



European Commission Structural Reform Support Service

**EMSA Workshop on capacity building
activities**

26 March 2019

- What is the mandate of SRSS?
- How do we function?
- Results of our work – selected projects
- Examples of projects
- Future of the SRSS – post 2020

WHAT IS THE MANDATE OF SRSS?

- Established in **July 2015**
- Integrating the **Task Force for Greece** and **Support Group for Cyprus**, but its mandate covers **all EU Member States**
- Providing and coordinating **technical support** in the preparation, design, implementation and evaluation of **growth-enhancing reforms**
- Implementation of the **Aid Programme for the Turkish-Cypriot community**

- The objective is to help EU Member States build **more effective institutions and policies, stronger governance frameworks** and **efficient public administrations**
- Support offered on a **voluntary basis** and **does not require co-financing** from EU Member States



- **Country-specific**
- Focussed on sharing **best practices from EU**

HOW DOES THE SRSS FUNCTION?

- Programme for **ALL EU Member States**
- **Demand-driven**: upon request (by 31 October)
- **Duration**: 2017-2020
- **Budget**: €222.8 million (2017-2020)
 - Recently increased by €80 million due to high demand from Member States
- **Scope**: a wide range of policy areas
- **Article 11** of the SRSP Regulation: transfer of resources from ESIF technical assistance

Instruments

In-house expertise
MS experts (incl. TAIEX)
Roster of experts (AMI)
International organisations
(e.g. EBRD, WB, IMF,
OECD, EIB)
National organisations
(e.g. GIZ, AFETI)
Private consultants



Support

- Scoping missions, benchmarking
- Workshops, trainings
- Peer exchanges
- Consultancy, data analysis, communication, etc.)
- Reform design, strategic support

Economic governance processes

- **European Semester recommendations**
- Union Law
- EU policy priorities
- Better use of EU funds

Adjustment programmes

- Adjustment programme reform agendas

Member State's own reform priorities

- To achieve cohesion, investment, growth, job creation and competitiveness

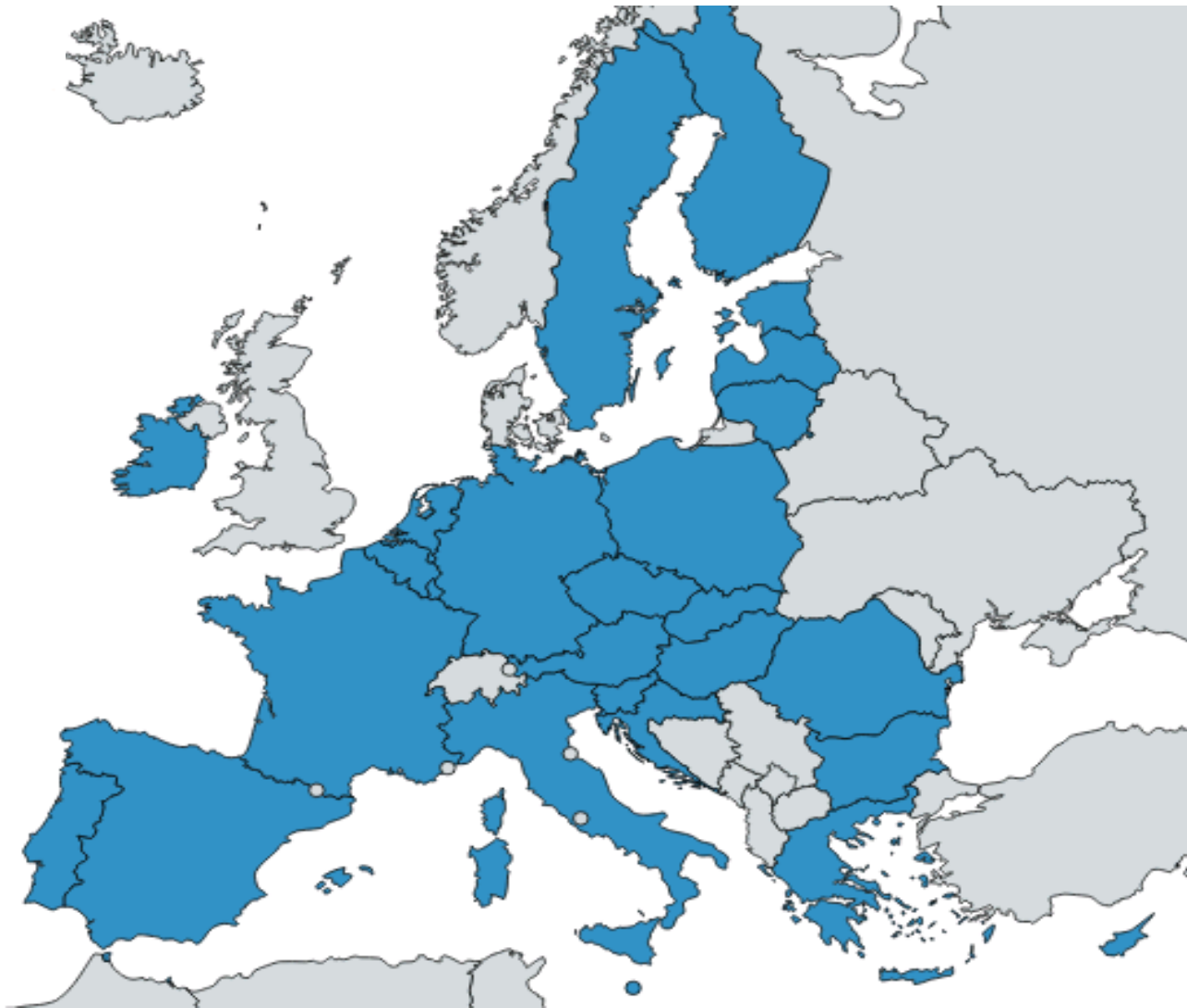
➤ Member States have the **ownership** of each reform

- **Assessment criteria (from the Regulation)**
(urgency, breadth & depth, reform needs, administrative capacity)
- **Criteria related to sound financial management**
(maturity, focus and expected results)
- **Prioritisation by the Member States**
- **Added value and impact** on the ground
- Check for no **overlap** (the action proposed cannot be financed by other EU funding programmes)

SELECTED PROJECTS

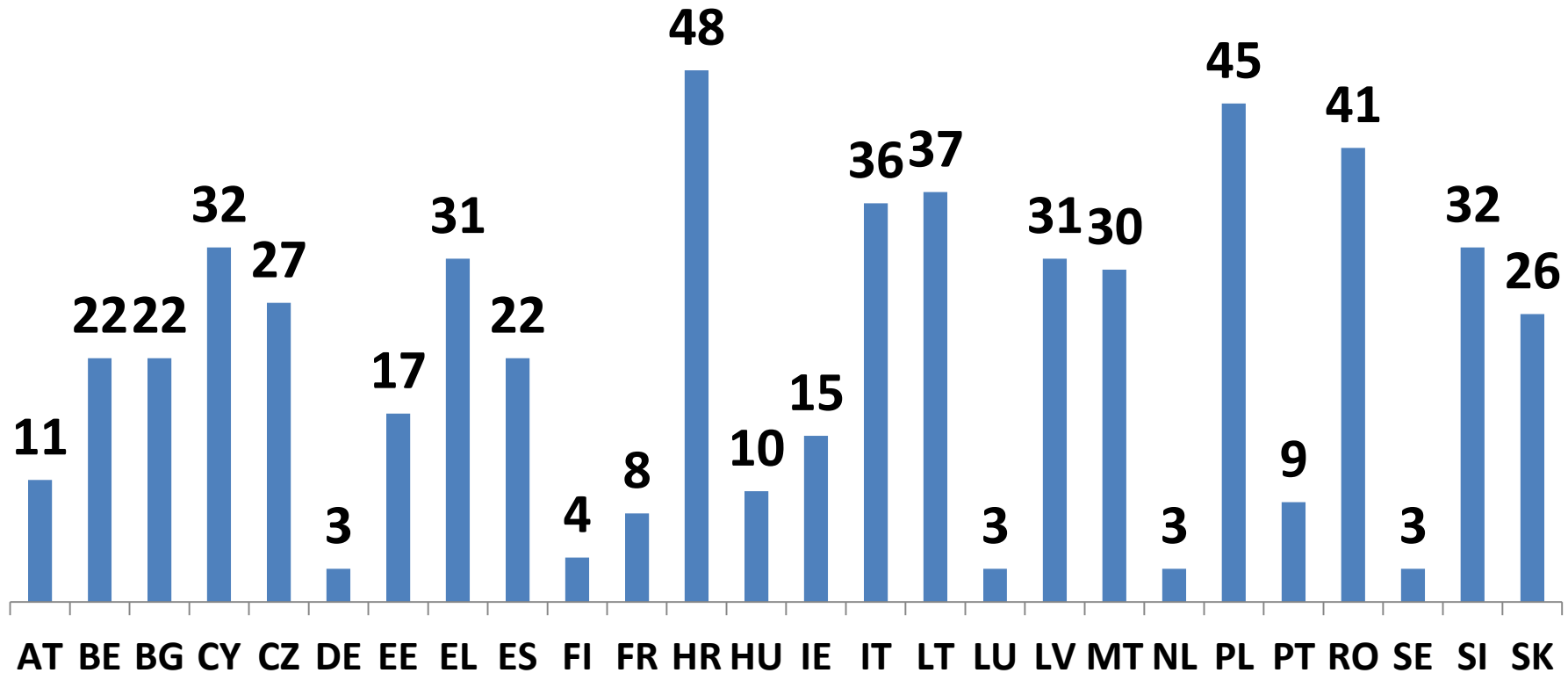
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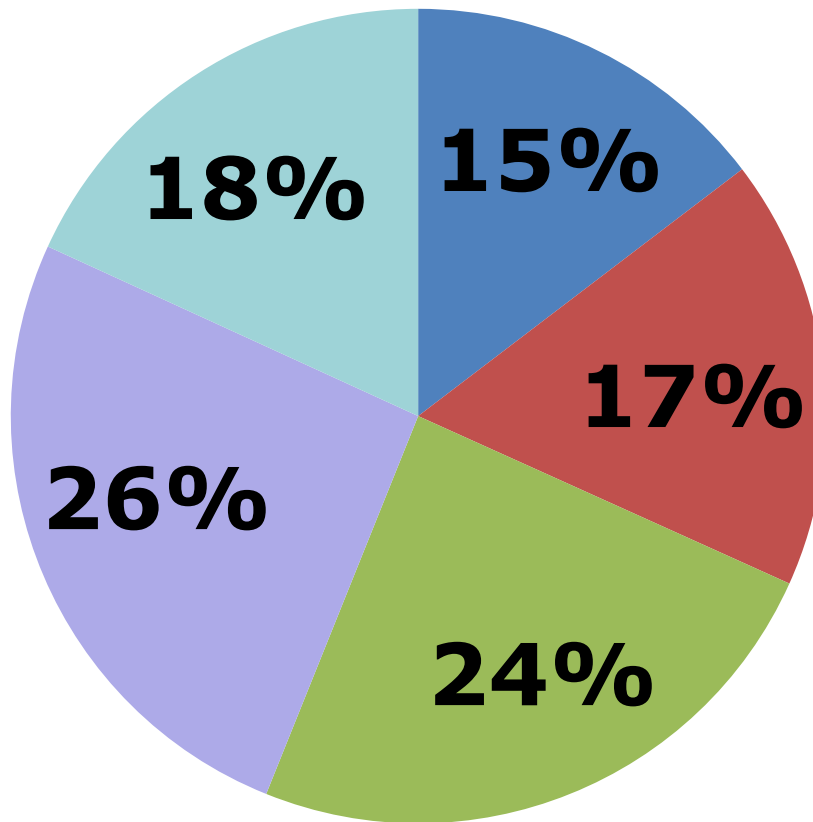
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Approved projects per Member State

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- Financial sector and access to finance
- Governance and public administration
- Growth and business environment
- Labour market, education, health and social services
- Revenue administration and public financial management

EXAMPLES OF SUPPORT PROJECTS



Digitalisation of Maritime Industry

- SRSP18 – This is an ongoing project which provides support to the national maritime administration so as to help them introduce improved processes that can be implemented electronically on core business processes related to ship registration and ancillary services.



Improving inland navigation and traffic conditions in the port area

- SRSP18 – This is an ongoing project which provides support to the national port authorities to identify and develop optimal solutions for the management and coordination of nautical traffic and of increasing shipped volumes, thus enhancing its operational capacity.



Inland waterways development

- SRSP18 – this request aims at supporting the national authorities in creating a strategic and operational planning of Inland WaterWay (IWW) development; and at improving the institutional capacity of the Ministry of Maritime Economy and Inland Navigation Offices as waterway authorities.
The ultimate result of this project would be to improve the navigation conditions on the national waterways and meet the TEN-T core network requirements in order to have access to it.



QUESTIONS?

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