

Tunisia

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Macroeconomic framework		
Macroeconomic stability		
2018		
Improve institutional arrangements for tax administration. Establishment of a directorate for large companies to better manage their tax procedures	Comments (May 2021): Ongoing dialogue to adjust indicators (deficit and debt) . Comments March 22 (Reporting period January 21-December 21): The establishment of this structure has contributed to the sustainability, viability, and protection of tax revenues: this is justified by a clear evolution of its tax yield (about 2 billion dinars) - The structure has also ensured a permanent and continuous dialogue with the partners of the tax administration	IMF
Improve institutional arrangements for tax administration. Operationalization of the G20-OECD action plan on Base Erosion and Profit Shifting (BEPS)	Comments (May 2021): Law 2018-47/NoteNC23/2019 . Comments March 22 (Reporting period January 21-December 21): Articles 29, 30 and 32 to 34 of the 2019 Finance Law Article 15 of the Finance Law 2021NC11 and 13 the year 2020Judgment of the Minister of Finance of 16 October 2020 - Establishment of a reflection committee on transfer pricing - implementation of the country-by-country reporting - transfer pricing documentation has improved tax adjustments in this area.	KfW, EU, OECD
Improve institutional arrangements for tax administration. Digitalization of tax procedures (m-filing and m-payments)	Comments (May 2021): System currently used by 74000 taxpayers and allows the recovery of 95% of taxes and duties declared periodically spontaneously . Comments March 22 (Reporting period January 21-December 21): 1. 89506 companies are members of the tele-declaration and tele-payment system, until the end of December 2021, an increase of 14% compared to the total number of members until the end of December 2020. This system allows the recovery of 95% of taxes and duties declared periodically (corporate tax, taxes and monthly taxes, instalments, income tax) spontaneously .2. 89506 companies are members of the tele-declaration and tele-payment system, until the end of December 2021, an increase of 14% compared to the total number of members until the end of December 2020. This system allows the collection of 95% of taxes and duties declared periodically (corporate tax, taxes and monthly taxes, instalments, income tax) spontaneously .3. Implementation of the central platform and connection to the cash registers in the consumption points on site - Cash register project (NACEF): - The contract with the supplier of the tax cash register system management platform (PGSCEF) has been signed and the order for the start of work has been issued on 05 August 2021.- The duration of the work at the expense of the supplier is 12 months. - It is planned to start pilot tests during the 3rd quarter of 2022. - The effective implementation is scheduled for the year 2023.4- Adoption of electronic means for the elaboration of withholding tax certificates (Article 41 of the Finance Law for the year 2022): Development of the platform in progress; the order of the Minister of Finance relating to the scope of this platform, its practical modalities, and the deadlines for its current application.	EU/KfW, USAID
Strengthening of public financial management. Adoption by the Parliament of the organic budget law	Comments (May 2021): Organic Budget Law: LOB 2019-15 . Comments March 22 (Reporting period January 21-December 21):	KfW, EU, EU
Strengthening of public financial management. Improve fiscal	Comments (May 2021): .	JBS, EU, EU

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transparency (publication of central administration's debt, SOEs financial reports)	Comments March 22 (Reporting period January 21-December 21): Published every year on the website of the MoF together with the publication the budget law	
Strengthening of public financial management. Regulations defining the role of public expenditure controllers (per Ministry) to implement OBB (Objective-based management)	Comments (May 2021): A draft decree to the PG. . Comments March 22 (Reporting period January 21-December 21): Government Decree No. 612 of 1 July 2019	EU
Improve the institutional and operational framework for debt management. Adoption by the Council of Ministers of the legal framework for the creation of the Tunisia Treasury Agency	Comments (May 2021): Stand by! . Comments March 22 (Reporting period January 21-December 21): Stand by	KfW, IMF, WB and AfDB
Adoption of the pension reform. Adoption of the new law on early retirement	Comments (May 2021): Only CNRPS (Law 37/2019) - To indicate financial objective regarding the impact on the wage bill – CNSS (private not to be included) . Comments March 22 (Reporting period January 21-December 21): CNSS not included	IMF
Reforming State-Owned Enterprises. Adoption by the council of Ministers of a strategy of SOEs governance.	Comments (May 2021): Law 89.9 reform still under discussion. . Comments March 22 (Reporting period January 21-December 21): the reform and governance strategy of public enterprises and the action plan were approved by the Council of Ministers in 2018/ the law on the governance of public enterprises was submitted to the ARP in December 2019/ the law on the governance of public companies was withdrawn from the ARP in 2020/ a new law is being prepared	JBS, WB EBRD AfDB AFD
Reforming State-Owned Enterprises. Implementation of the performance contracts with the 5 largest SOEs (STEG, SONEDE, Tunisie Telecom, ONAS, ETAP).	Comments (May 2021): 4 companies out of the /5 have signed except Tunisair . Comments March 22 (Reporting period January 21-December 21): the 4 companies that have signed a performance report are STEG/ STIR/ RNTA/ OFFICE DES CERAIRES/ No other company has signed a contract since	JBS, FMI
Reforming State-Owned Enterprises. Publication of audited financial balances (in line with law 89-9), annual reports (in line with int'l best practice)	Comments (May 2021): Circular of the Presidency of the Government 18 May 2020. An annual report is published by the MoF with the LF21. . Comments March 22 (Reporting period January 21-December 21): State-owned enterprises are in the process of publishing their financial statements on the JORT and the RNE An annual report is published by the MoF with the LF22.	JBS, EU
Reforming State-Owned Enterprises. Selection of independent administrators (merit/position) for at least 5 companies (pending to be chosen between the 20 SOEs of the pilot phase)	Comments (May 2021): Decree n. 2020-314Extension of deadlines to 31 December 2021 by Decree 2020-105 of 28 December 2020 . Comments March 22 (Reporting period January 21-December 21): no text amending Decree 105 of 28 December 2020 has been published	JBS, EU

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Reforming State-Owned Enterprises. Ten SOEs are placed under the article 22 of the law 89-9 to improve the autonomy and management of these SOEs- Approval of the law reforming Law 89-9 Governance of SOEs	Comments (May 2021): Implementation of article 22 of law 89.9. The decree with the selection of the 10 companies was approved in December, 2020. . Comments March 22 (Reporting period January 21-December 21): 11 public undertakings benefited from Article 22 ter of Law 89-9 of 1 February 1989, of which 10 undertakings benefited from derogations relating to public procurement and 1 public undertaking which benefited from derogations relating to public procurement and recruitment.	JBS
Financial Stability		
2018		
Strengthen the capacity of the central bank as regulator and promoter of financial stability. Adoption by the board of directors of the central bank of a three-year strategic plan 2019-2021 in favor of an institutional and operational transformation of the CBT	Comments (May 2021): Adopted by the board - Feb. 2019	GIZ
Strengthen the capacity of the central bank as regulator and promoter of financial stability. Operationalization of the strategic plan	Comments (May 2021): MOU signed in September 2020 and a firm is at the BCT working on the strategic plan.	GIZ
New Reform Commitments/Initiatives		
Reform of energy subsidies. (i) Adoption of the automatic fuel price adjustment mechanism (ii) Adoption of a registration platform for targeted grant recipients	(ii) Platform will be ready in July 2022. It will be used for commodities as well as for LPG.	
Improving the energy transition. (i) Presidential Order extending the period of validity of the initial agreements for renewable energy electricity generation projects under the regime of permits granted before 31 December 2020. (ii) Conclusion of special agreements with a total capacity of 500 MW.		
Civil service reform.	Decree-law promulgated	

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(i) Regulation of remote work for state employees, local authorities, institutions, institutions, and public bodies. (ii) Encourage the mobility of state employees, local collectivities, and public institutions of an administrative nature.		
Reform of enterprises and public establishments. Decline the principles of selection, evaluation of the performance of directors, representatives of public shareholders and independents.	Decree-law promulgated	
Commodity subsidy reform		
Tax reform		
Business environment and investment legal framework		
Removing Barriers to Investment, Trade, and Entrepreneurship		
2018		
Limiting restrictions and increasing investor's protection. Adoption by the Parliament of the Investment Act	Comments (May 2021): Law 2016-71 - 30 September 2016 . Comments March 22 (Reporting period January 21-December 21):	IFC, EBRD
Limiting restrictions and increasing investor's protection. Adoption by the Parliament of the law on tax advantages	Comments (May 2021): Law 2017-8, 24 February 2017. . Comments March 22 (Reporting period January 21-December 21):	
Limiting restrictions and increasing investor's protection. Adoption by the council of Ministers of a decree establishing the operating principles of the High Council of Investment and the Tunisian Investment Authority	Comments (May 2021): Decree No. 2017-388 of 9 March 2017 . Comments March 22 (Reporting period January 21-December 21):	
Limiting restrictions and increasing investor's protection. Creation of the Tunisia Investment Fund	Comments (May 2021): Government Decree No. 2018-572 of 20 June 2018, supplementing Government Decree No. 2017-388 of 9 March 2017 . Comments March 22 (Reporting period January 21-December 21):	
Limiting restrictions and increasing investor's protection. Publication of three decrees operationalizing the bankruptcy law.	Comments (May 2021): Government Decree - No. 2017-1356 of 13 December 2017 (Article 418 of the Commercial Code)-No. 2018-463 of 31 May 2018-No. 2019-89 of 11 January . Comments March 22 (Reporting period January 21-December 21):	

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Streamlining investment entry restrictions and improving corporate governance. Adoption of the Transversal law for the improvement of the business climate	Comments (May 2021): Law n.2019-47, May 29 – Improvement of the Business Climate . Comments March 22 (Reporting period January 21-December 21):	
Streamlining investment entry restrictions and improving corporate governance. Publication – Decree which obliges the concerned government depts. /agencies to not request documents already in the possession of the administration	Comments (May 2021): 5 decrees of 25 January 2021 are published in the JORT of 5 February 2021. They concern-Min of Agriculture – Ministry of Social Affairs – Ministry of Local Affairs & Environment – Ministry TCEN – Ministry of Tourism. Others will follow as part of the simplification of administrative measures (ouonce-only principle) . Comments March 22 (Reporting period January 21-December 21): 2 additional judgments were published in 2021, one concerning the Ministry of Finance and the second concerning the Ministry of State Domains and Land Affairs	JBS
Streamlining investment entry restrictions and improving corporate governance. Publication of Decree: 1) Typology of business projects; 2) Associated simplified procedures; 3) Description of the preferential margin for the requester of the spontaneous offer during the evaluation of proposals (offers)	Comments (May 2021): Decrees n.2020-310 15 May 2020(in application of the Investment Law) . Comments March 22 (Reporting period January 21-December 21):	JBS
Streamlining investment entry restrictions and improving corporate governance. Review the competition framework to support the autonomy and independence of the Competition Council (CC) and strengthen its financial and human resources to enable it to carry out its missions.	Comments (May 2021): They are not advanced. Some exchanges with the EBRD dating from 2017/2018. . Comments March 22 (Reporting period January 21-December 21): This is one of the recommendations of the OECD competition report. Concretely, there has been no progress.	EBRD EU (OECD) IFC/WB
Streamlining investment entry restrictions. Publication of a decree of a list of economic activities requiring authorizations and the legal basis for the elimination of 27 authorizations (first wave of simplification) –	Comments (May 2021): Decree n°2018-417 . Comments March 22 (Reporting period January 21-December 21):	JBS EU IFC

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Decree 2018-417 of May 2018, 2020		
Streamlining investment entry restrictions. Publication of the specifications required for those activities which are part of the negative list of activities for which 27 authorizations are eliminated) in application of the article 4 of the Decree 2018-417.	Comments (May 2021): Decree No. 2018-417 - 6 activities already released -10 activities have replaced the authorizations by specifications. 11- authorizations that remain are in progress. . Comments March 22 (Reporting period January 21-December 21): Current specifications	JBSEU IFCUSAID -Tunisia jobs
Streamlining investment entry restrictions. Adoption of the decree for the elimination of a list of 26 economic and administrative authorizations (second wave of elimination)	Comments (May 2021): A list of 25 other authorizations was identified. Next step: approval of this list by a CM. . Comments March 22 (Reporting period January 21-December 21): Presidential Decree No. 2018-417 of 11 May 2022.	HAD IFC
Streamlining investment entry restrictions. Revision of the Digital code and drafting of the digital act (secondary legislation)	Comments (May 2021): The objective is to increase investors access to the sector . Comments March 22 (Reporting period January 21-December 21): In progress.	IFC/ WB
Facilitating international investments through a digital one stop shop and a National Investment Communication Strategy. Review and update of investment procedures in order to facilitate investment operations and guarantee investors satisfaction	Comments (May 2021): An amendment to the decree regulating financial incentives is in the process of being approved. A harmonized manual of investment procedures will follow to standardize the processing of investment files at the level of the various stakeholders of the investment ecosystem. . Comments March 22 (Reporting period January 21-December 21): Several meetings were held to amend the financial incentives decree. It will be approved by the Government in the upcoming period. The manual of investment procedures is actually under progress and will be updated after the promulgation of the financial incentives decree.	CHALK
Facilitating international investments through a digital one stop shop and a National Investment Communication Strategy. Reinforcing the strategic council within TIA to enhance private public-private dialogue for efficient investment policies	Comments (May 2021): An evaluation of the strategic council is in the process in order to strengthen its composition of experts and involving new members of the public and private sector. . Comments March 22 (Reporting period January 21-December 21): An assessment has been made by an external consultant. As a first quick win and in order to improve the impact of this public private platform, the council will be chaired by the minister of economy and planning and the composition will be enriched by new members from the public and the private sector. The main recommendations of this strategic council will be submitted to the high investment council agenda	EBRD
Facilitating international investments through a digital one stop shop and a National Investment Communication	Comments (May 2021): Deploying the digital solution of the legal constitution at the APII level has been achieved. Other digital services are being developed: code douane, matricula CNSS, assistance au projet à intérêt national .	HAD GIZ USAID Jobs

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Strategy. Launching of a national digital one-stop shop platform which will be an integrated information system that aims to bring together investment agencies and government departments to reduce inefficiencies and simplify all business-related procedures.	Comments March 22 (Reporting period January 21-December 21): The Tunisian Investment Authority has developed the first version of the digital platform for investor services, by digitizing 9 services provided to the investor, which are the investment authorization process, the legal formation of companies, the study of request , applications for grants and incentives, applications for licenses, the of projects of national priority, Applications for a residence card, obtaining a customs code, and the process of enrolling in the National Social Security Fund. It has also been working since 2021 to involve the administrative structures in order to generalize the platform and ensure the interoperability (in progress)	
Facilitating international investments through a digital one stop shop and a National Investment Communication Strategy. Adoption by the Council of Minister of a national Investment communication strategy involving the main stakeholders (TIA- MDICI- MoF- CBT) and setting out objectives and mechanisms for its operationalization.	Comments (May 2021): GIZ partial support to implement elements of the TIA communication strategy and other promotion (abroad) activities: e.g., lead generation (TIA-FIPA), participation in international events/fairs, sector arguments, success stories, MeetUp Embassies . Comments March 22 (Reporting period January 21-December 21): TIA Success Stories: 6 testimonials (w/ 6 investors) have been filmed and produced with the support of GIZ. More precisely, 6 promotional videos have been produced with these companies: Yazaki, Sumitomo, Sartorius, Desert Joy, Sotuver, SIT Controls. Digital Marketing Campaign: During the lead generation project, TIA has targeted German investors via two platforms Google Ads and LinkedIn. These campaigns have been designed, managed, adjusted, and run with OCO and GIZ. Participation in events: Attending the 24th Arab-German Business Forum hosted by Ghorfa Arab-German Chamber of Commerce and Industry in Berlin Meetup Embassy: Developing a promotional tool to attract businesses and investors and promote both Tunisia and TIA' efforts in facilitating the investor's journey in Tunisia.	CHALK
Reducing Investment Transaction costs. Launching of a digital platform for capital transactions that allows a non-resident investor to self-declare and establish the investment form	Comments (May 2021): GIZ partial support to implement elements of the TIA communication strategy and other promotion (abroad) activities: e.g., lead generation (TIA-FIPA), participation in international events/fairs, sector arguments, success stories, MeetUp Embassies 1st step: Done by CBT 2nd step: Plan to extend this platform to other services (Emprunts extérieurs). Specifications have been prepared by the BCTs for a platform for these external loans. . Comments March 22 (Reporting period January 21-December 21): The platform is functional	
Reducing Investment Transaction costs. Digitalization of the Business legal registration procedures which aims to introduce a faster, more transparent, and more uniform system for registering a business in the country (operationalization of the new law 52-2018 on business register).	Comments (May 2021): Obtaining extracts is fully digitized. The process continues to integrate other business components/services. . Comments March 22 (Reporting period January 21-December 21): Online Registration Procedure - Online Declaration of Beneficial Owner - Online Filing of Financial Statements - Online name reservation request - Online filing of the registration file with electronic signature - Official online bulletin	TBD
Boosting young firms and entrepreneurs in the knowledge economy. Adoption by the Parliament of the startup act	Comments (May 2021): Law n. 2018-20 17 April 2018.	EU
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<p>Adopt a decree-law on exceptional measures to accelerate public investment projects and revive private investment.</p> <p>(i) Halve the time taken to complete public projects.</p> <p>(ii) Accelerate the implementation of public projects and bring projects in difficulty to a successful conclusion.</p> <p>(iii) Encouraging Tunisian companies and startups and national preference.</p> <p>(iv) Making public procurement effective and efficient.</p> <p>(v) Boosting private investment in the agricultural sector.</p> <p>(vi) Boosting private investment in the industrial sector.</p> <p>(vii) Boosting investment in the renewable energy sector.</p> <p>(viii) Boosting private investment in PPPs.</p> <p>(ix) Cross-cutting measures to boost private investment</p>		
<p>Adopt the new sectoral competitiveness pacts and operationalize the signed pacts. Ready pacts:</p>	<p>Prior pacts, CM validation and Signature</p>	

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(i) Automotive, Pharmacy, leather and footwear, poultry. (ii) Current pacts: Aeronautics, pleasure boats, electronics, olive oil. (iii) Pacts to be operationalized: Milk, textile clothing		
Validate and launch the implementation of investment roadmaps in promising sectors. identification of actions and measures with representatives of the private sector in the short, medium, and long term for the promising sectors prioritized until then (automotive, ICT, aeronautics, pharmaceuticals, and renewable energies)		
Ensure a 100% digital journey for the benefit of investors. (i) Digitalization of its priority services (declaration, constitution, authorization, request, incentive, and supplementary services). (ii) Interoperability of the investment platform with the information systems of the various partners in the investment ecosystem and stakeholders (legal constitution).		
Launch all E-Gov projects already identified in the "Digital Tunisia" strategy. (i) Implement interoperability exchanges between the information systems of the sectors involved in the investor/company process. (ii) Put in place the payment tracking platform for public orders		

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<p>Accelerate and expand projects for the production of electricity from renewable energies.</p> <p>(i) Granting of comfort meters (authorization system).</p> <p>(ii) Announcement of a new, more ambitious program of electricity production from renewable energies by regime to give visibility to developers and this, with the objective of reaching 30% of energy mix before 2030.</p> <p>(iii) Creation of the Electricity Authority.</p>	<p>(ii) Decree</p>	
<p>Implement a Ready-to-Use Industrial Space Construction Program.</p> <p>(i) Launch a national program for the creation of 100,000 m² of industrial premises ready for operation.</p> <p>(ii) Create an investment fund for industrial infrastructure of 200 MD.</p>	<p>(i) Administrative decision</p> <p>(ii) CDC- banks-private investors</p>	
<p>Regularize the situation of industrial projects concerned by the lapse provisions and which have not entered the effective production phase within 3 years of the date of signature of the sales contract as stipulated by Law No. 34-2009 establishing the Agricultural Land Agency. Decision of the Council of Ministers</p>		
<p>Seizure and inventory of the Real Assets of the State and their valuation with a view to benefiting public and private projects.</p> <p>(i) Identify and delineate public goods.</p>	<p>Administrative Decision</p>	

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(ii) Draw up the necessary plans for their valorization (iii) Estimate the value of the assets and provide for the appropriate legal mechanisms (partnership, sale to investors, etc.)		
Promote technological innovation and research, in particular support for the development of technopoles and clusters. (i) Create strategic and scientific orientation councils for technopoles. (ii) Extend the eligibility of the ITP to the animation actions of technopoles and clusters	(i) Decision of the PG, Decree Law (revision of the texts governing the activity of technopoles, in particular Law No. 50-2001, Decree governing the functioning of FODEC, Revision of the legal framework related to the encouragement of technological entrepreneurship among researchers, (ii) Revise the legal framework governing the exploitation of search results and patents produced at the level of public research centers	
Accelerate the creation of industrial zone development projects in inland regions. Revision of Decree 2017-389 of 9 March 2017 on financial incentives for investments made under the Investment Law		
Strengthen programs and mechanisms for women's economic empowerment. Implementation of the National Program for Women's Entrepreneurship and Gender-Sensitive Investment. Program "رائدات"	Decree-law promulgated	
Revise Article 96 of the Criminal Code. Adoption Decree Law		
Decree a foreign exchange amnesty. Adoption Decree Law	Expected with the new exchange code	
Adopt a new exchange code. Adoption Decree Law	planned for 2022	
Adopt a decree-law on the code of private equity investment	Expected for June 2022	

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undertakings. Adoption Decree Law		
Adopt a decree-law on support for financial inclusion. Adoption Decree Law	Expected for June 2022	
Publish the implementing texts of the law on SSE. Publication of a presidential decree	To the PG	
Publish the implementing texts of the decree-law on the status of the auto entrepreneur. Publication of a presidential decree	To the PG	
Draw up a negative list for the exercise of economic activities. Publication of a presidential decree		
Adopt the Code of Public Goods. Adoption of a Decree Law		
Publish a presidential decree setting the conditions and procedures for leasing non-agricultural land for the benefit of investors according to Article 19 of Law No. 2019-45 of 29 May 2019. Publication of a presidential decree		
Publish a presidential decree setting the conditions and procedures for the sale of the symbolic dinar for the benefit of the Industrial Land Agency according to Article 20 of Law No. 45 of May 29, 2019. Publication of a presidential decree		
Publish a decree-law revising Law No. 2016-53 of 11 July 2016 on expropriation for reasons of public utility. Issue a decree-law		
Provide the recipients of state agricultural lots with title deeds		

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allowing them to fully dispose of their property		
Regularize the situation of former residential groups built on the private domain of the State. (i) Identification and delimitation of the property and verification of the conditions of the right of access to the regularization and estimation of the value of the property. (ii) Processing of files in a regional commission and then another national. (iii) The work is sanctioned by approval by decree		
Regulate the powers of the IGPP. Publish a decree -law regulating and specifying the powers and prerogatives of the IGPP		
Improve Trade Facilitation		
2018		
Simplification and digitalization of trade procedures. Trade facilitation through the digitization of export and import procedures related of the Liaisse Transport (transport documents)	Comments (May 2021): GIZ support via Global Alliance for Trade . Comments March 22 (Reporting period January 21-December 21): Includes several measures some are functional: 7 dematerialized formalities at the port of Rades : * Notice of arrival ship (Possibility of consultation on the portal of TTN) *Anticipated manifest*Unloading of the ship*Differential state*Rectification of the manifest within the regulatory deadlines*Decision of embarkation customs*RDV visit Customs 5 generalized formalities with use of paper at the port of Rades : * Voucher to be issued*Delivery note*Docking authorization*Docking voucher* Air manifest import5 formalities in operation : *Rectification of the manifest beyond the regulatory deadlines*Advance notice of arrival goods*Notice of arrival goods* Manifest export*Manifest store cale4 formalities put into operation but not operated : * Pick-up appointment* Goods in deposit having exceeded the regulatory deadlines* Loading plan1 formality under analysis and development:* Communication date and time end of unloading operations by the port authority8 formalities under study and collection of management rules* Passenger manifest* Air transport procedures (In accordance with Decree 1005 of 30/11/2018)* Manifest acquired declaration of goods dispatched in cabotage* Temporary authorization for the circulation of a vehicle for the transport of goods not registered in Tunisia* Authorization to circulate for a motor vehicle* Routing sheet	JBS, UE, WB, GIZ, IFC
Simplification and digitalization of trade procedures. Digitalize all procedures related to the Liaisse Unique: (i) DDM; (ii) Trade	Comments (May 2021): Digitization of the electronic transfer and boarding visa. Other procedures are being digitized (Objective everything must be digitized at the end of 2021) . Comments March 22 (Reporting period January 21-December 21): Included in emergency measures measure 42. Everything must be functional in June 2022 It is recalled that the documents of the Single Bundle which	JBS EU

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certificate (with/without payment) and (iii) technical control	are fixed by Decree No. 97-2470 of 22 December 1997, are as follows: • The Foreign Trade Title (TCE)• The Accounting Declaration of Goods (DDM)• The Document relating to the Technical Control (DCT). The foreign trade title and the accounting of goods are generalized at the level of the TTN platform. For the 3rd component, which concerns the Technical Inspection Document, its electronic processing is not yet generalized. Its generalization is the responsibility of the Ministry of Trade and Export Development in coordination with the Ministry of Agriculture, Health, Technology, and Industry. Indeed, the Center for Studies and Research and Telecommunications (Ministry of Technologies) and the Directorate of Security under the Ministry of Industry already use the TTN platform in WEB mode. Also, the Directorate of Quality and Consumer Protection (DQPC) which reports to the Ministry of Commerce operates a business application based on EDI exchange developed by the CNI. It should be noted that the structures under the Ministries of Health and Agriculture do not use the electronic platform of the single bundle of TTN but always process the file in paper mode.	
Simplification and digitalization of trade procedures. Digitization of the customs taxes and rights	<p>Comments (May 2021): Concerns the payment of duties and taxes via bank cards or QR codes. Customs is advanced in the payments by transfers but via the CB not, yet they are in the final phase which is the testing phase. .</p> <p>Comments March 22 (Reporting period January 21-December 21): Included in emergency measures measure 42. • A technical committee working under the aegis of the APTBEF and bringing together the BCT, the SIBTEL, the Customs, the DGCP, the APTBEF, the ONP, the TTN and the representatives of the financial institutions namely the BTE, the BT, the UBCI and the UIB was established. • The project specifications were drawn up by the TTN team, in collaboration with the members of the technical committee, and validated on December 11, 2020. • Integration of electronic payment by transfer at the level of the TTN platform.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of input interfaces for applications for TTN's client economic operators and banks. • TTN-Bank exchange flows have been tested with the Bank of Tunisia and the Emirates (pilot bank). • TTN-Customs exchange flows have been tested. • The module allowing the transfer of credit notices following collection for cross-checking purposes at customs revenue levels, has been set up within the BCT. BCT, TGT and customs exchange tests were conducted. • Work to automate the processing of the transfer request within the bank is being carried out with the team in charge of the project within the BTE. • The draft decree setting the scope and modalities of application of the provisions of Article 128 of the Customs Code is being validated by the various parties. 	
Simplification and digitalization of trade procedures. Digitalization of the clearance process and guarantees	<p>Comments (May 2021): There are actions that are ready and others in progress .</p> <p>Comments March 22 (Reporting period January 21-December 21): Payment by Bank Guarantee General specifications being validated by Customs before its transmission to the APBTEF for discussion and approval by the banks.</p>	
Simplification and digitalization of trade procedures. Support to the Change Management Process for the implementation of the customs IT system and its interoperability with other systems.	<p>Comments (May 2021): Contract signed on February 26, 2021. Acquisition and implementation of a new customs operating system. They are in the start-up phase of the project .</p> <p>Comments March 22 (Reporting period January 21-December 21): 1 amendment was signed on 8 October. The actual launch was made on December 6, 2021 as well as an approval of the project action plan and quality assurance. The project is in its first phase.</p>	MCC

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Simplification and digitalization of trade procedures. Implementation of customs ex-post control	<p>Comments (May 2021): Creation of a control unit in the administration. But the project is not moving forward on the customs side. .</p> <p>Comments March 22 (Reporting period January 21-December 21): Pending a reorganization of customs. A central administration dedicated to post-performance control is planned.</p>	Besoin d'AT d'après la douane
Modernization of the Rades Port. Implementation of Smart Gate and TOS	<p>Comments (May 2021): A meeting took place on 1 April 2021 between the Ministers of Transport and Trade and decided that this will be done in June 2021 (date requested by STAM) .</p> <p>Comments March 22 (Reporting period January 21-December 21): The finalization of the integration of the automated container management system "Terminal Operating System TOS" with the other port systems: Smart Gates, TTN and customs system (June 2022),- Acquisition of computer equipment by STAM for an amount of approximately 1.2 MD (during 2022),- Realization of training modules for staff responsible for the operation of the TOS (scheduled during 2022)</p>	JBS, JICA, WB JICA
Modernization of the Rades Port. Modification of concessions	<p>Comments (May 2021): MOU signed by STAM and OMMP which provides for the modification of the contract of the STAM concession. This is conditioned by the agreement with MCC which will be signed within a month, and which has been validated by a ministerial council (during the first half of 2021) .</p> <p>Comments March 22 (Reporting period January 21-December 21): As part of the revision of the current concession contract between OMMP and STAM to result in two separate concessions (Terminal I + Terminal II), OMMP and STAM signed, on 14 May 2020, an amendment to the concession contract for the reorganization of spaces at the port of radés and the creation of two terminals, it should be noted that STAM is in the process of carrying out a study to determine the institutional framework for the operation of Terminal II, completion phase 3 of the study (development of scenarios of the institutional set-up of the operation of Terminal II) is being completed (end of April 2022)</p>	JBS, EU, WB
Modernization of the Rades Port. Signing contract for the construction of docks 8&9	<p>Comments (May 2021): Action conditioned by the modification of the contract of the STAM concession. 1st terminal: a concession contract will be signed between STAM and OMMP and The 2nd terminal for "containers": contract will be signed between OMMP, and a new structure created between STAM and a private strategic partner. .</p> <p>Comments March 22 (Reporting period January 21-December 21): The extension of the port of Radés will be carried out within the framework of the Compact program with MCC, the TDR terms of reference of the technical, economic, environmental and social studies have been elaborated and the studies will be completed at the end of 2022, and it is planned to begin the construction work of quays 8 and 9 and the development of a surface of 14ha adjoining the quays and the development of the first phase of the logistics activity zone on 20ha, early 2023 after signing and approving the agreement with MCC and identifying the strategic partner and creating the new structure that will operate Terminal II),</p>	JBS, EU, MCC, EBRD MCC (tentative)
Introduction of more flexible exchange rate arrangements and regulations. Adoption of measures to relax the exchange arrangements	<p>Comments (May 2021): Ongoing (request sent to the IMF in March 2021) .</p> <p>Comments March 22 (Reporting period January 21-December 21): In progress.</p>	EU, FMI
Introduction of more flexible exchange rate arrangements and regulations. Adopt and announce the roadmap for the gradual lifting	<p>Comments (May 2021): In progress (Request sent to the IMF in March 2021) .</p> <p>Comments March 22 (Reporting period January 21-December 21): **Adopt and announce the roadmap for the gradual lifting of restrictions on access to foreign currency financing: has already raised the ceilings for external financing in 2020 *Review the BCT Information System: technical assistance mission to GIZ. **Once</p>	EU, FMI

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of restrictions on access to foreign currency financing Review the BCT Information System and, once the control tools are in place, switch to a transaction control system ex-post rather than ex-ante, using a risk-based approach.	the control tools are in place, switch to a transaction control system ex-post rather than ex-ante, using a risk-based approach: the modernization of the foreign exchange code is also underway. its publication is scheduled for the year 2023	
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To cover by the State, through the export risk guarantee fund, 50% of the export insurance premiums to the sub-Saharan African market. (i) Adoption of Decree-Law. (ii) Management agreement.		
Create the International Land Company of Tunisia (SOFIT) and consider joint action with other public service providers. Adoption of the Decree-Law establishing SOFIT		
Establish a unified label and a slogan "Made in Tunisia" appearing on all Tunisian products. Creation of a label and a slogan "Made in Tunisia" in order to develop a brand image of Tunisian products abroad		
Facilitate and expand the granting of Authorized Economic Operator (AEO) status. Grant a quality label to any company established in Tunisia, carrying out an activity related to foreign trade, having the confidence of customs, and fulfilling the minimum conditions set by Government Decree No. 612 of 17 July 2018 allowing them to benefit from simplified procedures	AEO Certification Decision	
Renovate the "SOS Export" service. Creation of the virtual network on		

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the foreign trade portal www.pce.tn		
Ensure permanence sessions in all companies and structures concerned by export for weekends and holidays. Decision of the Presidency of the Government and the BCT		
Strengthening Public Private Partnerships		
2018		
Governance of PPPs. Strengthening of the capacity of the PPPs strategic council and IGPPP	Comments (May 2021): Pending the constitution of the strategic council . Comments March 22 (Reporting period January 21-December 21): The strategic council is replaced by a new governance and control body - draft decree in progress	EU, EBRD, AfDB, EU
Governance of PPPs. Launching of a digital platform to facilitate information, transparency, and efficacy in the identification, submission, and follow up of projects	Comments (May 2021): Request for technical assistance will be launched shortly. (May 2021) . Comments March 22 (Reporting period January 21-December 21): the consultation has been launched and the depouillement carried out MARCH 2022	EU, TBD
Selection and preparation of projects. Publication of a priority list of PPPs open to at least 51% private investment	. Comments March 22 (Reporting period January 21-December 21): implementation in progress, the list of projects is being finalized and the prioritization and selection criteria are being carried out through BM assistance	IFC, EBRD
Selection and preparation of projects. Publication of a decree modifying the conditions and procedures for concessions	Comments (May 2021): Decree n.202-316, 20 May 2020. . Comments March 22 (Reporting period January 21-December 21):	IFC, EBRD
Selection and preparation of projects. PPP program covering energy, sanitation and water initiated.	Comments (May 2021): Acceleration of PPP projects in view of the impact of the sanitary crises on fiscal space pressure . Comments March 22 (Reporting period January 21-December 21): - a PPP international conference was organized with the support of IFC and EBRD in September 2018 (The forum was attended by more than 1,500 participants including 250 international)- IFC is the transaction advisor in a PPP project with ONAS in the wastewater sector. the provisional award of two concessions is being finalized, and project is expected to close in 2022.- IFC is involved alongside other DFIs for the financing of the renewable energy program. IFC was also involved upstream, in coordination with EBRD, to review the bankability of the program before the final award. - IFC in regular contact with IGPPP in order to explore the support of PPP projects in the country.	IFC, EBRD
Financing of PPPs. Establishment of a Project Preparation Facility to improve support and a mechanism to finance feasibility studies to	Comments (May 2021): The IGPPP has submitted a request for support to the CwA Fund for the operationalization of a PPP development fund. The work will be completed by June 2021. . Comments March 22 (Reporting period January 21-December 21): The pipeline of projects eligible for funding from the fund is being implemented via BM assistance. The FUND promulgated according to Article 13 of the 2022 Finance Law.	EU, IFC, EBRD

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activate the initiation of PPP projects		
Financial Sector Framework		
2018		
Improving access to finance for MSMEs and young firms. Adoption by the Parliament of the seed and equity investment act	Comments (May 2021): Law 2029-47 Part of the code that concerns the offshore fund and the specialized fund has been inserted in the transversal law articles 16 and 17. . Comments March 22 (Reporting period January 21-December 21): The measure concerning the adoption of a decree-law on the code of private equity investment undertakings has been included in the framework of the 2022 economic emergency measures. (Axis: Facilitate the regulation of cases).	WB
ng of the law on excessive interest rates to credits to SMEs. Adoption by the parliament of the amendments to the law on excessive lending rates	Comments (May 2021): Law 39/2017 modifying the law 15 July 1999. Project was withdrawn from the ARP, as the finance committee did not accept it . Comments March 22 (Reporting period January 21-December 21):	IMF/AfDB
ng of the law on excessive interest rates to credits to SMEs. Publication of regulations (Circular CBT and decree) laying down the methodology for calculation the global effective interest rate (TEG) and the average effective interest rate (TEM)	Comments (May 2021): The decree was prepared and approved by the Council of Ministers but since the law was not approved, the decree has no reason to exist. . Comments March 22 (Reporting period January 21-December 21):	WB/IFC
Improving access to finance for MSMEs and young firms. Launch of the ANAVA fund of funds to support the government program "Startup Tunisia".	Comments (May 2021): A transformative, innovative and multiplier project of the last 10 years! the following impacts are expected: 1000 startups labeled over 5 years; • More than 1 billion dinars of revenue from start-up companies over 5 years; • 10,000 new jobs created by start-ups supported over 5 years; • A Tunisian unicorn company from incubated or accelerated start-ups. . Comments March 22 (Reporting period January 21-December 21):	BM/KfW/UE, UE (Innovi)/GIZ/KfW BM
Deepening access to finance for MSMEs & entrepreneurs and improve lenders' risk management. Adoption by the parliament of the organic law on credit bureaus	Comments (May 2021): Bill discussed in finance committee without the MoF. The finance commission will invite the BCT, the Professional Association of Banks, the personal data authority to have their opinion. Dating from 2017, but the interest of the ARP in relation to this law is recent (early 2021) . Comments March 22 (Reporting period January 21-December 21): Decree-Law No. 2022-2 of 4 January 2022, on the organization of the activity of credit intelligence.	WB KfW, AfDB
strengthening the rights of creditors in movable collateral and expand the types of assets firms can use as collateral. Adoption by the parliament of the law on secure transactions	Comments (May 2021): The Law on Security of Movable Property has been removed from the ARP. The texts concerning Security and guarantees are governed by the Code of Obligations and Contracts and the Code of Real Law. The approach for the deputies is that we should have amended the two old texts to create a new one that seems to them to be, ambiguous not clear . Comments March 22 (Reporting period January 21-December 21): The measure concerning the adoption of a decree-law on mobile security has been included in the framework of the 2022 economic emergency measures. (Axis: Facilitate the regulation of cases).	IFC

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Making available collateral-free credits to SMEs by strengthening public guarantee funds. Signature of an agreement between the Ministry of Finance and the SOTUGAR that Improves the financial products offered by the SME Credit Guarantee Fund, its operating procedures, and its risk management framework.	Comments (May 2021): . Comments March 22 (Reporting period January 21-December 21): Signature of a management agreement between the Ministry of Finance and SOTUGAR in April 2018 for the "Dhamen rpress" mechanism 6 banks have signed the delegation agreements with SOTUGAR.	WB, KFW
Making available collateral-free credits to SMEs by strengthening public guarantee funds. Signature of an agreement between the Ministry of Finance and the COTUNACE that improves the financial products offered by the export credit guarantee fund, its operating procedures, and ands its risk management framework.	Comments (May 2021): . Comments March 22 (Reporting period January 21-December 21): A training program dedicated to banks in collaboration with the Professional Association of Banks on the operation of the mechanism.	
Making available collateral-free credits to SMEs by strengthening public guarantee funds. Guarantee mechanisms strengthened access to finance for exporting SMEs ("Dhamen Finance" law approved), 2019	Comments (May 2021): Law approved on April 2nd, 2019 and Decree 889, 17 October 2019. Maybe additional support will be required for the preparation of the risk strategy and the implementation of governance arrangements (strategic committee). . Comments March 22 (Reporting period January 21-December 21):	
Reducing the Non-performing loan ratios. Publication by the central bank of a directive on NPLs resolution	Comments (May 2021): Exceptional measures taken to facilitate access to credit with state guarantee. The covid-19 crises were also an opportunity for the GoT to accelerate reforms related to Digital payment (G2P and G2B) and disaster risk financing through review of insurance mechanisms. Exceptional measures taken to facilitate access to credit with state guarantee. The covid-19 crises were also an opportunity for the GoT to accelerate reforms related to Digital payment (G2P and G2B) and disaster risk financing through review of insurance mechanisms . Comments March 22 (Reporting period January 21-December 21): A training program dedicated to banks in collaboration with the Professional Association of Banks on the operation of the mechanism.	JBS, CwA -MDTF
Reducing the Non-performing loan ratios. Publication by the central bank of a circular on Out of Court Resolution Mechanism	Comments (May 2021): The LFC 2020 contains this srataine measures to relax the conditions for irradiating bad bank debts. Soon a circular on the workout units will be published.1 kickoff meeting was launched in November 2020 . Comments March 22 (Reporting period January 21-December 21): The circular on workout units was published in March 2022. A communication workshop about the circular was held on 23 March 2022 with the participation of local banks representatives OECT representatives and stakeholders.	JBS, CwA - MDTF

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Restructuring of the public banking sector. Achieve the objectives of the 2017-2020 performance contracts with 3 public banks: STB, BH, BNA. They will set yearly operational and financial targets, particularly concerning the treatment of NPLs and the improvement of risk control.	Comments (May 2021): For public banks approved / pending commercial banks Adoption, by the Council of Ministers a national strategy for the resolution and prevention of NPLs in June 2022 . Comments March 22 (Reporting period January 21-December 21):	IMF, KfW, EU,
Improving the quality of financial information. Alignment of the public credit registry with international standards	Comments (May 2021): MOU in the process of signing to release the funds but the TA has already begun. The acquisition of a new platform of the central information / or the development of the solution could be eligible for (partial) financing from KfW. . Comments March 22 (Reporting period January 21-December 21): The TA consists of the preparation of specifications for the development of a new information center platform. AT in progress with IFC	IFC, IFC
Improving the quality of financial information. election of granular credit and credit risk data (Anacredit system – European Central Bank)	Comments (May 2021): MOU being signed . Comments March 22 (Reporting period January 21-December 21): MOU already signed with IFC	IFC, IFC
Improving the quality of financial information. compliance with data protection regulations in relation with credits	Comments (May 2021): Activity was on stand-by. Work has resumed on this axis. . Comments March 22 (Reporting period January 21-December 21):	WB (Moussanada)
Improving the quality of financial information. now your Customer (KYC) and Anti Money Laundering (AML) requirements	Comments (May 2021): - Ongoing TA on strengthening and protecting consumers of EU-funded financial services. Financial inclusion TA Moussanada for {BCT, ACM, CGA} - an ongoing EU MOUSSANADA TA on the AML/CFT risk supervision framework for {BCT, ACM, CGA} . Comments March 22 (Reporting period January 21-December 21): *For the TA on the protection of consumers of digital financial services, a single call held on this theme in May 2020 for the BCT: TA will start soon as part of the 2nd phase DFS TA.	WB (Moussanada) EU (Regional AML Fund)
Improving the quality of financial information. Dashboards and feedback to banks	Comments (May 2021): . Comments March 22 (Reporting period January 21-December 21): Project without TA Applications for receiving and processing data from banks have been developed in-housework carried out internally without TA	,
Improving the quality of financial information. Progress in the implementation of IFRS	Comments (May 2021): The TA began in November 2020 and is underway for the BCT. . Comments March 22 (Reporting period January 21-December 21): Finalized phase: Macro impact study and evaluation of BEF migration plans to IFRS9Phase standards in progress: Regulatory framework for the application of IFRS9 Standards by BEF	BERD(BCT) Moussanada (ACM/CGA)
strengthen Anti-money laundering. Mapping of ML/F risks in the banking sector and development	Comments (May 2021): . Comments March 22 (Reporting period January 21-December 21): For the risk-based supervision framework, the TA was closed, and a mission report was submitted by the team of Experts.	TBD,

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of a risk-based supervision framework		
strengthen Anti-money laundering. Conclude a memorandum of understanding between CBT and CTAF to improve cooperation	Comments (May 2021): MOU being finalized (at the legal department of the BCT! No need for TA . Comments March 22 (Reporting period January 21-December 21): BCT services do not require TA for this project	,
development of an efficient reference system for emissions and valuation of mark to market. Publication of the yield curve	Comments (May 2021): RAS on the side of kaouther Babia . Comments March 22 (Reporting period January 21-December 21):	EBRD, AfDB
Smooth access to equity finance exchange markets for small and medium businesses. Launching of a kit for SMEs to access equity financing through the capital market	Comments (May 2021): Launch of a KIT for SMEs' access to the financing of the stock exchange . Comments March 22 (Reporting period January 21-December 21):	EBRD And AfDB,
Broaden financial instruments for startups. Adoption by a Council of Ministers and transmission to the parliament of amendments to the code of commercial companies introducing the notion of "sociétés par actions simplifiées" (SAS) and alternative equity instruments other than ordinary shares that are adapted to startups.	Comments (May 2021): What was approved in Law 2019-47 (transversal) article 149, it is the creation of the "single-member limited liability company" it is different from the measures on SAS and stock options Comments March 22 (Reporting period January 21-December 21):	WB,
Broaden financial instruments for startups. Crowdfunding Law	Comments (May 2021): Law 2020/37 of 6 August 2020 . Comments March 22 (Reporting period January 21-December 21):	EU
Broaden financial instruments for startups. Approval of the crowdfunding law regulations	Comments (May 2021): These are 3 platforms - 1 Investment platform - CMF regulatory authority - 2 Credit platform - BCT regulatory authority - 3 donation platform - ACM regulatory authority The texts have been prepared within the framework of a COFIL where all stakeholders are under the aegis of the API They are at the stage of proposing a second version (COFIL meets this week around these three decrees) . Comments March 22 (Reporting period January 21-December 21): Finalization of the final version of the 3 decrees in application of Law No. 2020-37, This measure was included in the framework of the 2022 economic emergency measures.	EU, TBD
New Reform Commitments/Initiatives		
Clear part of the State's arrears vis-à-vis companies by prioritizing the construction sector. Cover by an issue of Treasury Bills, the arrears of the construction sector		

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Set up a \$50 million external credit line (World Bank) for the refinancing of SMEs. Preparation of loan documents		WB
Extend the extension of the expiry date of viable tourist units by 12 months. (i) Repeal of Decree-Law No. 22-2020 (COVID-19 economic measures). (ii) Circular of the BCT (postponement of the expiry of tourist units and relaxation of prudential rules)		
Create a financing line of 200 MTD to subscribe to investment funds dedicated to SMEs. Mobilize 120 MD from foreign donors in addition to the 80 MD to be mobilized by the CDC.		
Create a mezzanine line "Recovery" of 50MD of post-restructuring recovery of SMEs. (i) Sign a financing agreement between donors and the State/FTI. (ii) Solicit by SMEs that have benefited from restructuring financing during the last 24 months, via their FCPR/SICAR present in the capital, the FTI for mezzanine debt financing (bonds convertible into shares - OCA		
Create an incentive mechanism for SME financing. Sign a charter between stakeholders / Circular / regulatory text on mutual commitment of stakeholders		
Encourage the use of small credit as a means of financing. Extension of the period granted to small credit associations to comply with		

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Decree No. 117 promulgated on 5 Nov - 2011		
<p>Increase by 100 MD the allocation line to support the financial restructuring of SMEs.</p> <p>(i) Negotiate with funders a donation or line of credit.</p> <p>(ii) Amend Government Decree No. 2018-324 of 29 March 2018 setting out the terms and conditions of organization and operation of the support line for the restructuring of SMEs.</p>		
<p>Create a financing line for innovation-Digitalization-Green and circular economy.</p> <p>(i) Publication of a legislative text creating the line.</p> <p>(ii) Publication of a government decree laying down the modalities of organization and operation of the line</p>		
<p>Improve financial transparency and combat tax evasion and the integration of the informal economy into the formal and organized economy. Commitment to the automatic exchange of financial account information</p>	<p>Approved and will be operational in 2024.</p>	