monitoring marathon

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.

OPEN COESIONE

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?
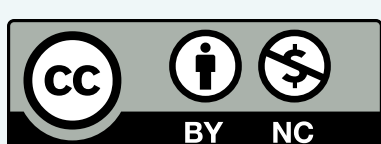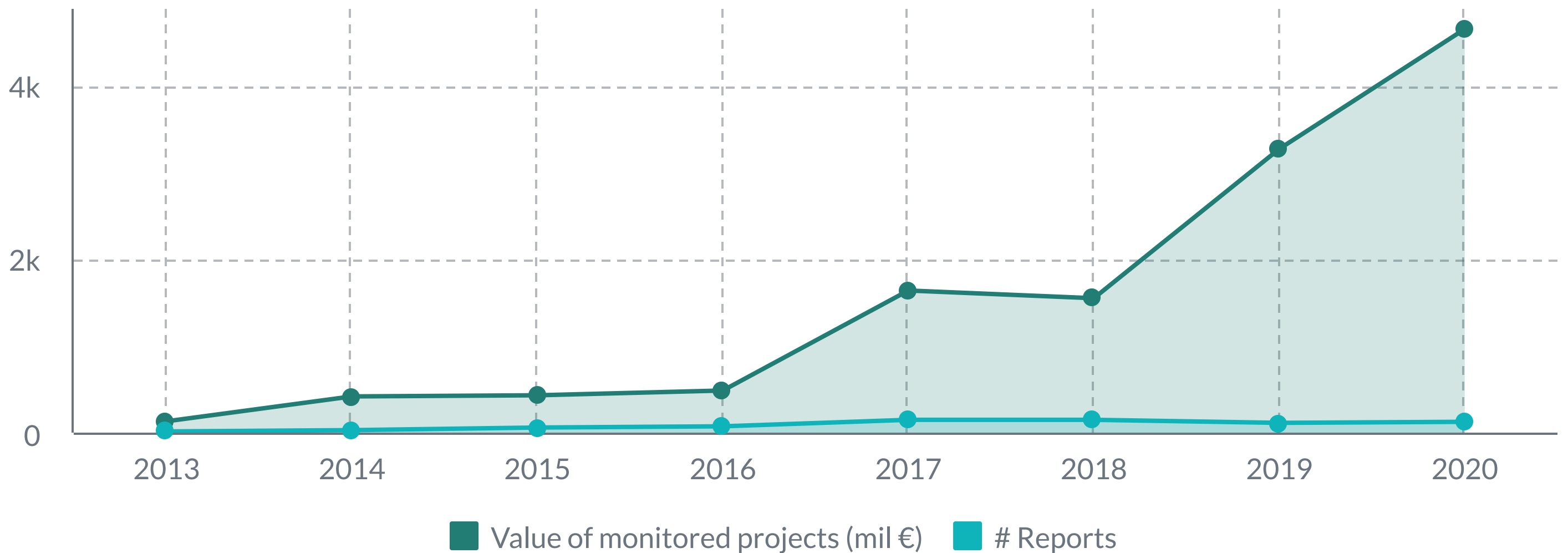
Civic monitoring reports

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

Legend:
- Value of monitored projects (mil €)
- # Reports

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

A Scuola di OPENCOESIONE
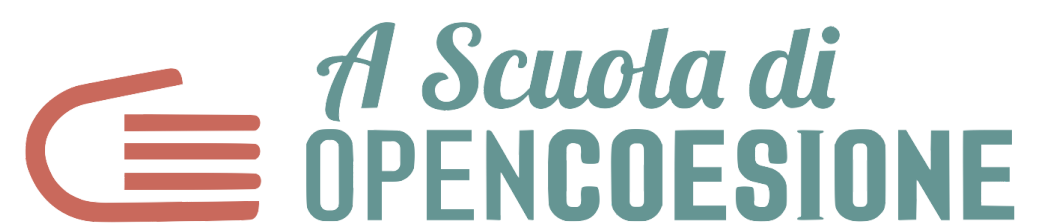
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Reports were created by individual citizens, higher education students or the Monithon staff

UNIVERSITÀ DEGLI STUDI DI TORINO

europe direct Torino

UdA Università degli studi "G. d'Annunzio"

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Reports were developed by NGOs and local communities thanks to the support of Monithon's staff

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LiBERA ASSOCIAZIONI, NOMI E NUMERI CONTRO LE MAFIE
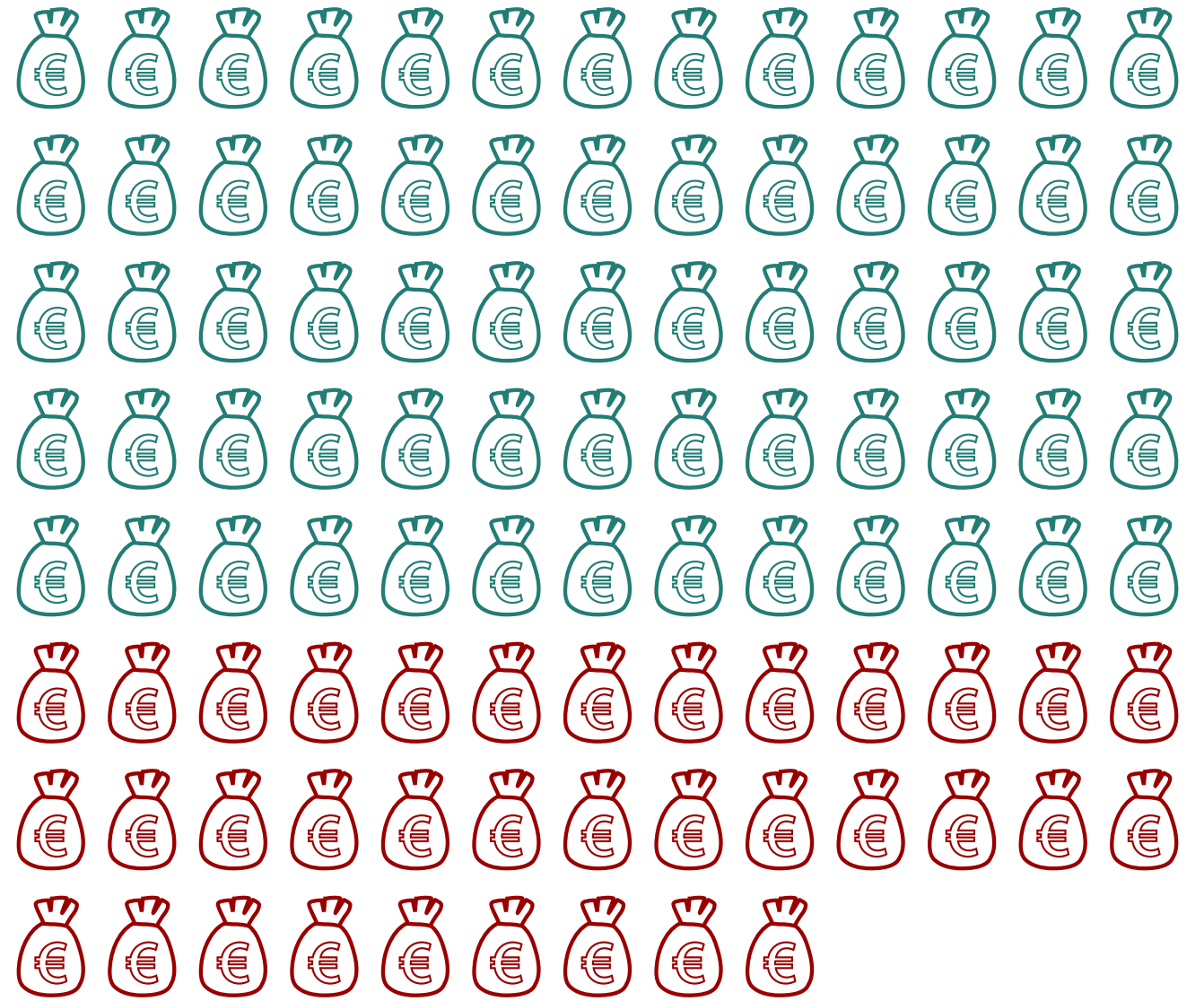
EUROPELab Un'iniziativa di Cantieri d'Europa

What is being monitored?

9.41 billions

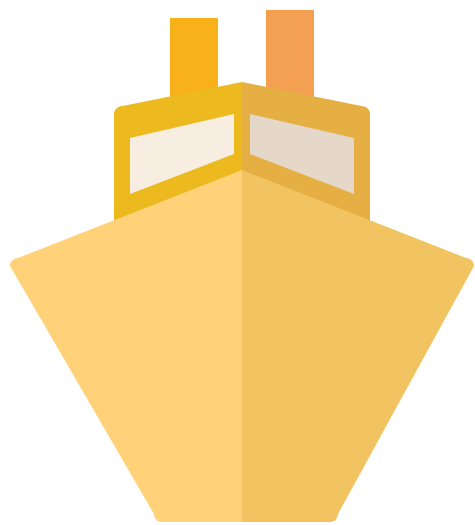of public funding monitored
from 2013 to 2019

EUROPEAN FUNDS (ERDF, ESF) 65%

NATIONAL FUNDS (FSC, PAC) 35%

% Funded Projects

Main policy topics investigated

TRANSPORTATION
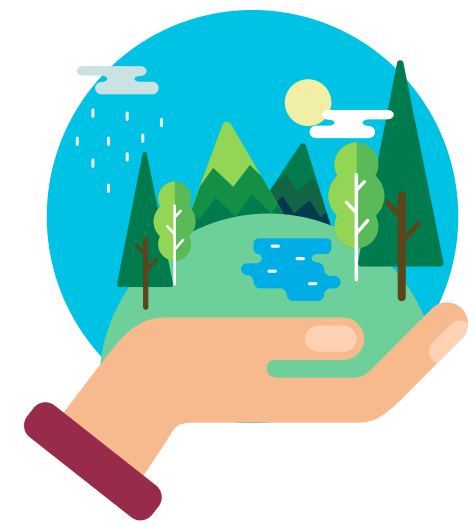**6.6 billion €**
75 projects

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?

Reports by type of actor responsible for projects' implementation

MINISTRIES 6%
REGIONAL GOV'S 9%
PROVINCES 5%

MUNICIPALITIES 52%

LOCAL AGENCIES AND PUBLIC COMPANIES 16%

PRIVATE COMPANIES 4%

Other: 4%
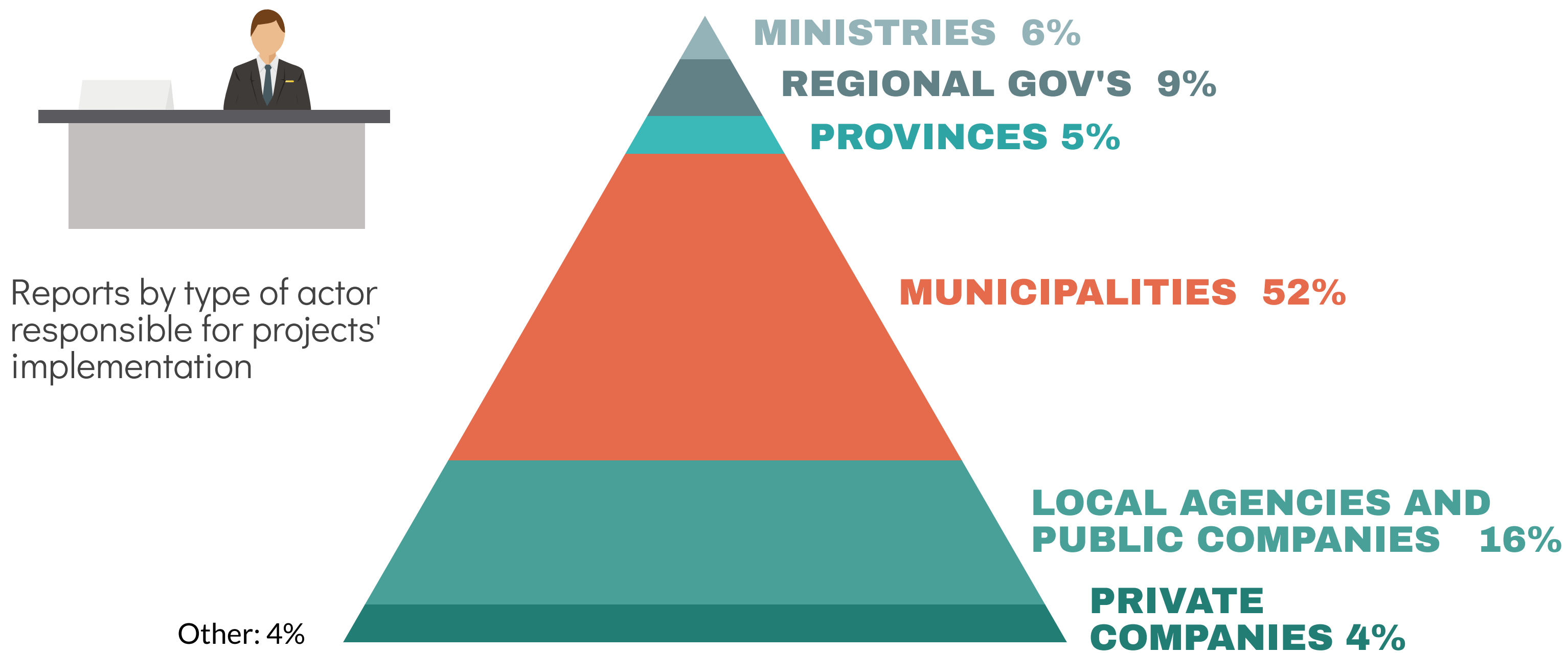
Where are the monitored projects?

Public funding monitored €

< 1.3M
1.3M - 4.9M
4.9M - 12.2M
12.2M - 49.9M
> 49.9M
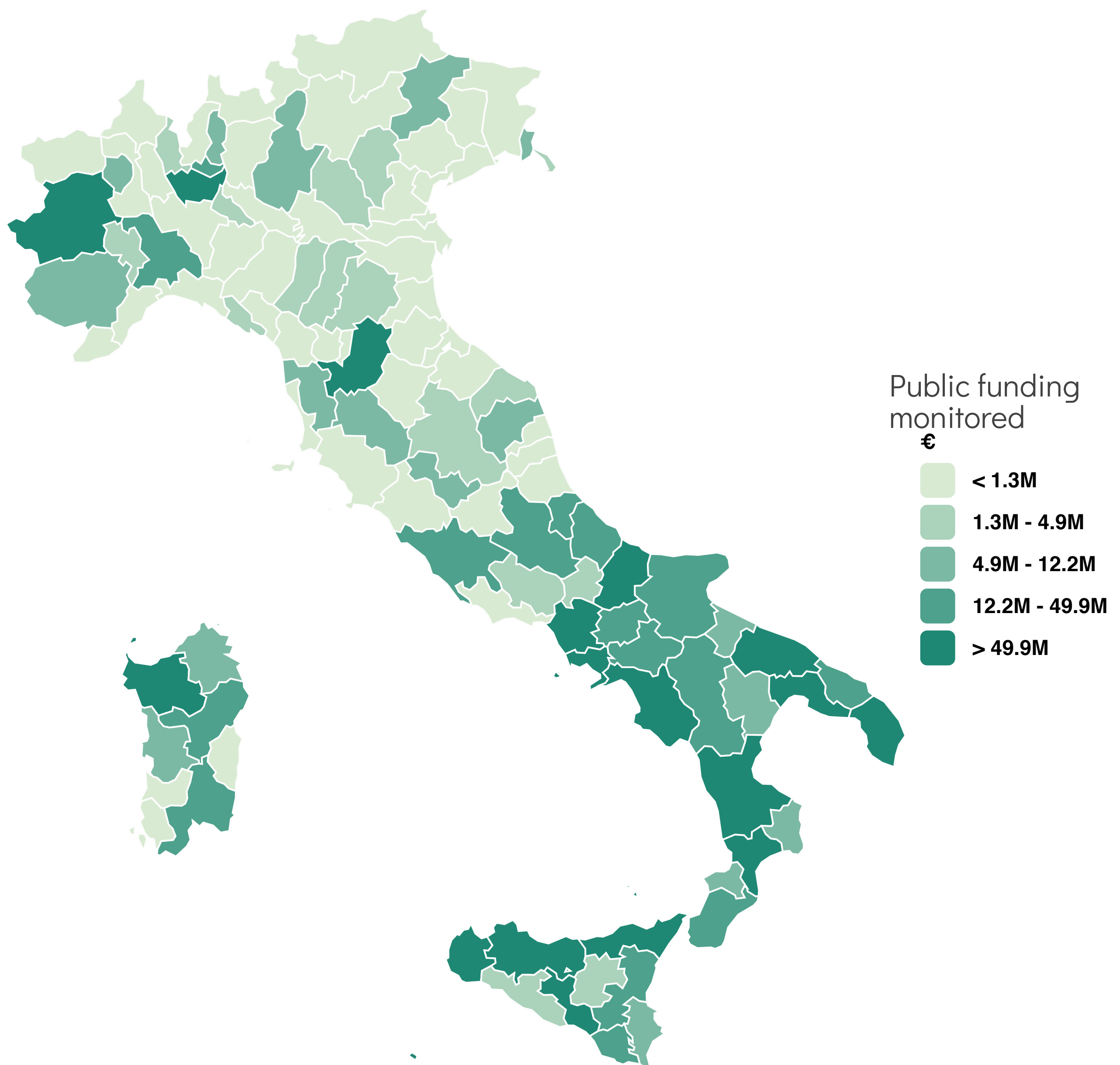
Sources for investigation

62% Interview with people responsible of the project

82% Visit to the project

35% Interview with political leaders

17% Interview with agencies responsible for programming

54% Interview with final beneficiaries

56% Interview with actors responsible for implementation

6% Interview with Managing Authorities

% Reports
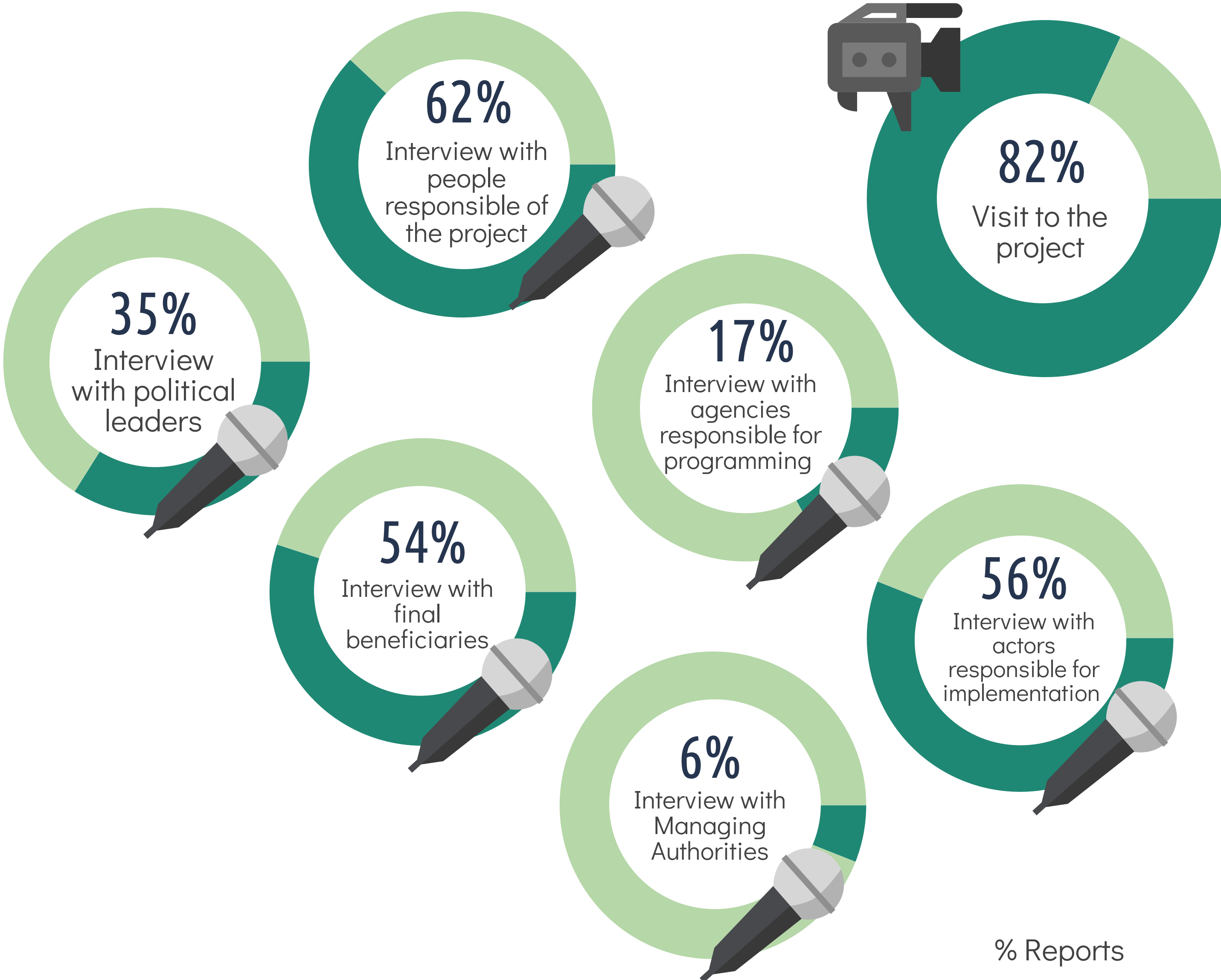
Overall judgement for monitored projects

15% ONGOING WITH SOME PROBLEMS

8% BLOCKED

22% ONGOING WITH NO MAJOR HICCUPS

10% COMPLETED BUT INEFFECTIVE

4% JUST STARTED

40% COMPLETED AND USEFUL

% Reports

Problems found

11.3%

Delays and other problems in the implementation phase

7.6%

Project completed as expected but not effective

Realizzazione   Risultato   Impatto

Administrative problems during start-up

Result not as expected

2.8%

Ineffective with no complementary interventions

3.2%

11.3%

% Reports

How results have been disseminated

79%
Twitter

90%
Instagram

85%
Facebook

45%
Team's blog

30%
Giving interviews

52%
Organizing events

47%
Open Data Week

13%
Off-line methods

21%
Formal auditions

% Reports
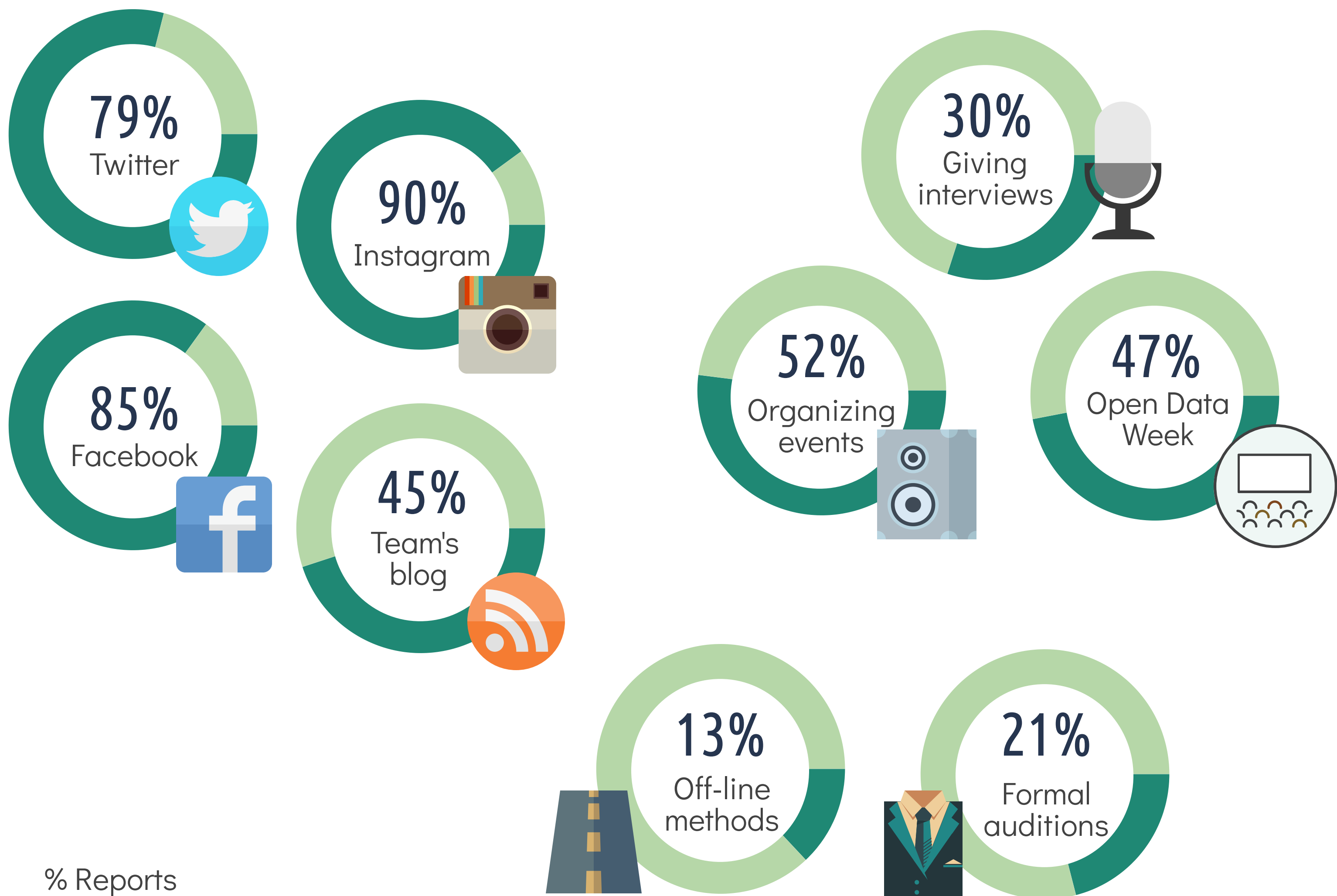
Media covering the results of the monitoring

The media covered the results of civic monitoring

63%

Local TVs

27%

National TVs

4%

Local newspapers

49%

National newspapers

6%

% Reports
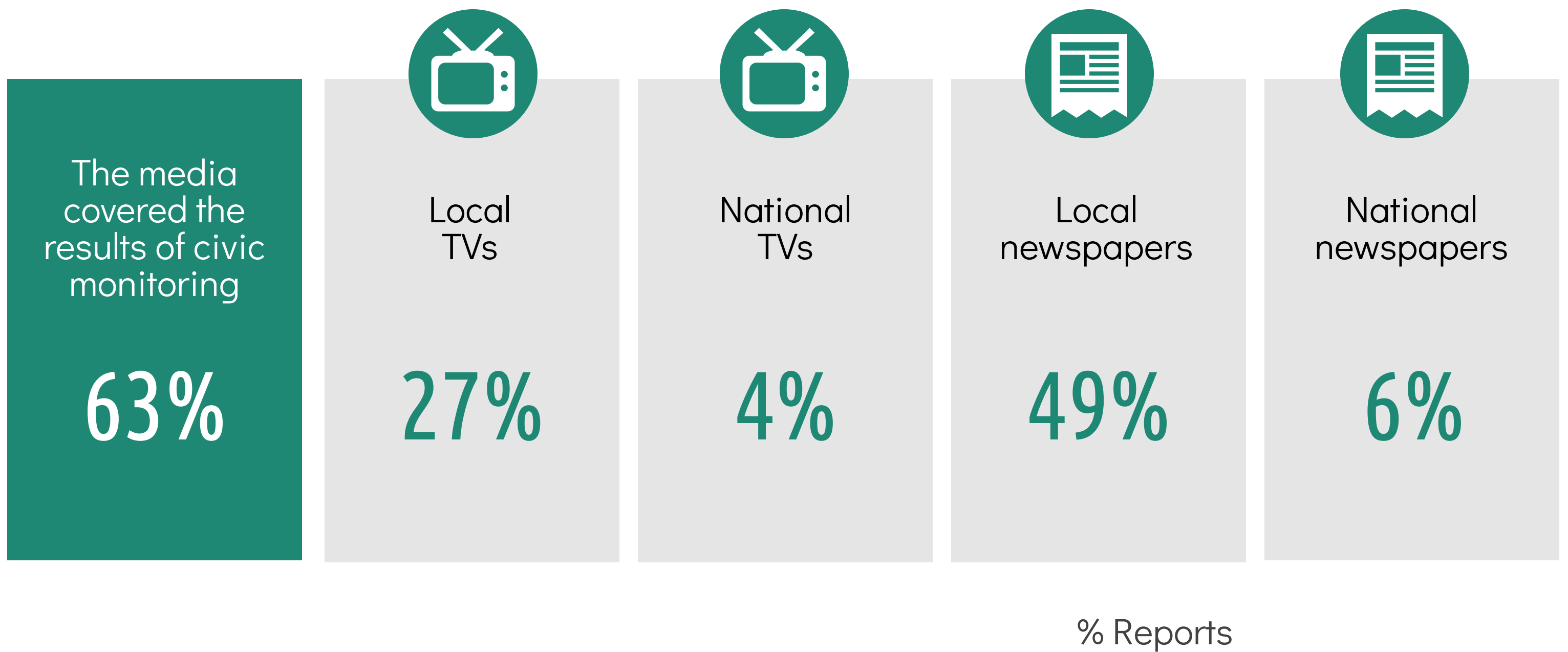
Interactions with Policy Makers

A connection was estabilished with Policy Makers to discuss the results

76%

We have tried to estabilish 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
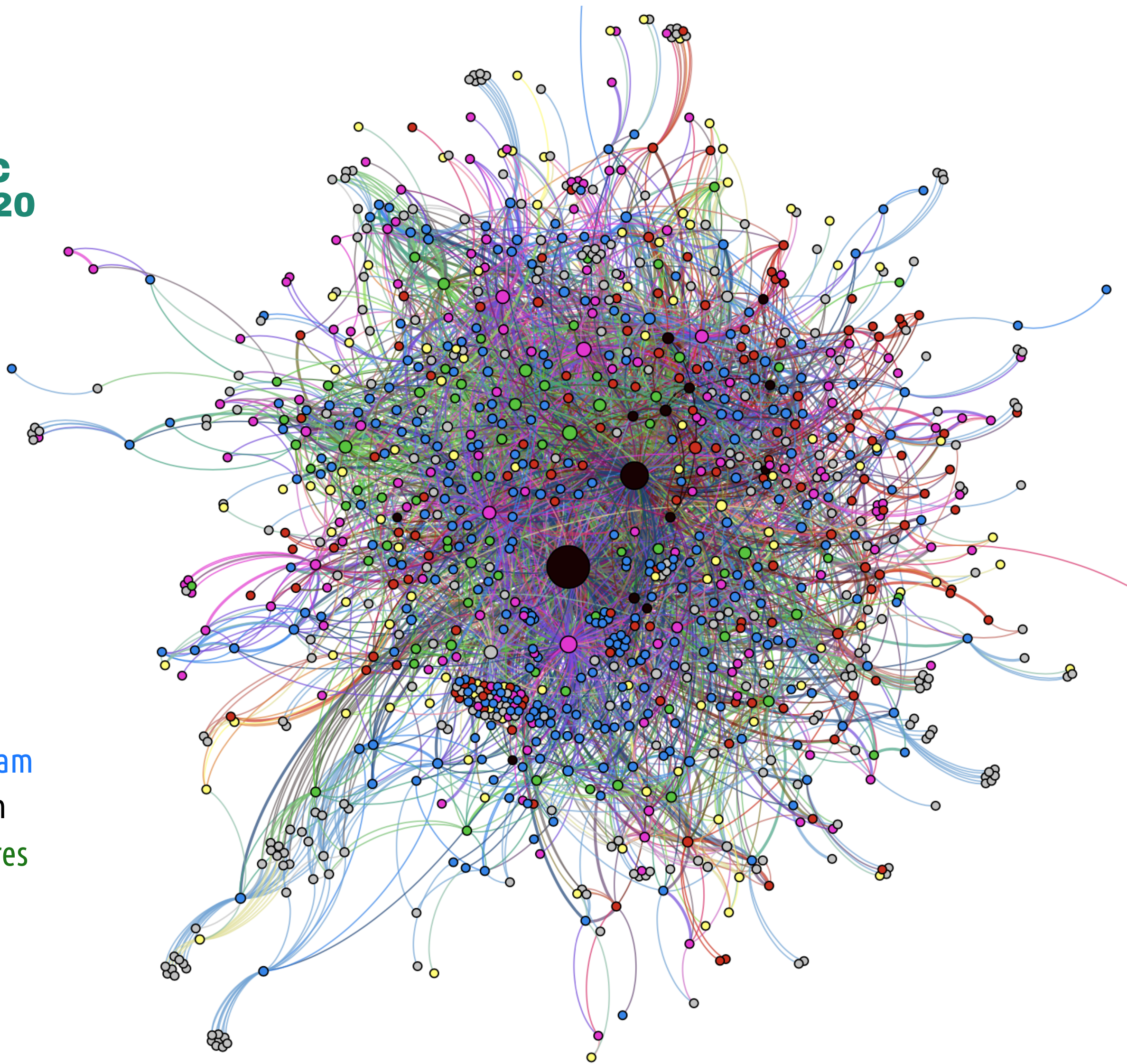
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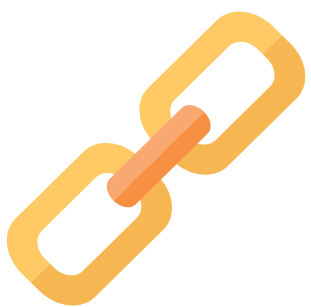**TWEETS with hashtag #ASOC from 2015 to 2020**

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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

OPENCOHESION TEAM

EUROPE DIRECT CENTRES

MEDIA

650

82

132

MONITORING TEAMS

OTHER ACTORS

384

268

445

NGOs

POLICY MAKERS