

### European Governance Monitor

Embracing the Dahrendorfian ideology of “posing all those questions that otherwise no one else dares to ask”, the European Governance Monitor (EGM) aims to bring to light crucial performance measures of key institutions across Europe. While countries wishing to join the EU undergo quality controls as outlined by the Copenhagen and Madrid Criteria from 1993 and 1995 respectively, the governance capacity and performance of existing EU members is not measured or monitored – making it possible for poor performance, even governance failures, to be hidden from the public rather than being identified and corrected. This may put not only EU institutions and member states’ governance at risk, but also the political and economic stability in Europe.

Therefore, it is critical to monitor the governance performance of institutions at the interface of the EU and the various member states. Specifically: do national institutions, such as ministries and regulatory agencies, have the governance capacity to implement EU policies; and, vice versa, do EU institutions have the capacity to develop and formulate policies that take into account the capacity of a varied group of member states?

The EGM identifies institutions, which make and implement EU policies – and focuses on the intersection of the EU and the national levels. It then measures their capacity and performance – and sheds light on the areas in need of improvement. By studying a range of EU member states, best practices will be identified to offer practical advice. The EGM generated data will be shared with practitioner communities by way of an interactive dataset and website, compact fact sheets and in-depth reports, as well as experts’ workshops. Also, the EGM results will be presented to the public in order to enhance governance transparency. In sum, the outcomes of the Monitor will offer significant value-added to advance governance performance in Europe.

***The European Governance Monitor (EGM) will map and assess the performance of core institutions and agencies in charge of managing EU policies across Europe. It will start by assessing how national institutions in charge of EU policy perform. In the second phase, the EGM will be expanded to include the performance assessment at the interface of EU and national policy implementation.***

**Incubator Phase:** Mapping key national and subnational institutions, which manage the implementation of the EU policy areas employment and migration in a number of EU member states (of developed, average and weaker capacity and performance respectively); development of relevant indicators and measuring institutions’ performance. The EGM framework and first findings will be discussed with political practitioners and presented to the public at the Dahrendorf Symposium in May 2016.

**Phase 2:** Mapping the intersection between the relevant European Commission Directorate General, the corresponding EU Agencies, and their counterparts at the national and subnational level (key ministries and agencies in charge of transposing and implementing the policy); developing a “co-governance” performance evaluation framework between EU institutions and national institutions to measure the performance of EU policy transposition and implementation. The EGM framework will be discussed with political practitioners in policy specific workshops throughout the project phase. Also the public, political practitioners, monitor-experts and researchers will be invited to a public event, presenting and discussing EGM findings.

#### Value Added

- Relevant insights and findings for practitioners and researchers dealing with EU policies
- Transparent mapping of key institutions managing EU policy
- Unpacking the “black box” of EU governance performance by developing appropriate indicators
- Creating synergies among comparative politics, public administration, EU studies and public management studies

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