

RURAL AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

PROS

- Reforms
 - structural problems
 - Identifying partners
 - approach and metrics (criteria)
 - preparing a strategy for the implementation of the reforms
 - evidence based information
- Using experience (Task Force Eurostat Seminar)
- Benchmarking

CONS

- too wide topic
- different policies for both topics
- different legislation between EU countries and candidate countries
- different development of R and R between countries

AUDIT OF REVENUE MANAGEMENT IN MUNICIPALITIES IN TERMS OF FINANCIAL AUDIT AND COMPLIANCE AUDIT

PROS

- common interest for all countries, public
- ~~implies high risk (con)~~
- added value on collecting the revenue
- capacity of municipal officials in ability to collect the revenues
- reforms in legislation

CONS

- * TOPIC IS TOO WIDE
- * DIFFERENT LEVEL OF FIN. AUTHORITY
 - DIFFERENT LEGISLATION
- * DIFFERENT SCOPE OF TASKS
- * LEVEL OF FIN. AUTHORITY IS USUALLY POLITICAL DECISION

EFFECTIVENESS OF THE USE OF EU FUNDS

PROS

- Can EU citizens benefit more from CA on this topic?
- ① lessons - methodology exchange (mutual learning)
 - ② Comparison of different countries the level of effectiveness can bring the added value
 - ③ Results of audit could be presented to EP and make an impact on improvement ~~out~~ at European level. - for next period.
 4. Exchange of perspective.

CONS

- * Many non-members of EU among TF members.
- * Need of coordination with the European Court of Auditors creates challenges.

USE OF SUBSIDIES GIVEN TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT ENTITIES FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ASSIGNED TASKS

PROS

- ① FIND AREAS OF COMMON INTEREST
BENEFITS: - REVEAL GOOD PRACTICE
- INT. BENCHMARKING
- FEEDBACK TO CENT. GOV.
- CHANGE OF LEGAL BACKGRD
- ② COMMON CRITERIA OF PERFORMANCE AUDIT, COMBINED WITH COMPLIANCE
- ③ GIVEN SUBSIDIES ARE BIG PART OF CENT. BUDGET
- ④ IDENTIFY MAJOR AREAS - AGRIC.
- HEALTHC.
- EDUC.

CONS

1. Hard to find areas of common interest
2. Different legal framework
3. Different competencies of municipalities
4. Results and recommendations could not be comparable or relevant for all citizens

PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP AT LOCAL LEVEL

PROS

- UNCLEAR ^{NATIONAL} LEGISLATION BUT COMMON ~~EU~~ EU DIRECTIVE
- LONG TERM CONTRACTS WITH HIGH RISK
- UNCLEAR DIVISION OF RISKS
- PPP-s ARE USUALLY NOT PART OF DEBT LIMIT
- MORE KNOWLEDGE / MORE INTEREST HOW TO MANAGE INVESTMENT AND CONSEQUENTLY RISK
- WE ALL FACE THE PROBLEM OF LIMITED PUBLIC FUNDS

CONS

- little experience
- seldom implementation of PPP at local level
- different implementation of PPP from country to country
- small area for comparison
- audit access

IT AREAS

PROS

- * AREA IS COMPLICATED
- * COMPETENCE IS QUITE LOW (MUNICIPALITIES, AUDITORS)
- * THE PROBLEMS ARE THE SAME
- * THE PLATFORMS ARE THE SAME
- * CYBERSECURITY MUST BE ADDRESSED INTERNATIONALLY

CONS

- Complex area (IT auditor)
- Security (hackers)
- Classified Information
- No data (licence management)
- Database Security (server, cloud etc)
- Maintaining Costs (updating, destroyed)
- Hard to give recommendation