

# Explanatory meeting on public administration

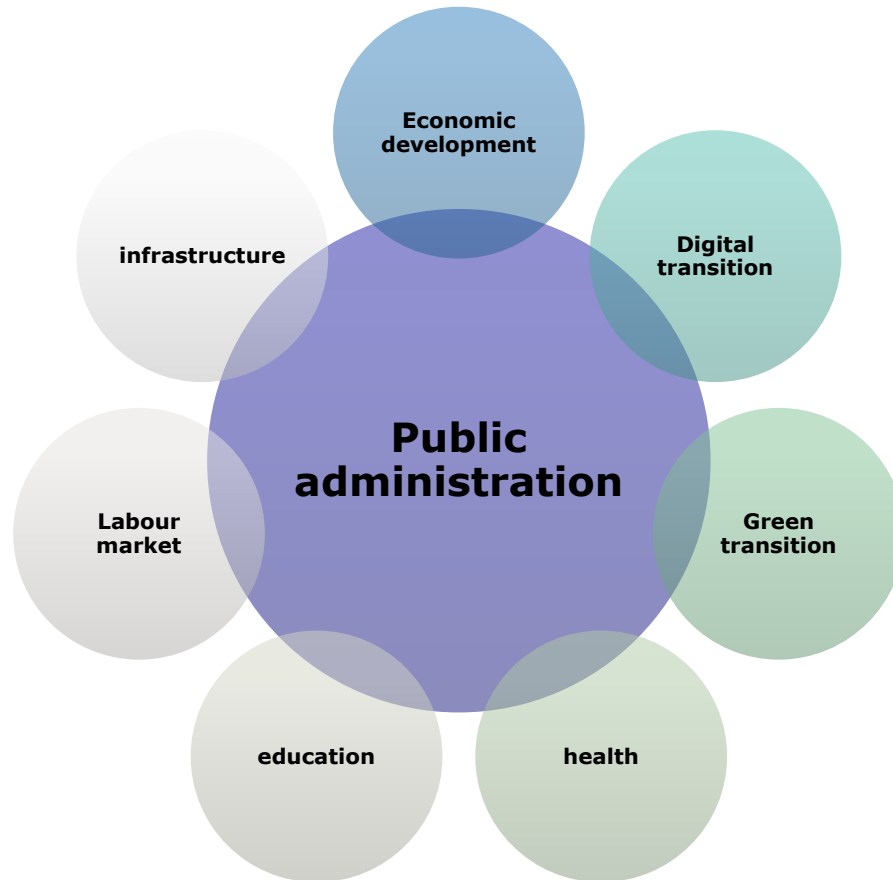
## Public administration in the European Union

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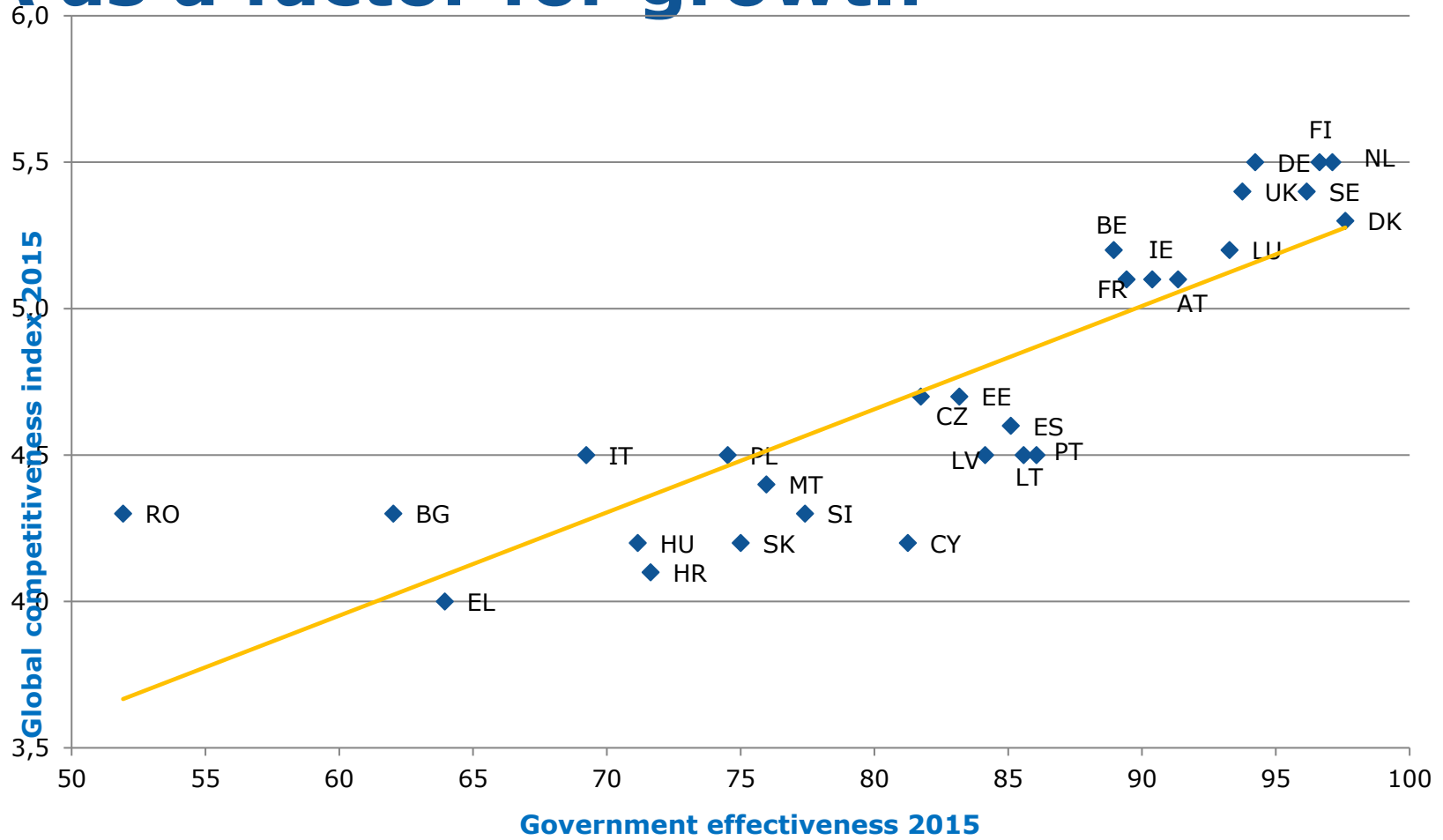


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# Public administration as a foundation for EU success

- The quality of public administration is indispensable for advancing the EU long-term objectives and delivering to the needs of the EU citizens
  - **Twin transition**
  - **Crisis management**
  - **Sustainable development**
  - The COVID-19 crisis revealed the need for more attention to public administration performance and capabilities
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- Need active collaboration between public administrations and the European Commission**

# PA as a factor for growth



Source: World Bank, Worldwide Governance Indicators.

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# Constant change



**Public administrations across the EU have constantly modernised themselves in the past two decades, but they are affected by new challenges:**

- Fast technological change;
- Demographic changes and skills shortage;
- Increasing complexity of policy issues;
- Green transition and climate adaptation;
- Increasing needs to be covered with public finances.

# Rationale of support to PA

- Close the performance gap
- Promote the application of the PA values and principles
- EU administrative space – equal standards of services
- Sustainable, transparent policies
- Sound management of public funds and investments



- Capacity to deliver on EU objectives (strong focus on regional/local)
- Capacity to adapt for the future and manage transformation
- Capacity to manage crises

# Tools of support to PA

## MONITORING

- Semester;
- RRP;
- Rule of Law
- Sectoral reviews

## KNOWLEDGE

- EUPACK;
- TOOLBOX
- Thematic reports

## EVENTS

Ministerial  
meetings  
each year

## NETWORKS

- EUPAN;
- PAG expert group;
- thematic

PA Assessment Framework;  
Staff Working Documents

EU Funds and technical  
support (TSI, RRF, DEP, SF,  
etc)  
Services (JRC and DIGIT)  
data, modeling, policy lab

Commission Inter-  
Service group for  
PA



## European Semester

- Over the past 10 years, there have been 170 country-specific recommendations encouraging measures in more than 20 countries, notably for:
  - (i) a comprehensive administrative modernisation,
  - (ii) better collaboration between levels of government,
  - (iii) better policymaking and improving professionalism of the civil service or
  - (iv) more efficiently applying EU public procurement rules to ensure that the recovery support made available to Member States from the EU budget has maximum impact.

## Rule of law mechanism

- Established in 2020.
- Since 2022, the Rule of Law report can issue recommendations on "accountability" of the institutions, the quality of the legislative process, and the right of access to information and public consultations.



# Implementing



## Technical Support Instrument

- Support linked to country challenges and needs for reforms in line with EU policies: for example, digital transformation of internal processes, evidence informed policy making, use of data and AI in policy making, anticipation of skills needs and new HR models, models to project anticipated effects of reforms, foresight, etc.

## Recovery and Resilience Facility

- Public administration modernisation measures in 22 countries stemming from semester assessment of needs for higher effectiveness, incl. minimising administrative burden.
- The Commission monitors the achievement of milestones and targets – payment upon results.

# Thank you.

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*Ви благодарам.*