Stakeholder Involvement in the EU Funds Monitoring Committee

Case of Latvia

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Implementation status 09/2019, in million EUR

- EU Funds available: 3,757.19 million EUR
- Approved projects: 3,414.67 million EUR
- Contracts signed: 1,608.94 million EUR
- Payments completed: 4,418.23 million EUR
Latvia’s largest project 2014-2020: electrification of cargo railway
318M EUR EU funds (441M EUR total costs)

10.10.2019
SJSC Latvijas Dzelzceļš signs agreement on the implementation of Stage 1 of the project Electrification of the Latvian Rail Network

15.07.2019
European Commission gives full approval to railway electrification project

11.01.2019
JASPERS IQR, Independent Expert of the European Commission, Provides Positive Opinion for the Railway Network Electrification Project

Image: http://elektrifikacija.ldz.lv/
The largest project expected in 2021-2027

Rail Baltica
Linking nations, people, places
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The last MC meeting in Riga, 29/05/2019
Image: www.cfla.gov.lv
Composition

~ 57 members

Dominance of ministries

Steered by the Ministry of Finance

Many sectoral and professional unions and associations

Few independent NGOs

The presentation of the deputy state secretary Mr Armands Eberhards, 29/05/2019
Image: www.cfla.gov.lv
Structure and timeline

Annual meetings
Written procedures
Training seminars
Information exchange
Collaboration and reflections

Formal rather than active: “distanciated”, representative

Regular notifications, procedures but little decision-making

However, contacts and links can be developed individually

Channels for expression exist…

“Decentralization needs” as a unifying term
Tips from the Ministry of Finance

For the current period, evaluation criteria

However, the next plans are discussed by another committee

Questions welcome by “anyone”

Value of the public “library” of documents

The process is structured by the formal demands from the EC
Further Outlook

“Targeted” participation requires sustained effort and investigation

Information channels “embedded” in the ministries

Decreasing impact of the regulation

Decreasing economic role of the EU funds ?
Conclusions

More standardized planning and communication needs

MC is a formal body but it grants timely access

Building alliances is possible but moments of intervention - difficult to detect

Simplification and loosening of control are welcome developments
Thank you
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