RESULTS and IMPACT of CIVIC MONITORING

Who, what, where and how is been monitored

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WHAT IS MONITHON

Monithon is an independently developed initiative aiming at promoting the civic monitoring of public funding. Currently, our main source of data are the Italian "OpenCoesione" and the European "CohesionData" open data portals, which we use as the starting point of our investigations. Our main target are EU-funded projects in Italy and elsewhere in Europe.

COSA FA MONITHON

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 on individual projects retrieved from the portal www.OpenCoesione.gov.it

Open Government Data are the starting point of our investigations. HOW PUBLIC MONEY IS SPENT?
### Civic monitoring reports

709 reports were approved and published by the Monithon staff. Financial value of monitored projects is growing.

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### Who are the monithoners?

652 Reports were created by thousands of high school students involved in the project "At the School of OpenCohesion", now active in several EU Member States.

27 Reports were created by individual citizens, higher education students or the Monithon staff.

30 Reports were developed by NGOs and local communities thanks to the support of Monithon’s staff.
What is being monitored?

9.41 billions
of public funding monitored from 2013 to 2019

**EUROPEAN FUNDS (ERDF, ESF)**
65%

**NATIONAL FUNDS (FSC, PAC)**
35%

% Funded Projects

Main policy topics investigated

**TRANSPORTATION**
6.6 billion €
75 projects

**CULTURE AND TOURISM**
835 million €
192 projects

**ENVIRONMENT**
759 million €
122 projects

**RESEARCH & INNOVATION**
398 million €
53 projects

**URBAN & RURAL POLICY**
217 million €
74 projects

**SOCIAL INCLUSION**
213 million €
66 projects
Who is being monitored?

- Municipalities: 52%
- Local Agencies and Public Companies: 16%
- Private Companies: 4%
- Ministries: 6%
- Regional Gov'ts: 9%
- Provinces: 5%
- Other: 4%

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 investigation

- 62% Interview with people responsible of the project
- 82% Visit to the project
- 54% Interview with final beneficiaries
- 17% Interview with agencies responsible for programming
- 56% Interview with actors responsible for implementation
- 6% Interview with Managing Authorities
- 35% Interview with political leaders

Overall judgement for monitored projects

- 40% COMPLETED AND USEFUL
- 22% ONGOING WITH NO MAJOR HICCUPS
- 10% COMPLETED BUT INEFFECTIVE
- 8% BLOCKED
- 4% JUST STARTED
- 15% ONGOING WITH SOME PROBLEMS

% Reports
**Problems found**

- **Realizzazione**: Administrative problems during start-up
  - 11.3%
- **Risultato**: Result not as expected
  - 2.8%
- **Impatto**: Ineffective with no complementary interventions
  - 3.2%

**How results have been disseminated**

- **Twitter**: 79%
- **Instagram**: 90%
- **Facebook**: 85%
- **Team's blog**: 45%
- **Giving interviews**: 30%
- **Organizing events**: 52%
- **Open Data Week**: 47%
- **Off-line methods**: 13%
- **Formal auditions**: 21%
Media covering the results of the monitoring

The media covered the results of civic monitoring: 63%

- Local TVs: 27%
- National TVs: 4%
- Local newspapers: 49%
- National newspapers: 6%

Interactions with Policy Makers

A connection was established with Policy Makers to discuss the results: 76%

- We have tried to establish a connection but no answer received: 7%
- Some public agencies have answered, others have not: 18%
- We were given only generic or formal replies: 18%

- Verifiable and specific promises have been made: 32%
- Our suggestions were implemented - the project has improved: 8%
- We reported on problems that have been solved based on our work: 3%

% Reports
The creation of new connections among different actors

35218 TWEETS with hashtag #ASOC from 2015 to 2020

1053 TWITTER ACCOUNTS
- Civic monitoring Team
- OpenCohesion Team
- Europe Direct Centres
- NGOs
- Policy Makers
- Media
- Other actors

5075 TWITTER RELATIONS

Relations are information exchanges, joint participation in events or in-class activities. Here are considered also simple Twitter relations such as RTs and mentions, using the hashtags #ASOC1516 #ASOC1618 #ASOC1718 #ASOC1819 #ASOC1920

- 82 connections from Civic monitoring Team to OpenCohesion Team
- 650 connections from OpenCohesion Team to Media
- 268 connections from OpenCohesion Team to NGOs
- 445 connections from OpenCohesion Team to Other Actors
- 132 connections from Media to Other Actors
- 384 connections from NGOs to Other Actors

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