OpenCoesione and Monithon

A transparency effort
Open Coesione

- portal about the fulfilment of investments using the 2007-2013 **European Cohesion funds**
  - Interactive Interface
  - Downloadable .csv datasets

- 75 billion Euros are being tracked, 766K projects
Benefits

● Transparency
● Participation of citizens:
  o where does the money go?
  o checking the achievements
● Improve quality of public intervention by participating and signaling anomalies
Monithon

- Portal for reporting the in-site monitoring of the investments funded by the EU Cohesion Policy in Italy
  - Monitor + Marathon
- Independently developed initiative
- Monithon Days
- 43 major projects tracked (22 in 2014)
Benefits

- Report actual development of the projects
- fill missing info
- signal errors
- finding projects “good on paper bad in practice”
  - e.g.: “Zombie” project: rail circuit in Palermo
A potential obstacle: Data Quality
...that might affect reuse

- 0.5% of the financings have values below 1€, (2% below 5€)... does it make sense?
- missing start-end dates in 2% of the tracked projects

![Accuracy with different domains chart](chart.png)
Conclusions

- Good accessibility to information on funding
- Citizens Participation
- Many inefficiencies have already been found
- A few data quality issues might hamper benefits: ongoing collaboration with Government to improve quality
- Italian candidate for OGP awards 2014
Thank you!

lorenzo.canova@studenti.polito.it
@lorenzocnv