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iMonitor in Italy: results from civic engagement and monitoring

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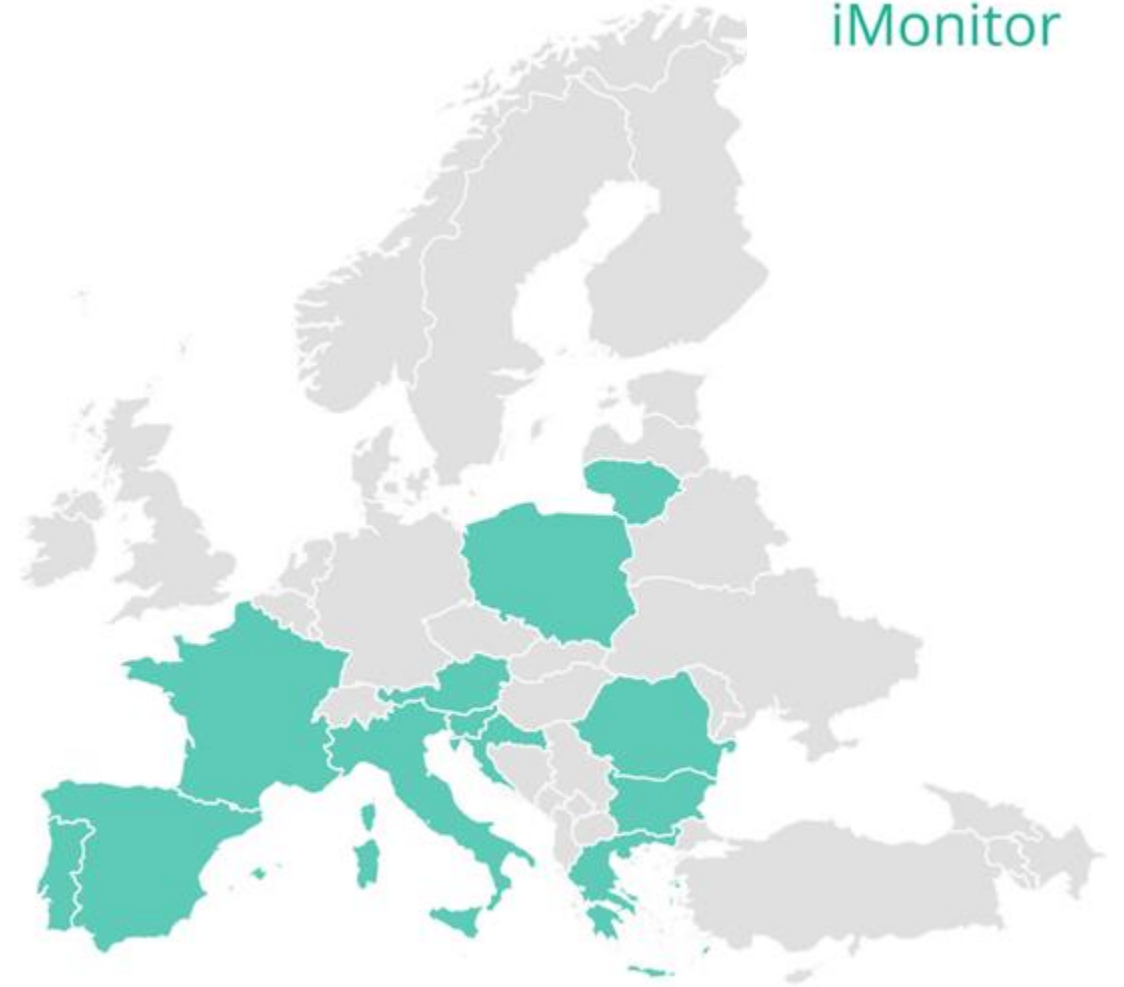
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- ❑ «*Monitoring Marathon*» -
Independent and non-profit organization
- ❑ It develops methods and tools that anyone can use for the civic monitoring of public funding
- ❑ More than 40.000 “civic monitors” since 2013



Our engagement strategy



- ❑ Early stakeholder involvement at the local level
- ❑ Individual online meetings to co-design participation

Priority	Target audience	# Groups / individuals contacted
1	Existing networks with prior connection	13
2	Groups / NGOs with synergetic interests : transparency or anticorruption	10
3	Groups or individuals involved in (potentially) synergetic volunteer work E.g. activists or groups interested in specific interventions	55

Local communities and NGOs



Community	No. of reports
NGO (Foggia)	1
NGO (Torino)	1
NGO (Avellino)	4
NGO (Cagliari)	1
NGO (Torre del Greco, Napoli)	1
NGO (Venezia)	1
NGO (Padova)	1
NGO (Cagliari)	1
Individual citizen (Fermo)	1
Individual citizen (Torino)	1
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Informal group (Napoli)	1
Informal group (Oria, Brindisi)	1

Italy's specificities



❑ Key messages to the communities

- Free, accessible training. No prior expertise required
- Dialogue with institutions, not confrontation
- Visibility, legitimacy, safety

❑ What worked

- Field visits & local support → motivation and community-building, fun approach :-)
- Link to EU projects: the community selected investments that mattered to them
- Constant tutoring (calls, chats)
- Legal expert support during all phases of the monitoring process
- Open badges, recognition, and national event

Results



❑ Contract selection

- Low-integrity contracts on opentender.eu (<70 pts): low level of complexity of contract description; tenders with a single lot
- Relevant for the community
- Contract value above > € 50.000

❑ What did we find?

- 5 FOIA requests submitted + 7 field visits + Interviews with local governments
- **8 out of 15 reports identified some issues (e.g., delays)**
- **2 reports deal with suspicious cases** (research still ongoing)

Reflections and lessons learned



❑ Lesson learned

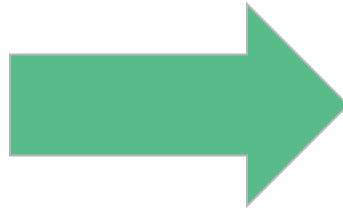
- Crucial to select contracts that matters for the community
- Motivation grows with constant support and network creation
- Training should be engaging and human-centered
- Legal guidance is critical for confidence

❑ What's next

- 6 communities/individuals plan to continue monitoring
- Communities joined to learn and possibly replicate the method
- Seeds of a growing community of practice
- Monitoring as a gateway to long-term engagement

A civic monitoring story

Urban regeneration in Turin





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