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- **Commission supports more than 150 new reform projects in 15 Member States under its new Structural Reform Support Programme**
The Commission's [Structural Reform Support Service](#) (SRSS) now engages with 15 EU Member States to carry out more than 150 projects ranging from assistance for reforms in sectors from judiciary to digital. The structural reform assistance comes under the Service's €142.8 million programme from 2017-2020. The role of the Structural Reform Support Service was mentioned in President **Juncker's State of the Union Address**. Valdis **Dombrovskis**, Vice-President for the Euro and Social Dialogue, will give an on-the-record briefing today in Tallinn on the latest set of reform support projects. For more information on the Structural Reform Support Service, see the factsheet [here](#).
- **Solidarity with Italy: European Parliament backs Commission proposal for €1.2 billion of aid following the earthquakes**
The Commission welcomes the European Parliament's vote on the [proposal](#) to grant Italy €1.2 billion under the [EU Solidarity Fund](#), the highest sum ever mobilised under the fund, following the deadly earthquakes of 2016 and 2017. This exceptional amount will help Umbria, Lazio, Marche and Abruzzo heal and bounce back and, as President **Juncker** said, help people living in these regions turn the page on this painful chapter and build a new future. *"We have repeatedly said that we would not leave Italy alone in this crisis and we are delivering on this commitment,"* said Commissioner for Regional policy Corina **Crețu**, *"The EU cares. It is leaving none of its Member States alone in the face of difficulty. Both our emergency help response and long-term assistance are concrete expressions of EU solidarity with its citizens."* The proposal now has to be formally adopted by the Council. The money is expected to be paid to Italy this autumn. More information on [EU support to Italy following the earthquakes](#) and, more generally, on [the EU helping citizens and Member States at home](#) is available online.
- **European Commission launches public consultations to improve the security of EU citizens' documents**
Have you ever lost your passport while on holiday? Did you ever need an emergency travel document to get home? Or do you worry that someone might make a fake copy of your ID card? The Commission wants to better address these issues by launching two public consultations to improve the security of EU citizens'

documents, as announced in the [2017 EU Citizenship Report](#). The [first](#) consultation will gather views on how to improve the security of identity cards and residence documents. The [second](#) consultation aims at evaluating the existing rules for emergency travel documents for people living or travelling outside the EU where their country does not have an embassy or consulate. Both consultations will run until 5 December 2017 and are open to all EU citizens.

- **New rules adopted to finance the Single Resolution Board's administrative costs**

The Commission has today adopted new rules on how to finance the administrative expenditures of the [Single Resolution Board \(SRB\)](#), the EU agency responsible for ensuring the orderly resolution of failing banks in the Banking Union. A strong Single Resolution Board with sufficient resources and highly qualified staff is essential for the Single Resolution Mechanism (SRM) to function properly and protect financial stability without recourse to taxpayers' money. The SRB has an autonomous budget, with a dedicated part for its administrative costs that consists of the annual contributions from banks. The administrative budget is distinct from the Single Resolution Fund (SRF), which works on the basis of contributions raised by national resolution authorities, which are then transferred to the Fund. Since it was set up in 2014, the SRB has collected advance payments for its administrative costs only from bigger banks. Today's rules require all banks in the Banking Union to contribute to the SRB's funding, in proportion to the resource requirements that they place on the Board, i.e. according to their size and the risks of their activities. The new rules, which take the form of a delegated act and will enter into force unless opposed by the European Parliament and the Council, will apply from 2018 onwards. Banks that made advance payments from 2015 to 2017 will be reimbursed for any excess contributions, as needed. Other banks will need to make back payments. The new rules are inspired by the European Central Bank's (ECB) supervisory fees, meaning that banks are already familiar with the calculation methodology. For more information, see [here](#).

- **Eurostat: Annuaire régional d'Eurostat 2017: Comment se situe ma région au sein de l'Union européenne? Faits et chiffres aux niveaux des territoires**

Les chiffres nationaux seuls ne peuvent pas refléter le tableau complet et parfois complexe de ce qui se produit à un niveau plus détaillé au sein de l'Union européenne (UE). Les États membres de l'UE sont souvent comparés les uns avec les autres, mais en réalité, il est très difficile de comparer un petit pays comme Malte ou le Luxembourg avec l'Allemagne, l'État membre le plus peuplé de l'UE. Comparer des données à un niveau régional ou infranational est donc souvent plus révélateur et une telle analyse peut également mettre en évidence des disparités potentielles à l'intérieur des pays. En tant que telles, les données infranationales contribuent à améliorer la compréhension de la diversité qui existe au sein des États membres et à travers l'UE dans son ensemble. La Commissaire à la politique régionale Corina Crețu a commenté: "Je salue la publication de cet annuaire, qui est un formidable outil pour aider à la prise de décision. Ces données ont nourri notre analyse et réflexion sur l'état actuel de la cohésion économique, sociale et territoriale en Europe, que vous retrouverez bientôt dans le 7e rapport Cohésion." Un communiqué de presse Eurostat est à votre disposition [en ligne](#).

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