Performance framework

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Towards the Performance review : OP modifications

More than 150 programme amendments requests received since June 2018

Justifications presented :
- *Changes in allocations within and across priorities*
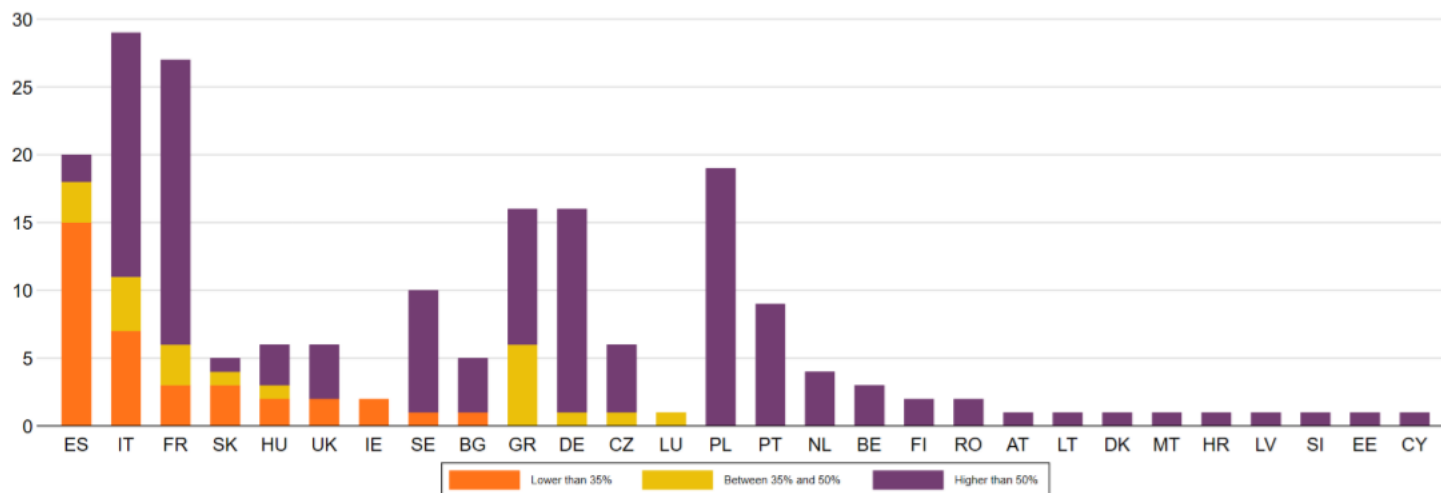- *Wrong assumptions*

Major difficulties:
- *Insufficient or unspecific information*
- *Lack of methodology*
- *Lack of / or dubious causal link => incorrect quantification of proposed values (overestimation)*

2.2 Rate of project selection and expenditure* as share of milestone set in the Performance Frameworks (low and high performers, no. of OP and PA) - ERDF and CF

Number of Performance Frameworks

EU	Higher than 50%	Between 35% and 50%	Lower than 35%
EXPENDITURE	766	131	572

EU	Higher than 100%	Between 85% and 100%	Lower than 85%
ELIGIBLE COST of selected projects	1276	24	169

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2.2 Rate of expenditure* as share of milestone set in the Performance Frameworks (low and high performers, no. of OP by Member State) - ERDF and CF

* Calculation based on total (EU plus national) expenditure declared.

The 2019 performance review

- *Major exercise for both Commission and Member States*

  - *519 OPs and 2625 priorities for all ESIF Funds*

    - *ERDF/CF/ESF (YEI): 377 OPs - 1,935 priorites*
    - *EAFRD: 115 OPs - 541 priorities*
    - *EMFF: 27 OPs – 149 priorities*

  - *Almost 26 billion EURO*

- *Essential to put in place all measures necessary for a smooth running of the exercise*

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➢ *Art. 21 and 22 of the CPR and art. 6 of Reg. 215/2014*

➢ *2 indicators: all indicators at least 85% of milestone value*

➢ *3 or more indicators: all indicators except 1 achieve 85%, 1 indicator at least 75%*

➢ *Achievements assessed by fund and category of region*

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The performance review

➢ *Performance review carried out on the basis of 2018 AIRs*

➢ *Compliance with fund specific deadlines for submission of AIRs essential*

➢ *Milestones will be assessed on the basis of SFC AIR values for admissible OPs*

➢ *Data included in AIRs and encoded in SFC by MS to be checked and verified to minimise risk of errors*

➢ *Increased controls of monitoring systems at OP level necessary*

➢ *Monitoring Committees to exercise a stronger role on control of PF data*

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Importance of data reliability

➢ *Decision on allocation of the performance reserve will be taken in summer 2019 based on the performance data reported in the next Annual Implementation Reports => crucial that systems are in place to ensure that the performance data reported in next AIR is reliable.*

➢ *Correct picture of the state of play of implementation of the OPs (reporting to EP/public…)*

➢ *Deficiencies in the quality and reliability of the monitoring system or of the data relating to indicators trigger the suspension of payments (Article 142(1)d) CPR).*

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REGIO audits of data reliability

- *(revised) REGIO audit plan for 2017-2018: 26 audit missions under the "Performance Data Reliability Audit" enquiry.*

- *State of play: 24 audits in 13 Member States carried out (BE, BG (2), CZ, DE (3), EL, ES, FR (2), HU (2), IT (3), PL (3), RO (2), SK (2), UK)*

- *Significant deficiencies detected in one third of the systems audited (8/24)! [provisional results]*

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Main issues found in REGIO audits

➢ *Management verifications (of performance data of individual projects, or checks of aggregated data) absent or requiring improvements*

➢ *Lack of audit trail and significant levels of incorrect data in the programmes' IT systems & reported to the Commission in the AIR*

➢ *Wrong understanding of common indicator definitions; inadequate instructions given to beneficiaries how to collect & report the data*

➢ *Absence of eCohesion and/or IT systems not allowing for automatic checks and aggregation => manual interventions leading to errors*

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RE-ALLOCATION OF THE RESERVE :
Legal framework

➢ *Three months from decision for MS to propose re-allocation of the reserve*

➢ *Two months for COM to react*

➢ *Respect of applicable rules, development needs of region, achievement of objectives*

➢ *Respect of thematic concentration and mimimum allocation*

➢ *Reallocation within same category of regions*

Thank you for your attention!