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Data Card - #PONGOV, a series of innovation and cohesion paths

The NOP ERDF ESF GOVERNANCE AND INSTITUTIONAL CAPACITY 2014 – 2020, hereinafter #pongov has financed and enabled in Italy a **series of innovation and cohesion paths** that involved around 100 administrations, with the aim of accompanying the growth of a more efficient, effective PA that is close to territories, citizens and enterprises.

The **#pongov** managed a budget of almost 2 and a half billion euros, of EU and national resources. By joining the REACT EU initiative, the Programme's initial allocation of 805 million euros was integrated between 2021 and 2022 with 1.485 million euros. The resources of the Operational Complementary Programme to the #pongov - the POC Gov, which supports the implementation of the Programme pursuing the same objectives but exclusively with the support of national resources, amounting to 739 million euros.

There are a total of 190 projects that refer to the Programme and to POC Gov monitored on the OpenCoesione portal as of 31st December 2023, with registered payments amounting to 2.2 billion euros and, although the monitoring data are gradually being updated also taking into account the closure rules typical of the 2014-2020 Structural Funds, approximately 60% of the overall Programme budget is associated with completed or settled projects. #pongov has contributed to strengthening institutional administrative and capacity in including digitalisation, numerous areas transparency and simplification, skills development, institutional cooperation, efficiency of the law system, availability of statistical information and data to support local intervention strategies as well as capacity building for the implementation of sectoral policies relating to the environment, energy, healthcare and competitiveness of the production system.

On the occasion of the **#pongovexpo** on 19 March 2024, the <u>event</u> that represents the final stage of the programme's activities and an opportunity for presentation and discussion on the interventions carried out, OpenCoesione publishes a Data Card that describes the Programme projects most directly linked to the strengthening of the PA in the generation of data and in the promotion of transparency and open government.

The **#pongovexpo** is the space in which the administrations involved, including the Department for Cohesion Policies and for the South itself, today the Managing Authority of the Programme and the POC Gov and direct beneficiary of some projects including the OpenCoesione 2.0 project, have the opportunity to present to the public the main results achieved and the innovative solutions developed, thus offering elements for evaluating the impact of the investments made.











€ 10.034.376,33



Ongoing



NOP ERDF ESF G€VERNANCE & INSTITUTIONAL **CAPACITY 2014-2020**

Beneficiary

NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR STATISTICS ISTAT

TERRITORIAL AND SECTORAL STATISTICAL **INFORMATION FOR COHESION POLICIES**

The availability of territorial statistical data is essential for defining, implementing and evaluating regional policies. In order to enable the measuring of the policies the quality data are needed. Furthermore, coordination, high surveillance, monitoring and evaluation activities require the availability of contextual and sectoral statistical information with regional and sub-regional territorial detail. Statistical information has a central role in allowing administrations to make informed decisions, thanks to the knowledge of the socio-economic evolution of the territories and of key variables capable of highlighting progress and critical issues in the policy areas in which it operates, monitoring the path of approaching the expected results and setting up evaluation paths on the effects of one's action.

The project - which held its final event in December 2023 - supported the production of the constant updating of a database of territorial indicators for development policies, which are the basis of the Themes and Territories pages of OpenCoesione. The database offers quantifications and simulation models to support the Italian institutions involved in the EU negotiations on post-2020 cohesion policy and delves into topics on which official territorial statistics have information gaps. The intervention also aimed to improve the availability of methods and indicators relating to policy areas, such as Smart Specialization Strategies, resilient cities or the green economy. It also contributes to the improvement of the regionalization criteria of public finance, perfecting methodologies, availability and timeliness and to improving the connection with the Territorial Public Accounts.











Funding monitored

€ 2.432.080,00



State of progress

Ongoing



Financial source

NOP ERDF ESF GOVERNANCE & INSTITUTIONAL CAPACITY 2014-2020



Beneficiary

The Italian Institute for Environmental Protection and Research - ISPRA

ENVIRONMENTAL STATISTICS FOR COHESION POLICIES

The 2014–2020 Partnership Agreement introduced numerous new result indicators on various areas of environmental policy, committing itself to ensuring their updating and systematic availability at regional level. This detailed statistical information is an essential requirement for improving the effectiveness and quality of public action, monitoring its evolution over time and evaluating its effects. To respond to these objectives, the project aimed to strengthen knowledge of the territories by entrusting ISPRA with a project which made it possible to expand the set of territorial indicators currently released by public statistics on environmental matters, to temporally align the availability of data and indicators to information needs of programmers and implementers of national and local public policies and to improve the territorial coverage of environmental indicators.

Data, metadata and indicators – referring to air pollution, air and water quality, coastal protection, land consumption and territorial fragmentation, management of contaminated sites, biodiversity, quality of urban waste management services and impacts of production sectors on the environment – are published through ISPRA communication channels.

The project – which closed with its final event in December 2023 – communicates with the <u>territorial indicators database for development</u> <u>policies managed by ISTAT</u>, which is entrusted with the activities of the #pongov project "Territorial and sectoral statistical information for development policies of cohesion 2014–2020".

FOIA COMPETENCE CENTER



Data



€ 2.697.816,67 & € 1.661.683,33



Ongoing

Financial source

NOP ERDF ESF GOVERNANCE & INSTITUTIONAL CAPACITY 2014–2020

Beneficiary

PRESIDENCY OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS - PUBLIC SERVICE DEPARTMENT

The project saw the creation of the "FOIA Competence Center", to strengthen the administrative capacity of the administrations involved in implementing the form of civic access to public data and documents introduced by Legislative Decree 97/2016 on the model of the Anglo-Saxon system defined as Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). The intervention also made possible the creation of the foia.gov.it web platform, to promote the culture of the right to information among citizens.

The FOIA Competence Center is able to provide strategic directions, methodologies and technological tools for:

- spread awareness among administrations of having to respond to disclosure obligations deriving from generalized access
- strengthen the skills necessary to ensure, effectively and efficiently in compliance with regulatory limits, easy and timely access to intact, updated, complete, comprehensible and compliant data with the original documents
- promote within public administrations the affirmation of a culture oriented towards proactive "disclosure" and the continuous strengthening of the capacity for transparency and accountability.

Specifically, tools and methods have been defined to guide public administrations in choices related to the implementation of the FOIA (operational guidelines, method and content documents and a toolkit to support the self-assessment activity) and promoted the transfer of the Base of FOIA Knowledge (regulations, good practices, methods and tools) among administrations.







MEASUREMENT OF CORRUPTION RISK AT TERRITORIAL LEVEL AND PROMOTION OF TRANSPARENCY

One of the main problems when talking about corruption is the difficulty of predicting where it may appear. Although it is by its nature an elusive and largely hidden phenomenon, corruption is not, however, exempt from a high statistical incidence in certain contexts and from recurring cases which, when systemised, can help both prevention and combat. With this project, whose action strategy is based on the central role of the National Anti-Corruption Authority - ANAC, the beneficiary administration of the project, Italy has chosen to:

- develop a reference methodology for measuring the risk of corruption, currently non-existent, to be shared at a European level;
- provide an analytical quantification of corruption risk and anti-corruption indicators distinguished by sectors and categories of administrations;
- refine and regularly update synthetic indicators on a territorial basis;
- offer the public system adequate indicators to measure corruption phenomena at a territorial level, support the prevention and fight against illegality and promote transparency in the action of the PA.

In particular, through the publication of context indicators, the analysis of corruption risk in the territories was supported, investigating thematic dimensions linked to education, the presence of crime, the social tissue, the local economy and socio-economic conditions. citizens' economies. The contextual analysis took into consideration eighteen indicators on a provincial basis, which were collected into four thematic domains.

Data



€ 4.426.388,92



State of progress

Ongoing



Financial source

NOP ERDF ESF GOVERNANCE & INSTITUTIONAL CAPACITY 2014–2020



Beneficiary

NATIONAL AUTHORITY ANTICORUPTION - ANAC

OPEN GOVERNMENT





Funding monitored

€ 6.605.000,00



State of progress

Ongoing



Financial source

NOP ERDF ESF GOVERNANCE & INSTITUTIONAL CAPACITY 2014-2020



Beneficiary

PRESIDENCY OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS - PUBLIC SERVICE DEPARTMENT

This project supported the "opening" paths of Italian public administrations, helping to increase awareness of the importance of these processes for the improvement of public policies and the recovery of a relationship of trust with citizens and businesses. In fact, open government is not only the result of new technology, digital literacy, increasingly advanced, simple to use, reliable and secure information access and management systems, but above all of targeted cultural actions that equip administrations with skills necessary to manage the processes of openness, transparency and release of data, increasing the use of consultation practices and stakeholder involvement, with the aim of increasing the level of accountability and civic participation.

As part of the project, the process of defining a first national open government strategy was started, linked to the 5th national action plan for open government and regional/local plans and within which to develop and coordinate four lines of intervention, which are:

- Line A1 Promote open government policy in the PA
- Line A2 Support the culture of open administration
- Line A3 Pilot paths to accompany and test public consultation actions
- Line A4 Regulation of the methods of meeting of stakeholders with the top management of the administrations

These lines of action are considered crucial for the development of unitary policies for open government, of strategic importance for the entire process of opening up administrations.







Funding monitored

€ 8.620.000,00



State of progress

Ongoing



Financial source

NOP ERDF ESF GOVERNANCE & INSTITUTIONAL CAPACITY 2014-2020



Beneficiary

AGENCY FOR TERRITORIAL COHESION (now Department for the cohesion policies and south)

TERRITORIAL PUBLIC ACCOUNTS (CPT) AND THE DEVELOPMENT AND DIFFUSION OF METHODS AND TOOLS FOR EFFECTIVE MONITORING OF INVESTMENTS PUBLIC BODIES

The Territorial Public Accounts (CPT) system, composed of a central technical unit and a network of 21 units active in all the Regions and Autonomous Provinces, deals with measuring and analyzing public revenues and expenditures at regional level: the data come from financial statements of public entities and investee companies that fall within the scope of observation of the CPT, i.e. the Broader Public Sector (SPA).

The account, which has been produced with an annual reference since 2000, represents the actual amount, collected and spent, in each regional territory considered. The project contributed to increasing the quality of basic statistical information functional to a correct definition and evaluation of development policies, as well as to the development of statistical analysis models that allow us to improve knowledge regarding the impacts of policies of development with reference to the trend of financial flows in the reference territory. The data can be downloaded in the opendata section of OpenCoesione.

Through a dedicated database, the system allows you to reconstruct the consolidated accounts of expenditure and revenue, current and capital, of the broader public sector: all data can be consulted in an open format, also through interactive methods, and according to all dimensions available (year, territorial unit, level of consolidation, type of subjects, economic categories and sectors) offering a useful knowledge tool also to encourage citizen participation in the choices made by the PA.



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