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From Spending to Results: How Spending Reviews Can Help

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Definition of Spending Review

- The OECD defines a Spending Review as a “**collaborative process of developing and adopting policy options by analysing the government’s existing expenditure within defined areas and linking these options to the budget process**”.

Collaborative Process

- Spending Reviews involve collaboration among various stakeholders to ensure informed decision-making regarding government spending.

Link to Budget Process

- The Spending Review process is linked to the budget process, ensuring that policy options are aligned with overall financial planning.

PURPOSES OF SPENDING REVIEWS

1. GOVERNMENT CONTROL OF
OVERALL EXPENDITURE LEVELS.

2. ALIGN SPENDING WITH
GOVERNMENT PRIORITIES.

4. INCREASE PROGRAMME
EFFICIENCY & STREAMLINE
BUSINESS PROCESSES.

3. ENHANCE PROGRAMME
AND POLICY EFFECTIVENESS.

5. REFINE PERFORMANCE
METRICS & THE MTBF

How do we move from a sound, EU-aligned Spending Review methodology to concrete, implementable results — the “low-hanging fruit”?



**HIGH
PUBLIC
DEBT**

**RESURGING
INFLATION
PRESSURES**

**GEOPOLITICAL
TENSIONS**

**GLOBAL
SLOW GROWTH**

EU ACCESSION
HORIZON CLUSTER 1
FUNDAMENTALS

SPENDING REVIEW

URGENT

FISCAL CONSOLIDATION PATH





SPENDING REVIEW METHODOLOGY

ALLOCATIVE EXCELLENCE

RULES-BASED
SOLUTION

EVIDENCE-BASED
APPROACH

DATA
ANALYSIS
KEY METRICS

BASELINE
BUDGET

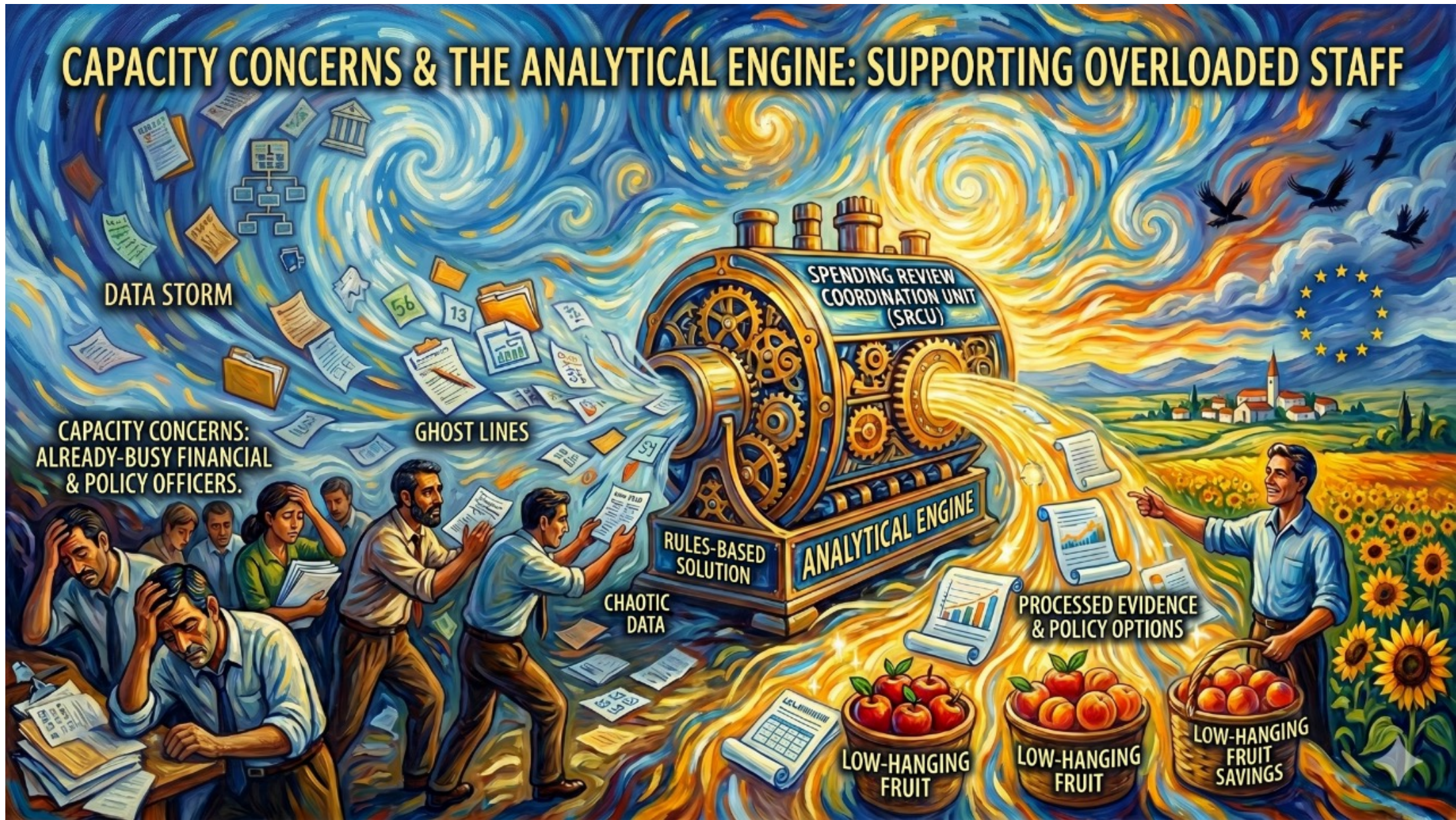
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LINE MINISTRIES: ESSENTIAL PARTNERS

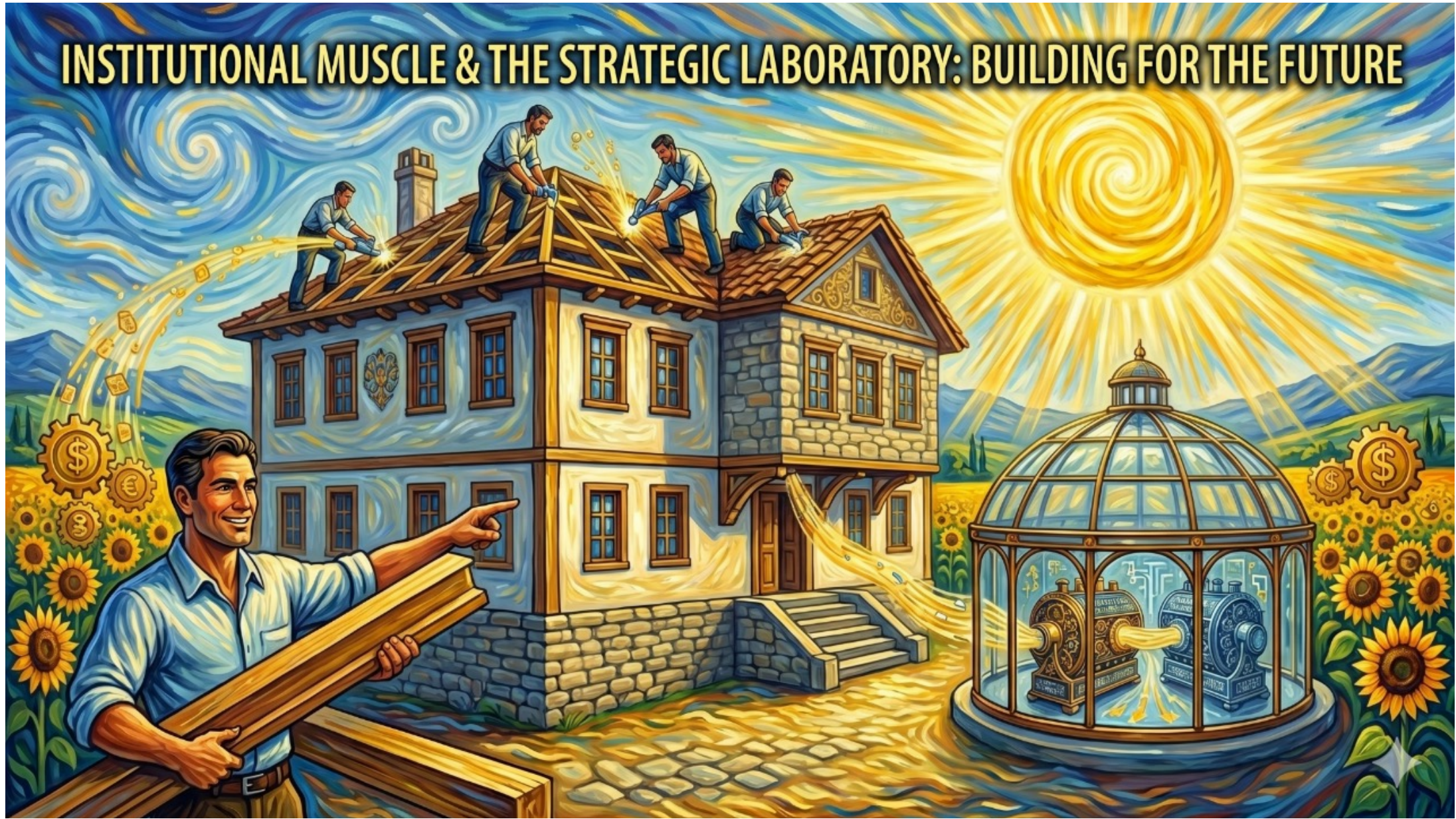
Line ministries are crucial for low-hanging fruit



CAPACITY CONCERNS & THE ANALYTICAL ENGINE: SUPPORTING OVERLOADED STAFF



INSTITUTIONAL MUSCLE & THE STRATEGIC LABORATORY: BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE



THE ART OF HARVESTING IMMEDIATE OPPORTUNITIES

THE IMMEDIATE HARVEST:
EYE-LEVEL OPPORTUNITIES NOW

THE COST OF DELAY

sun-ripened pjeshkë
(peaches)

IMMEDIATE FISCAL
SWEETNESS

FUNDING ESSENTIAL
EXPENDITURE

WORKING GROUPS
GAINING CONFIDENCE

SPENDING EFFICIENCY
BREAKFAST TABLE

THE TABLE
OF EFFICIENCY

LOST
NUTRITIONAL
VALUE

UNHARVESTED
past the OPTIMAL
SEASON

THE TABLE OF LOST
OPPORTUNITY

LOST VALUE
& ROT



LEVERAGING GENDER RESPONSIVE BUDGETING



TRUST COMES FROM IMPLEMENTATION, NOT FROM PLANS.



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