

# Management of Benefits in Government IT-projects

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# What we do

- Rigsrevisionen is part of the parliamentary system in Denmark.
- Our Mission: Rigsrevisionen examines whether government funds are used effectively and as intended by the Danish parliament.
- We keep an eye on public spending with a particular focus on ensuring that funds are spent as intended by the Danish parliament.
- Rigsrevisionens activities are governed by law. We have two core tasks: annual audit and major studies.





# The purpose of the report

The purpose of the report is to assess whether the ministries' realization of IT-project benefits has been satisfactory. The report answers the following questions:

- Are the ministries adequately monitoring and tracking the realization of benefits in their IT-projects?
- Do the ministries have an adequate basis for their expectations in regard to planned IT-project benefits?



# The ministries

	Projects #	Benefits #	Expenses (mill. DKK)
The Ministry of Employment	1	8	16,2
The Ministry of Children and Education	4	38	106,4
The Ministry of Finance	4	16	96,9
The Ministry of Defence	6	44	161,8
The Ministry of Justice	7	132	372,4
The Ministry of Food and Agriculture	4	23	159,6
The Ministry of Taxation	14	89	653,1
The Ministry of Health and Elderly Affairs	1	4	15,5
The Ministry of Higher Education and Science	1	1	52,8
The Ministry of Foreign Affairs	1	5	17,6
The Ministry of Industry, Business and Financial Affairs	1	0	37,5
Total	44	360	1.690



# Results



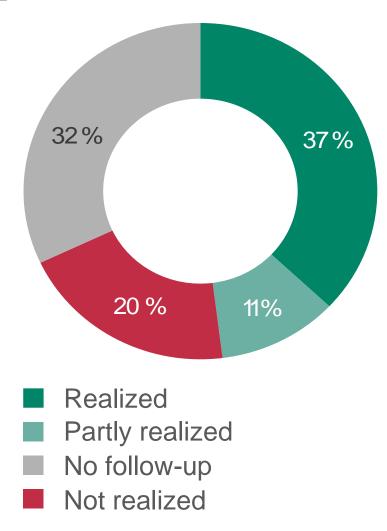
## Conclusion

It is Rigsrevisionens assessment that the ministries' management of realization of benefits associated with IT-projects has been unsatisfactory.

 Overall, the ministries' monitoring and tracking of the realization of IT-project benefits has been inadequate.



#### Degree of realization





#### Degree of realizations - distribution among ministries

The Ministry of Employment

The Ministry of Children and Education

The Ministry of Finance

The Ministry of Defence

The Ministry of Justice

The Ministry of Food and Agriculture

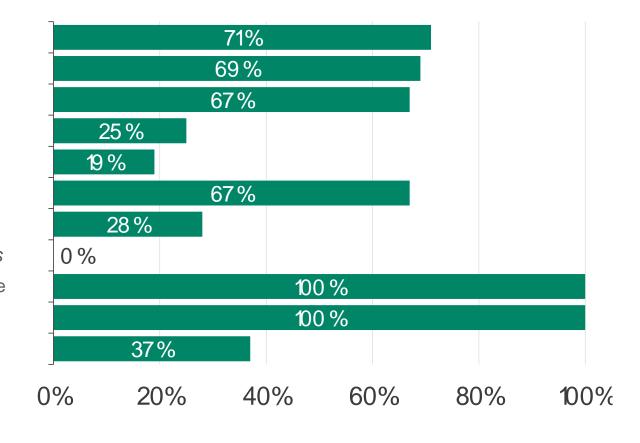
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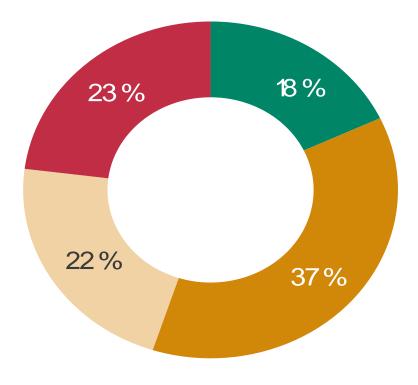
The Ministry of Foreign Affairs

The ministries combined





#### **Documentation of realized benefits**



- Sufficient documentation
- Insufficient measurement
- Insufficient method
- No measurement



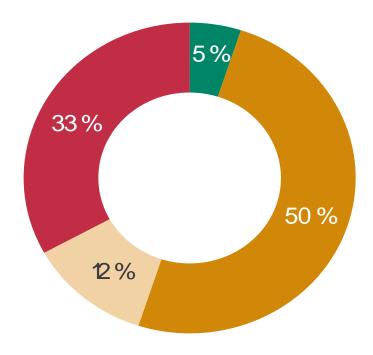
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 Overall, the ministries' identification of the expected benefits of their ITprojects was made on an inadequate basis.



#### Degree of documentation for estimated benefits



- Sufficient documentation
- Pre-measurement without benefit data
- Pre-measurement and benefit data without
- No documentation



## Recommendation

Rigsrevisionen recommends that the It-council will use the findings to evaluate how the Danish ministries can enhance both the preparation and the follow-up of the management of benefits.



# Questions?



