EU Budget Focused on Results

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"Make sure that every action we take delivers maximum performance and value added"

Jean-Claude Juncker
What is EU Budget Focused on Results?

1. In WHICH areas do we spend?
   *European public goods with higher EU added value of funds*

2. HOW do we spend?
   *More leverage of EU funds*
   *More simplification efforts*

3. How are we ASSESSED?
   *Rigorous application and further development of our control framework*

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Relevant for:
- Annual budget
- Discharge
- Mid-term review
- Post 2020 MFF

4. HOW do we communicate?

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1. In WHICH areas do we spend?
European public goods with higher EU added value

- Higher amounts in key growth and competitiveness areas
- Multiple objectives: example climate mainstreaming
- Flexibility of the EU Budget to respond to the emergencies (i.e. migration)
2. HOW do we spend?

More leverage of EU funds
More simplification efforts

• A system to measure and communicate past performance
• Higher leverage for EU money
• Performance improvements in the new MFF 2014-2020:
  • Reinforced link to economic governance
  • Programme performance framework + performance reserve
  • Simplified delivery system

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3. How are we ASSESSED?
Managing legality and risks

• The Commission has succeeded to stop the negative trend of rising error rates also thanks to the effective application of financial corrections.

• Possible action in case the level of error is still persistently high…
  • Further simplification
  • Additional cost-effective controls
  • Programme re-design
  • Deeper analysis of structural causes of errors in Member States
4. HOW do we communicate?

- EU stakeholders → Transparency
- EU institutions, MS → Dialogue
- Beneficiaries → Collaboration
- Citizens
Challenges

The Commission aims to improve budget management towards: a) focus on results, b) simplify the rules, c) correct & recover, d) good cooperation with Member States.

- How much can we expect from indicators?
- When does the time factor help or hinder performance management (e.g. long cohesion implementation times)?
- What is the right trade-off between simplifying the rules and compliance?
- To what extent controls are effective in term of costs?
- How can we improve the cooperation with the Member States?
More on the EU Budget and Results

EU Budget
http://ec.europa.eu/budget/index_en.cfm

Projects database
http://ec.europa.eu/budget/euprojects/

Budget Focused on Results – Conference
http://ec.europa.eu/budget/budget4results/programme/index_en.cfm

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