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# Expertise France,

## a key player to support European convergence

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Expertise France's multi-sectorial experience is particularly recognised in the areas of the rule of law and administrative reform (chapter 23 and 24), two key sectors for European convergence, where the agency is able to mobilise its large network of partners and relevant public expertise, especially in the justice sector, with for ongoing EU projects in Ukraine, Moldova, Albania and Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Expertise France is also active in high-stake technical sectors in Europe. For example, the agency provides technical assistance to reform sectors that are important regarding EU membership such as the energy sector (chapter 15) and the social protection sector (chapter 19). Expertise France has also been implementing numerous European twinings.

The agency has a network of international technical experts financed by France and deployed in strategic positions within partner administrations. These experts maintain close relations with the European delegations and six of them are specifically dedicated to monitoring the European integration process in each of the countries of the Western Balkans.

It should be noted that Expertise France has a profoundly European identity. Funded 50% by the EU, the agency is accredited for delegated management. Expertise France often works in consortium with other European agencies. Moreover, as part of its presidency of the Practitioners' Network (PN), Expertise France intends to promote the role of European technical agencies in implementing the EU's international strategies, with a particular focus on the neighbourhood and the Western Balkans.

**In a nutshell, Expertise France is experienced, sometimes in the region, in a number of sectors that are priorities for the European Commission, and in which development prospects have been identified. Rapidly expanding since its creation, Expertise France is a trusted operator for an ever-increasing number of donors, particularly in Europe.**

## Expertise France's work with DG Reform

Expertise France is implementing 8 DG Reform projects to accompany reforms within the European Union, through the Technical Support Instrument.

Most of those projects support administrative reforms in Greece in sectors such as HR reform, digitalization of public services, public health reform, in the continuity of a long standing partnership that was recently celebrated during the event marking the 10 years of European support to Greek administrative reforms.

Expertise France also implements multi countries projects to develop gender and green budgeting.

More than 15 projects have been implemented by the past. The partnership with DG reform is growing stronger as Expertise France is the only technical cooperation agency of an EU Member State to work with this Directorate General.

**Expertise France also developed a partnership with DG JUST, in particular with its international team, regarding the exchange of best practices.**

## Expertise France's experience in the justice and Rule of Law sector in neighbouring countries and western balkans

Expertise France inherited the long experience developed in the Eastern neighbourhood & Western Balkans by Justice cooperation internationale, former implementing agency for the French Ministry of Justice, that was integrated in 2021. Strongly connected to the ministry of Justice and other French justice actors, Expertise France is able to mobilize high-level expertise in various subjects, such as independence of justice or fight against corruption. Expertise France is currently implementing four EU-funded projects in States applying for EU membership. It is also to be noted that Expertise France has developed a strong partnership with DG Just for projects within the EU or the neighbourhood & Western Balkans.



## Expertise France ongoing projects

<b>Ukraine</b>	Pravo II	EU – 10M€ 2020-2023	Support the independence of justice and its ability to fight corruption. In the context of the war, the project has been reorientated to also support documentation of potential war crimes.
<b>Moldavie</b>	ETAAJS	EU – 1M€ (Expertise France: 288K€) 2021-2023	Enhance transparency, accountability of and access to the justice system. Expertise France is in charge of a component aiming at the support to the lawyers profession and the Bars. Expertise France is a junior partner, CPMA is leading.
<b>Albanie</b>	EU4Justice	EU – 3,4M€ (Expertise France: 420K€) 2023-2025	Improve the capacity of Independent Justice Institutions in Albania. Expertise France is a junior partner, AICS is leading.
<b>Bosnie-Herzégovine</b>	EU4Justice	EU – 4,5M€(Expertise France: 2,9M€) 2022-2025	Supporting an independent justice sector to fight corruption and organized crimes, according to EU standards. Expertise France is lead partner, IRZ and FIIAPP are junior partners

Past EU projects were implemented in Armenia and Kirghizistan.

Expertise France is a public agency and the interministerial actor in international technical cooperation, subsidiary of the Agence française de développement Group (AFD Group). As the second largest agency in Europe, it designs and implements projects that sustainably strengthen public policies in developing and emerging countries. Governance, security, climate, health, education... It operates in key areas of development and contributes alongside its partners to the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). For a world in common.

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