ESTONIA

TT 8.2: Estonia has received 9 recommendations concerning 4 of the 6 business professions (architects, engineers, accountants and tax advisors, lawyers, patent/trademark agents and real estate agents) that are subject to the exercise under the TT8.2. Under the proposed methodology, Estonia achieved an **implementation rate of 19%** and is appearing as "RED" in the draft heatmap.

Number of recommendations:	9
Full Implementation:	1
Partial High Implementation:	0
Partial Low Implementation:	2
No Implementation:	6
Implementation Percentage:	**19%**

Proposed Methodology for implementation assessment of 2021 Reform Recommendations:

The proposed implementation indicator, based on the 2021 Reform Recommendations, was developed as per the request of Member States for a **transparent and comparable tool to monitor progress**. This methodology is designed to facilitate tangible Single Market integration in line with shared objectives.

- The COM has identified four degrees of implementation of a recommendation, for its assessment:
  - **Fully Implemented** (F)
  - **Partially Implemented – High** (P-H)
  - **Partially Implemented – Low** (P-L)
  - **Not Implemented** (N)
- Each level is assigned a points value (3, 2, 1, 0), enabling the calculation of an "implementation percentage" reflecting the degree of implementation as a percentage of the overall number of recommendations each Member State received.
- Provisional Heatmap colour-coding and Implementation Percentage Ranges:

- **Red**: 0-24%
- **Yellow**: 25-66%
- **Green**: 67-100%

- The assessment of each Member State is based on their reply to the December 2025 survey with some verification done by us and the total number of recommendations the Member State received.

List of the recommendations Estonia received under the 2021 Reform Recommendations and COM assessment:

ARCHITECTS	
RECOMMENDATIONS	**COM ASSESSMENT**
Member States that make professional certification mandatory for non-regulated professions or that use other forms of checks and balances, especially for the provision of specific services, should review the overall coherence and practical effects of this requirement to avoid it becoming a barrier to access to the profession.	**N:** Estonia has not reviewed or changed its system of mandatory professional certification or competence checks for specific services in architecture since the recommendation, and the issue remains unaddressed.
ENGINEERS	
RECOMMENDATIONS	**COM ASSESSMENT**
Member States that make professional certification mandatory for non-regulated professions or that use other checks, especially for the provision of specific engineering services, should review the overall coherence and practical effects of these requirements to avoid it becoming a barrier for access to the profession.	**N:** Estonia has not reviewed or changed its system of mandatory professional certification or competence checks for engineers since the recommendation, and professional standards are under review but do not yet affect access.
LAWYERS	
RECOMMENDATIONS	**COM ASSESSMENT**
All Member States should assess legal form and shareholding requirements,	**Legal Form – Y:** Estonia allows law firms to take several legal forms, including general

incompatibility rules and multidisciplinary restrictions, taking into account in particular the need for innovation and to roll out digital solutions and emerging business models.	partnership, limited partnership, private limited company, public limited company, or sole proprietorship. **Shareholding Requirements – N:** Shareholding in law firms is limited exclusively to sworn advocates, with no change or assessment since the recommendation. **Incompatibility Rules – N:** Incompatibility rules (e.g., prohibition to work as a public official or to have non-lawyer employment) remain unchanged and have not been reassessed as per the recommendation. **Multidisciplinary restrictions – N:** Multidisciplinary practice is not permitted for sworn advocates; and this restriction has not been reviewed since the recommendation.
PATENT / TRADEMARK AGENTS	
RECOMMENDATIONS	**COM ASSESSMENT**
Estonia should reassess the condition of prior professional experience as a requirement to access the profession of patent/trademark agent.	**P-L:** Estonia change to allow the four years of professional experience to be accumulated over ten years improves flexibility, but the overall length of required experience remains high compared to best practice.
Estonia should assess the scope of reserved activities for patent/trademark agents.	**N:** No justification provided by MS.
Estonia should assess the proportionality of restrictions on the joint exercise of the profession of patent/trademark agent with other professions.	**P-L:** Estonia revised its law so that sworn advocates can also qualify and practice as patent attorneys, improving joint practice possibilities, but still limits multidisciplinary companies to combining only these two professions.