



# Funding opportunities for digital justice

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# Background

- The COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted the important role of increased digitalisation for justice systems
- On 2 December 2020, Commission Communication on the digitalisation of justice in the EU ([COM/2020/710 final](#))
- EU financial support is one of the main pillars of the Communication

# Digital Europe programme (DIGITAL)

- The 2021-2022 DIGITAL Work Programme agreed at working level
- Does not offer financing for Member States
- Will finance development and maintenance activities related to EU-level systems: BRIS, e-CODEX, the e-Evidence system, the reference implementation system to be established in the context of the recast Service of Documents and Taking of Evidence Regulations

# Recovery and Resilience Facility (RRF)

- The Recovery and Resilience Facility Regulation was adopted in February 2021 (Regulation (EU) 2021/241)
- Total budget of 672.5 billion euros (grants and loans), with a minimum of 20% dedicated to the digital transition
- All reforms and investments to be implemented by 31 August 2026
- “Digitalisation of justice systems” is one of the designated areas (“digital tagging”)
- Member States had until 30 April 2021 to submit their national Recovery and Resilience Plans (RRPs).

# Technical Support Instrument (TSI)

- Successor of the Structured Reform Support Programme (SRSP)
- Total budget of 864 million EUR for the 2021-2027 period, requires no co-financing
- Covers a broad area of policy areas, including the digital transition
- Provides technical support for structural reforms
- Does not support IT implementations, but does cover the elaboration of strategies, impact and other assessments, regulatory analysis, etc.
- For 2021 the selection process has been finalised (226\* pre-selected requests, of which 34% concerned digitalisation)

# The new Cohesion Policy instruments

- European Regional Development Fund

*Policy objective “A Smarter Europe”, Specific objective “Reaping the benefits of digitalisation for citizens, companies and governments”.*

*Investments should be consistent with the national or regional smart specialisation strategies and contribute to smart economic transformation)*

- European Social Fund Plus

# Justice Programme: e-Justice call

- Annual call for proposals financing EU cross-border projects in the area of e-justice
- Call budget circa 2.8m EUR, 90% EU co-financing, min. project cost of 75,000 EUR
- Provides support for e-Justice initiatives of EU cross-border relevance
- National projects could also be eligible, but only if they offer demonstrated EU added value
- The [2021 e-Justice annual call for proposals](#) closed on 18 May

# Thank you



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