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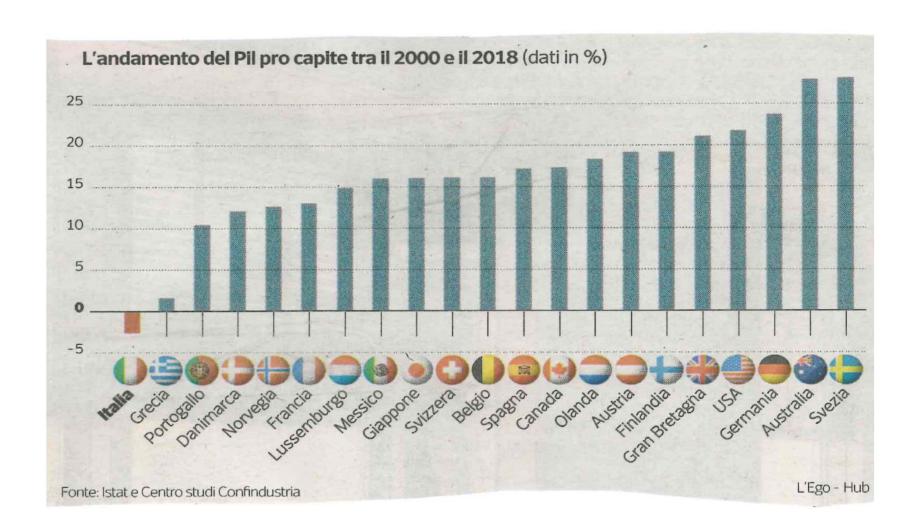
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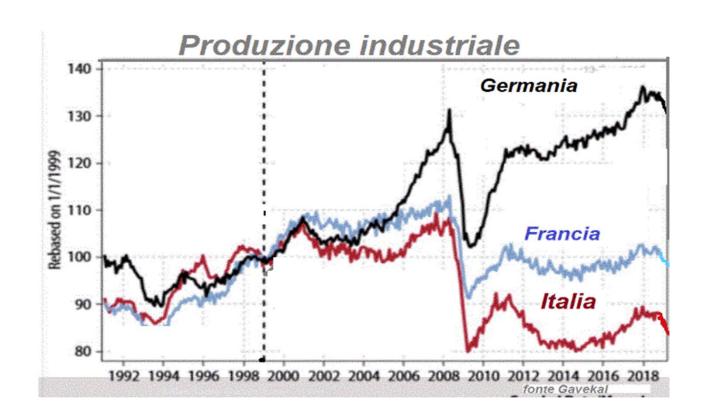
Italy's reorganization of public investment appraisal: findings and perspectives

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Economics macro-dates 2008-2017

Public Investments growth:

➤ Italy: -33%

➤ Germany: +4%

> France: 1%

GDP growth:

➤ Italy: -6%

➤ Germany: +10%

France: +5%

Poor ex-ante appraisal. EU «Major projects» case.

Major projects in the 2007-2013 programming period in Italy: 95 planned (about 30% of total resource), 57 approved of which 35 included in the 2014-2020 programming period. (1/3)

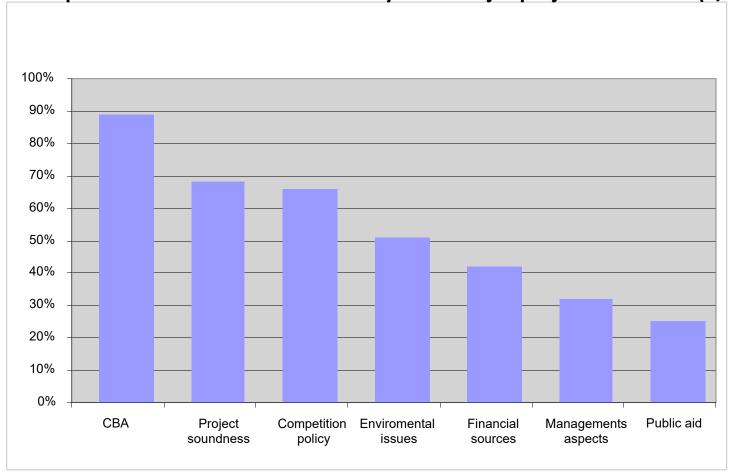
	Programmazione 2007-2013						
Programma Operativo	GP Programmati dal 2007	GP Notificati nel corso del periodo di programmazione	GP Decisi a Giugno 2012	GP Decisi a Marzo 2015	Sospesi	GP a cavallo della programmazione 14-20 *	Programmazione 2014 - 2020 *
POR FERS LOMBARDIA	1	1	0	1	0	1	0
POR FERS TOSCANA	2	2	1	2	0	0	0
POR FERS LAZIO	3	4	0	0	3	0	1
POR FESR CAMPANIA	26	20	5	14	3	16	1
POR FESR BASILICATA	1	1	0	0	0	1	0
POR FESR CALABRIA	11	6	2	5	5	2	0
POR FESR PUGLIA	7	7	2	6	0	3	0
POR FESR SICILIA	17	12	1	11	1	5	4
POR FESR SARDEGNA	4	1	0	1	3	1	0
POIN ATTRATTORI CULTURALI	1	1	0	1	0	1	0
POIN ENERGIA	4	1	0	1	3	0	0
PON RETI E MOBILITA' **	18	17	11	15	3	5	1
TOTALE	95	73	22	57	21	35	7

^(*) dati provvisori, oggetto di possibili modifiche in fase di approvazione e attuazione dei PO.

Fonte: Elaborazioni su consultazioni: versioni originarie e aggiornate PO, Siti istituzionali AdG, SFC

^(**) Ri-denominato "PON INFRASTRUTTURE E RETI" con la nuova programmazione 2014-20.

... poor ex-ante appraisal by topics: % of European Commission remarks to Italy's 73 «major projects» notified (2/3)



Source: Loiero R., Maiolo S., (2018), Programs and Projects Impact Assessment. Is Italy able to correctly assess infrastructure and investment projects, optimise expenses and duly meet the citizens' needs? Experiences and expectations. July 2017 – update February 2018, UVI - UFFICIO VALUTAZIONE IMPATTO (IMPACT ASSESSMENT OFFICE), Senate of the Italian Republic, https://www.senato.it/4746?dossier=2155

... poor ex-ante appraisal: the most recurrent remarks on the CBA on 73 major project notified (3/3)

Project appraisal steps	frequency
Demand-need analysis	33
Financial analysis	32
Economic analysis	22
Conversion factors	22
Option analysis	18
Risk assessment	16

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Facts and findings

- Widespread in the distribution and transfer of resources among Public Administrations even without a
 planning on needs analysis and selection of projects that can be evaluated for their effectiveness and
 efficiency.
- 2. A large difficult in defining «Guidelines» and «Multiannual planning act (DPP)». To date the only Public administration that provided a «preliminary draft of Guideline», 8 years after the issuance of the law 228/2011, is the Ministry of Infrastructures and Transport (http://www.mit.gov.it/node/5272)... but there is not still its Planning.
- 3. Divergence between the policy makers, attracted by the electoral needs, and the civil servant and experts employed, absorbed in complex procedures and often without sense of responsability.

How new methodological approaches can help policy makers to make appropriate choices of investments based on economic and social needs.

- To effectively implement the incentive and penalty system already envisaged by the «Multiannual planning act» as regulated on the D.lgs n. 228/11 and Public Procurement Code, also agreement with new additions and corrections.
- Increasing incentives for evaluation units within central and local administrations aimed at helping them to release project appraisal guidelines and DPP.
- Strenghtning ex-ante appraisal of public investment project blending mixed approaches such as «technicalengineering», «social involvement», «economics-opportunities».
- Integration of monitoring procedures with ex ante analysis of public investments and multiannual programmes.

Thanks for your attention

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