

## **EUROPEAN COMMISSION**Structural Reform Support Services MEETING OF EXPERTS

## Draft proposal for the evaluation of the long run sustainability of the municipal financial structure in Lithuania

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## SCOPE OF THE PROJECT

- Methodology for the analysis of the long run sustainability of the financial structure of Lithuanian municipalities
- The analysis will be based under no policy scenario



#### STEPS OF THE PROJECT

- 1) Selection of expenditure functions
- Data analysis and collection (Eurostat, Associations of local authorities, Lithuanian Department of Statistics, Questionnaire)
- 3) Estimation of standard expenditures and standard level of services by expenditure function (performance evaluation)
- 4) Evaluation of the infrastructural gap (optional?)
- 5) Assessment of fiscal capacity
- 6) Fiscal gap analysis (policy scenario?) at municipal and aggregate level



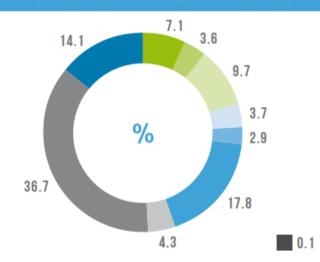
## 1) EXPENDITURE FUNCTIONS



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Source: OECD

#### % SUBNATIONAL GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURE

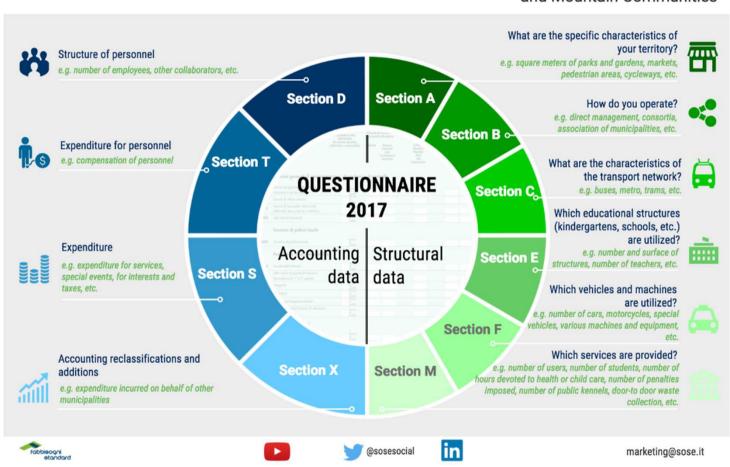




## 2) DATA ANALYSIS + QUESTIONNAIRE STRUCTURE



Questionnaire for Municipalities, Association of Municipalities and Mountain Communities



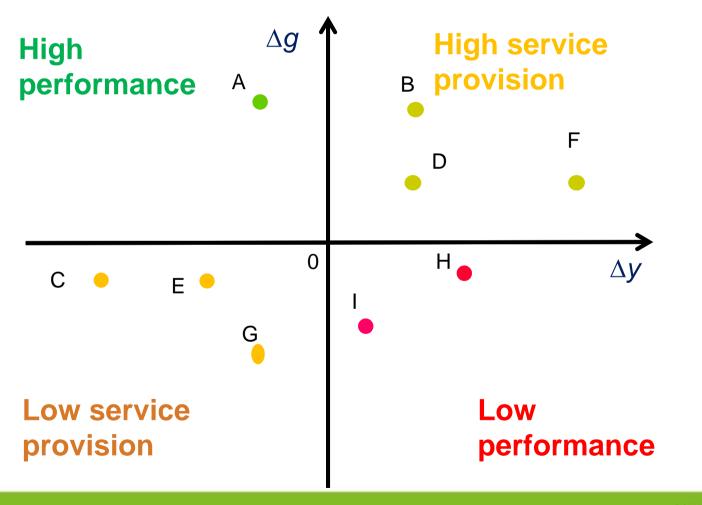
## Pilot scheme with 2 selected municipalities



## 3) PERFORMANCE EVALUATION: EXAMPLE OF A CONCEPTUAL RESULT

 $\Delta g$  = actual services – standard services

 $\Delta y$  = actual expenditures – standard expenditures





## 6) FISCAL GAP ANALYSIS

For each local government and in aggregate at macro level

Standard
expenditure
(current and capital)



(fiscal capacity + grants)



If different from zero evidence of structural imbalance

**Compared with** 

Actual expenditure, services and infrastrucural endowment





Management efficiency analysis

Evaluation of infrastructural gap





### **CONCLUSIONS**



(Corrective and compensatory mechanisms)

#### **Structural imbalaces**

(Assessment of the financial sustainability of local gov. reforms)

Standard expenditure
Fiscal capacity

Fiscal Gap

Standard costs and optimal level of services

(Monitoring and incentive mechanisms)

Evaluation of the infrastructural gap (Planning of investment decisions)



Fiscal gap analysis => for the evaluation of the long run sustainability of the municipal financial structure in Lithuania





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