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For the attention of the Minister

Subject: A new approach to TSI 2026

Your Excellency, Dear Mr Merila,

It is my pleasure to personally inform you of the launch of the [**TSI 2026 general call for requests from Member States**](#). In the coming weeks we will also send a letter to your Ambassador as we did in the previous cycles.

As you are aware, both the Commission and Member State authorities face an increasing workload in finalising the implementation of the Recovery and Resilience Facility, including with regard to the substantial number of milestones and targets included in the national recovery and resilience plans that will still have to be assessed by 2026.

On 4 June, the Commission published a Communication highlighting these challenges and providing guidance to Member States on how to ensure that their recovery and resilience plans can be made fit for the 2026 deadline. The Commission also provided guidance on the preparation of payment requests in 2026, stressing the importance for both the Member States and the Commission to ensure that sufficient resources are allocated to processing, respectively, the submission and the assessment of the last payment requests.

Against this background, under the TSI 2026 cycle the Commission and the Member States need to focus their efforts on the most impactful reform projects. Therefore, as communicated at this year's [**TSI Annual Conference "Supporting reforms – Shaping the Future Together"**](#) on 13 May 2025 and at the meeting of the network of TSI [**national coordinating authorities**](#) on 14 May 2025, I would like to call on your support to thoroughly scrutinise Estonia's needs for technical support and only submit a limited number of requests that you expect to have the greatest impact on the implementation of your reform agenda.

To further assist Member States in identifying and submitting focused requests under the TSI 2026 cycle, a single **TSI 2026 flagship "Technical Support for the Implementation**

of Country-Specific Recommendations” has also been designed. The flagship suggests concrete areas for support in each Member State by linking them to the national priorities identified in the context of the European Semester process.

I take this opportunity to express my gratitude for our collaboration on the TSI until now and – along with my team – look forward to working with you in making the most of the Commission’s continued support to your reform efforts.

For any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our central contact point, SG REFORM’s *Unit 01 - Legal Affairs and Coordination* through its functional mailbox for all TSI coordination matters: SG-REFORM-TSI@ec.europa.eu

Yours sincerely,

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