KPIs and REGULATION



KPIs ARE USEFUL TO...



BUT:

- MONITORING KPIs IS COSTLY
- WRONG KPIs GIVE WRONG INCENTIVES
- BENCHMARKING CAN BE MEANINGLESS



KPIs



DIFFERENT TOOLS FOR DIFFERENT SITUATIONS...

- Monopoly (natural or legal)
- PSO
- Open market

...RAISING DIFFERENT REGULATION ISSUES



OPEN MARKET KPIs

KPIs PROVIDE INFORMATION FOR THE END-CUSTOMER:

- Compliance to standards and norms when compliance is not compulsory
- Content of the product
- Etc.

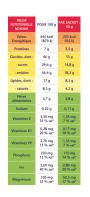
CONTENT ENERGY*

EMISSIONS**

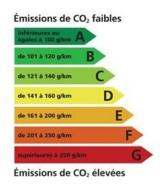
SOME KPIs ARE PROVIDED BY THE MARKET (customer evaluation, comparators...)

INCENTIVISE THE PRODUCERS THROUGH:

- comparison of offers
- reputation effects







*Directive 2010/30/UE **Règlement n°1169/2011



KPIs FOR PSOs

EFFICIENCY INCENTIVES FOR PRODUCER THROUGH THE TENDER PROCESS (COMPETITION FOR THE MARKET)

→ TWO KIND OF KPIS: customer oriented (safety, travel time, reliability and punctuality...)

business oriented (quality of rolling stock, investments)

- → FOR EVERY KPI THERE IS A TARGET
- → KPIS AND TARGETS SHALL BE PRECISED IN THE CALL FOR TENDER (FAIR AWARDING PROCEDURE)
- → FAIR APPLICATION OF THE CONTRACT: no additionnal KPIs

penalties if performance is under the target



INFRASTRUCTURE MANAGER KPIs

NO COMPETITION: THE IM MUST BE INCENTIVISED THROUGH A CONTRACT (cf. DIRECTIVE 2012-34)

THE CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT SHALL SPECIFY



- user-oriented performance targets
- structure of funds allocated to the infrastructure services
- reporting obligations
- incentives to reduce the costs and the level of access charges



LEGAL MONOPOLY KPIs

DIRECT AWARDING OF THE MARKET

SAME ISSUES AS FOR IM KPIs BUT:

- INTERMODAL COMPETITION (level playing field : same level of requirement for all transport modes)
- MARKET OPENING IN THE NEAR FUTURE (no requirement which would be inconsistent with the upcoming competition)



KPIs REGULATION ISSUES: OPEN MARKET

- → PROVIDING USEFUL INFORMATION TO THE END CUSTOMER (SAFETY, TRAVEL TIME, REGULARITY...) SHOULD BE COMPULSORY
- → LEVEL PLAYING FIELD (INTRA/INTERMODAL COMPETITION)
- → IMPLEMENTATION/RELIABILITY OF DATA (Cf. CARS CO2 EMISSIONS)
- → NEUTRALITY/RELIABILITY OF MARKET PROVIDED KPIs
- → SPECIFIC KPIs FOR THE MONITORING OF NEWLY OPENED MARKETS (P&L of the RUs...)
- → KPIs MUST BE MONITORED BY AN INDEPENDANT REGULATORY BODY



KPIs REGULATION ISSUES: PSOs

- → SAME COMPULSORY KPIS AS OPEN MARKET
- → TARGET FOR EACH KPIs (CONTRACT)
- → OTHER CONTRACTUAL KPIs: INVESTMENTS, ROLLING STOCK MAINTENANCE...
- → NO NEED FOR EFFICIENCY KPI



KPIs REGULATION ISSUES: MONOPOLIES

- → SAME COMPULSORY KPIS AS OPEN MARKET BUT...
- → TARGET FOR EACH KPIs
- → ADDITIONAL EFFICIENCY KPIs: this is where the real difficulty begins!
 - lower cost doesn't mean more efficiency (can be less maintenance or less safety measures : it can take years to see the consequence)
 - measuring productivity is very difficult (must follow the different maintenance tasks – up to 150 for the french IM – and build an index)

→ INCENTIVIZE:

- bonuses for the management and employees...
- What if the public funds are not consistent with the targets? What if the government doesn't provide the promised funds?



LESSONS FROM THE 1ST MULTIANNUAL CONTRACT OF THE FRENCH INFRASTRUCTURE MANAGER (2008-2012)

- ➤ A multiannual "performance contract" signed in 2008 (one year of negotiation) :
 - 4 parts : access to railway infrastructure and services, asset management, finances, governance and human resources
 - 33 « commitments »
 - 67 performance indicators
- >User-oriented performance targets : regularity, safety, quality of service for the path allocation process, environmental protection
- Financial and economic indicators: costs of maintenance and renewals, long term total costs, balance sheet, financial costs
- Management and governance indicators: relationships with the stakeholders (regions, regulatory body, TOCs, trade unions), internal training strategy for employees, sustainable development actions



MAIN RESULTS

- > a tight monitoring by the government and the regulatory body
- main outcome: a significant increase of renewal investments (from less than 500km of track renewal investments per year to more than 1000 km/year).
- main failure: despite a dramatic increase in infrastructure charges, the infrastructure manager is still unable to recover its full costs, there is still a 1,5 billion€ gap and a growing debt
- > Costs (especially maintenance costs) have been rising, with the approval of the government
- > Public funds have been shifting from the existing infrastructure to new lines (1 billion€ between 2008 and 2012)
- The indicators have not been really used for the internal management of the infrastructure manager
 - too many indicators
 - often inconsistent with the indicators used for operational management, or not relevant for operational management
- hand work reporting system, no link with the management control system (no real management control system at this time)



MAIN LESSONS

- The contract must favor user-oriented performance targets such as, beyond speed and capacity, regularity, reliability (number and impact of infrastructure failures), availability (impact of work possessions), safety
- rightharpoonup with user-oriented performance targets and indicators should be defined through a consultation of all the stakeholders; it must be relevant both for the users and the operational
- >user-oriented performance targets should be defined at the relevant level (which is not the network as a whole : HSL, high traffic sub networks, low traffic lines...)
- > Reporting of the performance targets through the infrastructure manager management control system
- the contract should precise what to do if the government doesn't provide the expected public funds (reducing or giving up some of the targets; or cover the costs by a increase in debt)
- >A productivity target does only make sense if the user-oriented performance targets are exhaustive and fully relevant



FOCUS: KPIs AND BENCHMARKING

Benchmarks are useful but sometimes it is very difficult, or even impossible, to compare « apples to apples »

Two examples:

- EIM Maintenance costs study (2 years, specific network segmentation, limited results)
- SNCF Réseau/DB Netz maintenance costs comparison (deep analysis of maintenance costs and no really useful results)



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