strengthening of Member States' capabilities in relation to preventing and combating crime, terrorism and radicalisation, as well as managing security-related incidents, risks and crises



# Broad scope of the ISF

- Information Systems
- Terrorism
- Cybercrime
- Organised Crime
- Anti-Corruption
- Migrant Smuggling
- Firearms
- Prevention of radicalisation
- Protection/Resilience of critical infrastructure (CER)
- Combating terrorist financing
- Protection of public spaces
- Law Enforcement Cooperation
- Prevention of child sexual abuse
- Fraud and counterfeiting of non-cash means of payment
- Trafficking in human beings
- Drugs
- Training
- ...

# Two strands of programming

MS Programmes	Thematic Facility
By Member State and by Fund	By fund
Multiannual (2021 – 2027)	Annual or multiannual (2-3 years)
Programmed and implemented by the Member States	Programmed by COM, implemented by COM (directly or indirectly) and by the Member States
Submitted by the Member States and adopted by the Commission	Approved by COM (Comitology)
Reflect national strategies & needs	Promote actions of high EU added value and transnational cooperation
Can be amended (on initiative by the MS)	Can be amended (on initiative by COM)

# Synergies and complementarities

- MS programmes and Thematic Facility underpin, together, the Specific Objectives of the three Funds
- MS programmes are driven by national needs: choice of objectives, actions and respective budgetary allocations under the lead of the MS
- The Thematic Facility complements Member States programmes and provides for budgetary flexibility to react promptly to emerging needs
- Both MS programmes and the Thematic Facility primarily serve the interest of internal policies

# Implementation of Thematic Facilities

Overall, TF is implemented through a set of three work programmes respectively covering the years 2021 – 2022; 2023 to 2025 and 2026 - 2027

Commission adopts financing decisions/work programmes after consulting Member States (comitology)

Commission implements via:

- **Direct/Indirect management** (launch of calls etc.)
- **Shared management** (amounts allocated are included into Member States programmes via amendments)

# 2022 CORRUPT Call (3 projects + 2)

- KLEPTOTRACE: <https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/projects-details/43252368/101103298/ISF>
- POSEIDON: <https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/projects-details/43252368/101103337/ISF>
- iMonitor: <https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/projects-details/43252368/101103267/ISF>

# Poseidon project

- The project seeks to enhance EU level actions against corruption in the maritime sector, with a particular focus on corruption in major ports. The aim is to bring together governmental stakeholders (port management authorities, customs authorities, etc.), relevant (private) port stakeholders, and research institutes and networks with a view to filling existing gaps in research on corruption in ports, develop a targeted port integrity/risk assessment tool, and foster inter-port dialogue and enhancing the public-private-partnership. The project will help the ports involved tackle jointly identified vulnerabilities and exchange best practices.

# KLEPTOTRACE

boost the investigation, tracing and recovery of the assets related to transnational high-level corruption and to sanctioned regimes and entities through a combination of (i) research, (ii) training and (iii) data-driven tools. It will:

1. Produce a ground-breaking analysis of the risk factors of transnational high-level corruption and of the schemes used to circumvent EU sanctions;
2. Carry out 5 targeted trainings for EU public authorities, private sector (e.g. banks) and civil society to strengthen anti-corruption investigation/intelligence capabilities;
3. Develop a data-driven toolbox for tracing and interconnecting different assets (e.g. firms, real estate, vessels) related to high-level corruption and sanctioned entities;
4. Carry out an assessment of current EU sanction regimes and make legal and policy recommendations to make them more effective and sustainable against transnational corruption;
5. Boost the awareness of EU authorities and civil society with a dissemination campaign about the risks of 'kleptocracy' and of its interlinks with organised crime and illicit financial flows.

# IMonitor

Corruption risks in public procurement remain high despite many anti-corruption initiatives. Due to the lack of monitoring capacity, law enforcement is typically able to investigate a small portion of likely corrupt cases. To remove obstacles to corruption detection and investigation we set out to combine Big Data analytics with extensive civil monitoring of ongoing contracts in Catalonia (Spain), Italy, Lithuania, and Romania. We build on our prior EU-funded projects making public procurement data and corruption risk indicators available ([opentender.eu](http://opentender.eu)) and a citizen reporting tool dedicated to monitoring public spending ([monithon.eu](http://monithon.eu)).



# Financing decisions 2023-2025

## The Thematic Facility under the Internal Security Fund and the work programme for 2023-2025

Launch of the new call (budget: EUR 2,4 M) is foreseen in the second quarter of 2024 on the Funding & Tender Opportunities Portal.

## 2.1.2 Fight against corruption - prevention

The objective is to support activities for the prevention of corruption, including specifically, risk assessments and other preventive measures to counter corruption especially in corruption-prone high-risk sectors, such as public procurement; further, the call will aim at activities supporting civil society and citizens in exposing corruption and other serious crime, including the provision of legal aid and assistance to whistle-blowers, as well as corruption-specific research and activities resulting in fostering the analysis and use of robust statistics on corruption for evidence-based policy-making.

# Repression of corruption

The call will also aim at supporting activities concerning the repression of corruption, including tackling the misuse of financial and professional services to launder the proceeds of corruption, strengthening the digitalisation of law enforcement and the wider justice chain as well as police capacities with regard to new methods used by criminals and criminal networks, including in the dark web.

# Thank you



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