THE RESULTS OF CIVIC MONITORING

How effective are EU Funds from the point of view of the final beneficiaries

- SEPTEMBER 2019 -

WHAT IS MONITHON

Monithon is an independently developed initiative to promote the civic monitoring of public funding. Currently, our main source of data is the open government portal OpenCoesione.gov.it, that we use as the starting point of our investigations.

WHAT WE DO

Since 2013, Monithon has been developing tools and methods for enabling the "civic monitoring" of public funding. Our "civic monitoring reports" include information on how the projects are developed, how they are progressing, and what is their impact from the point of view of the final beneficiaries, such as citizens and enterprises. We engage students, NGOs and individual citizens.

99%

Civic monithon reports are based on the data retrieved from the governmental portal www.OpenCoesione.gov.it

OPEN COESIONE

Open Government Data are the starting point of our investigations: HOW PUBLIC MONEY IS SPENT?

Redazione Monithon.it, 2019
WHO ARE THE MONITHONERS?

91%

of the 588 reports on Monithon.it was created by thousands of high school students involved in the project

with the EU Direct Network in Italy and the local communities "Friends of A Scuola di OpenCoesione"

3%

was created by individual citizens, higher education students or the Monithon staff

6%

was created by NGOs and local communities thanks to the support of Monithon's staff
WHAT DO THEY MONITOR?

7,35 billions
of public funding monitored
from 2013 to 2019

EUROPEAN FUNDS
(ERDF, ESF) 72%

ITALIAN FUNDS
(FSC, PAC) 28%

MAIN TOPICS INVESTIGATED

TRANSPORTATION
5.4 billion €
62 projects

CULTURE AND TOURISM
656 million €
161 projects

ENVIRONMENT
445 million €
94 projects

RESEARCH & INNOVATION
388 million €
36 projects

URBAN POLICIES
178 million €
62 projects

SOCIAL INCLUSION
169 million €
49 projects
WHO IS BEING MONITORED

Reports by type of actor responsible for projects' implementation

WHERE ARE THE MONITORED PROJECTS?

Public funding monitored

€

- < 1.3M
- 1.3M - 4.9M
- 4.9M - 12.2M
- 12.2M - 49.9M
- > 49.9M
SOURCES FOR THE INVESTIGATIONS

- **98%** Desk analysis
- **86%** Visit to the project
- **75%** Interview with people responsible
- **56%** Interview with final beneficiaries
- **34%** Interview with political leaders

% Reports

OVERALL RESULTS

- **41%** Completed and useful
- **22%** Ongoing with no major hiccups
- **15%** Ongoing with some problems
- **11%** Completed but ineffective
- **7%** Blocked
- **4%** Just started

% Reports
RESULTS FOR THE MOST MONITORED THEMES

TRANSPORTATION

CULTURE AND TOURISM

ENVIRONMENT

URBAN POLICIES

RESEARCH & INNOVATION

SOCIAL INCLUSION

% Reports

- Completed but not effective
- Blocked
- Ongoing with some problems
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- Completed and useful
- Just started
RESULTS FOR THE 5 MOST MONITORED PROVINCES

BARI
Cosenza
Caserta
Palermo
Napoli

RESULTS FOR THE 5 MOST MONITORED REGIONS

Campania
Sicilia
Puglia
Calabria
MAIN PROBLEMS FOUND

- **11.6%** Delays and other problems in the implementation phase
- **9.2%** Project completed as expected but not effective

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IDEAS AND SUGGESTIONS

- **12%** Further develop the project
- **7%** Improve governance and collaboration
- **15%** Improve the project’s communication
- **34%** Specific suggestions for the examined project

% Reports