

3. Working Group Meeting

Item 5b

The role of On-budget and Off-budget finance structures in PPP projects

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Introduction

Structure of Activities

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Introduction

National Clients / Projects

- Federal Government
 - Development of **Guidelines** for PPP in *Public Real Estate* (2003)
 - Development of **Standard Documents** for Tendering and Award of the F- and A- Models in **Roads&Highways** (2000-02)
 - Consulting for Tender&Award of 6 F- and A-Models in *Roads&Highways* (2004-06)
 - Scientific Support to the determination of the first Toll Ordinances in Germany

• State Ministries

- Development of **Guidelines** for the application of the PSC in NRW (2003)
- Evaluation mission on the first PPP schools in NRW (2004)
- **Support** of Thuringian Finance Ministry in developing a PPP Task Force (2005)
- Municipalities
 - Consulting on PSC for a PPP schools project in Meschede (2003/04)
 - Consulting on PSC for a PPP school centre in Frankfurt (2006)
 - Consulting on Tender & Award of a
 - PPP Sports Facility in Bestensee (2006)

- Public Real Estate Manager
 - Study on PREM of the federal government
 - **Study on** international best practice in the *defence sector*, g.e.b.b. (2005)
 - **Consulting** on Risk Management for the first federal PPP Pilot Project in defence, g.e.b.b. (2006)

• Private Real Estate Developer

- market analysis on privately financed
 Education Buildings in Germany (2003)
- Market analysis on PPP *schools* in Germany (2003)
- Facility Manager
 - Market analysis on FM for hospitals (2003)
 - Research on Organisational Models for FM in hospitals (2004)
- Federation of Contractors
 - Study on PPP and SMEs (2004-2006)
 - **Study on** the Privatisation of the German Autobahn, *Highways* (2004-2005)
- Construction Companies
 - Study on PPP Models for the German Autobahn, *Highways* (2003/04)



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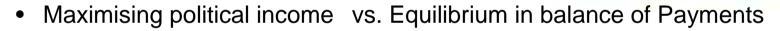
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Why to adjust the public Budget

- Public spending is growing over time
 - Disequilibrium of Budget growth and Economic growth
- Conflicts in public spending behaviour



- Short election Period vs. A Voter's life
- Wider Budget spending vs. Increase future Budgets



Fiscal instruments

- Budget restrictions and rules in fiscal procedures:
 - Linking of decisions for budget spending and income
 - Linking income to specific sectors
 - Qualified majorities
 - Sunset legislation
 - Sequestration
- Results of strong Budget rules:
 - Lower interest margins on state debt
 - Price Level Stability
 - Prevention of "Crowding out effects"



Strength Measurement of Budget rules

- Questions to consider:
 - Is there a consequent review of the strategic budget planning?
 - Are there sanctions introduced?
 - Are there special assets considered beside the usual budget?
 - What is the clear understanding of investment and does the investment increase the assets of the state?
 - Are there depreciations and capital gains to consider?
 - Are there kept in mind the wear and tear of public assets?

"The efficiency of budget rules is questionable if there are a number of specific exceptions existing."



Budget rules EU – Maastricht criteria

- The Statistical Office of the European Community (Eurostat) sets:
 - Regulations, definitions, classifications
 - Accounting standards
- based on the European System of Integrated Economic Accounts (ESA 95)
- ESA 95 is consistent with the world-wide guidlines:
 - System of National Accounts (SNA, 1993)
 - The United Nations
 - The World Bank
 - The International Monetary Fund (IMF)
 - The OECD



The criteria of convergence

- The member states stipulate the following rules for public budget:
 - The state debt has to remain under 60% of GDP
 - Annual new deficit has to remain under 3% of GDP
 - Member states have to achieve a mid-term balanced budget
 - EU will refer to the commitment, if a state is likely to fail the targets ("Blauer Brief")
 - EU has the right to claim penalties
 - There is a "no bail out clause" in the contract





Definition of On- and Off-Budget

- On-Budget:
 - Every direct public investment
 - Accounted in the sector of "General Government"
 - Increase in government deficit and debt
- Off-Budget:
 - Every investment without public support (subsidies)
 - Accounted in the sector "Non-Financial Corporations" or "Financial Corporations"
- " The definition of accounting for PPP's was unclear. Therefore Eurostat defined in February 2004 how PPP projects should be treated in national accounts."



Eurostat criteria for classification of PPP projects

- Advance classification of the Assets as Off-Budget, if:
 - The private partner bears the construction risk
 - The private partner bears at least one of either availability or demand risk/
- Risk analysis is the core element in the classification of Assets
- Main categories of risk were set:
 - Construction risk
 - Availability risk
 - Demand risk
- Each main category contains specific risks and agreements (e.g. warranties or subsidies)



CBO* criteria for classification of U.S. PPP projects

- Advance classification of the Assets as Off-Budget, if:
 - The fixed Asset serves a general purpose
 - The fixed Asset has a market also in the private sector



- During the term of the contract, the private partner has ownership title to the Asset, which is not transferred to the government subsequently either
- The contract does not stipulate a bargain-price purchase option
- The contractual term does not exceed 75% of the estimated economic life of the Asset
- The present value of the minimum rent payable during the contractual term may not exceed 90% of the fair market value at the beginning of the contractual term



*CBO – Congressional Budget Office

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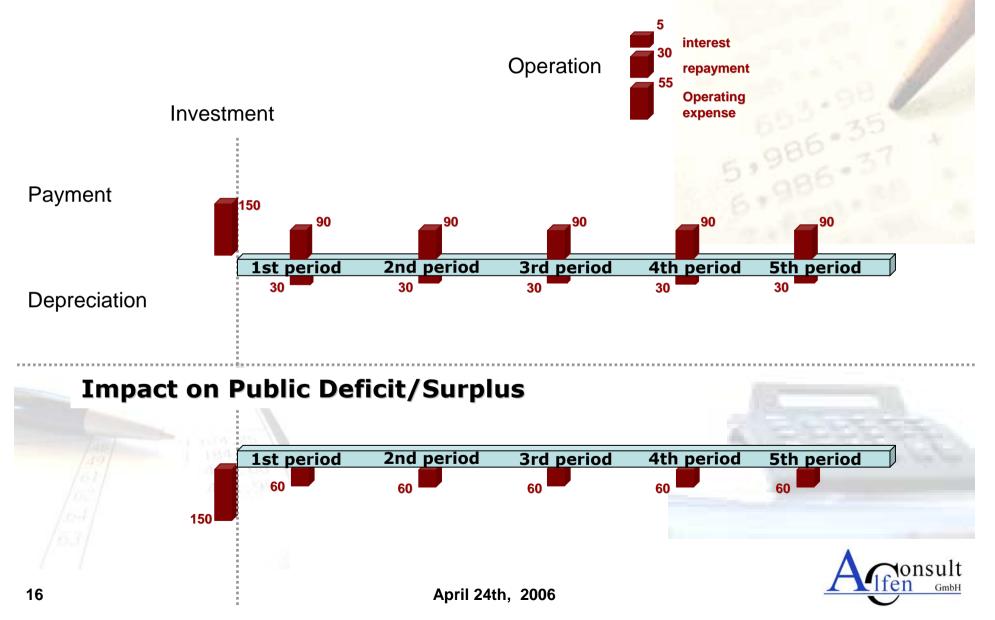


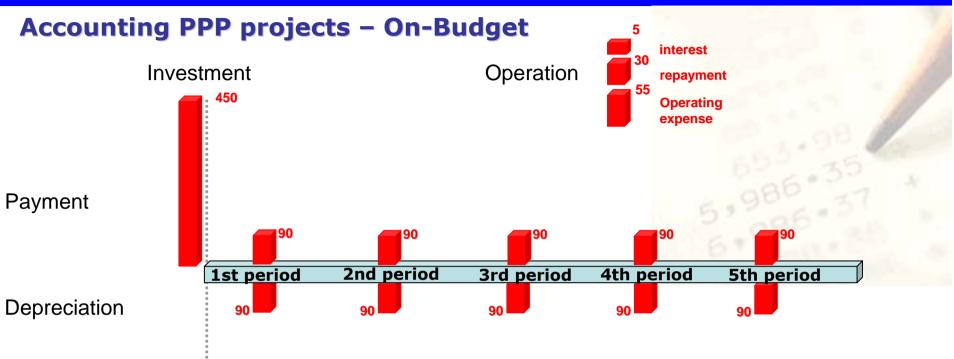
Accounting PPP projects

- The project is recorded as On-Budget:
 - Degradation of net borrowing account and debt increase amounting to gross investment
 - Pre-financing by the private partner and the time shift of public expenditures does not change these consequences
- The project is recorded as Off-Budget:
 - Only the periodical public expenditures are ment to be considered in the public deficit
 - The gross investment is not accounted in the public debt

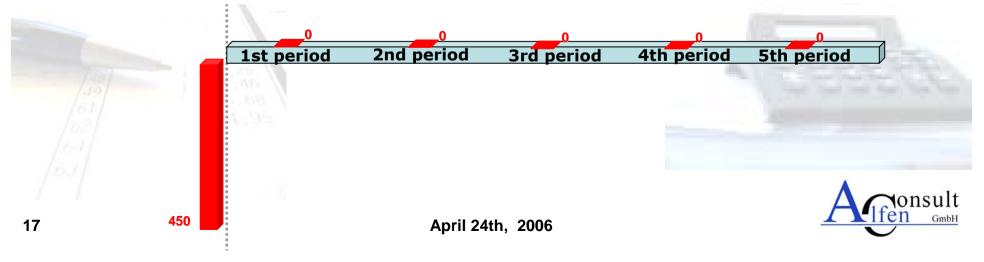


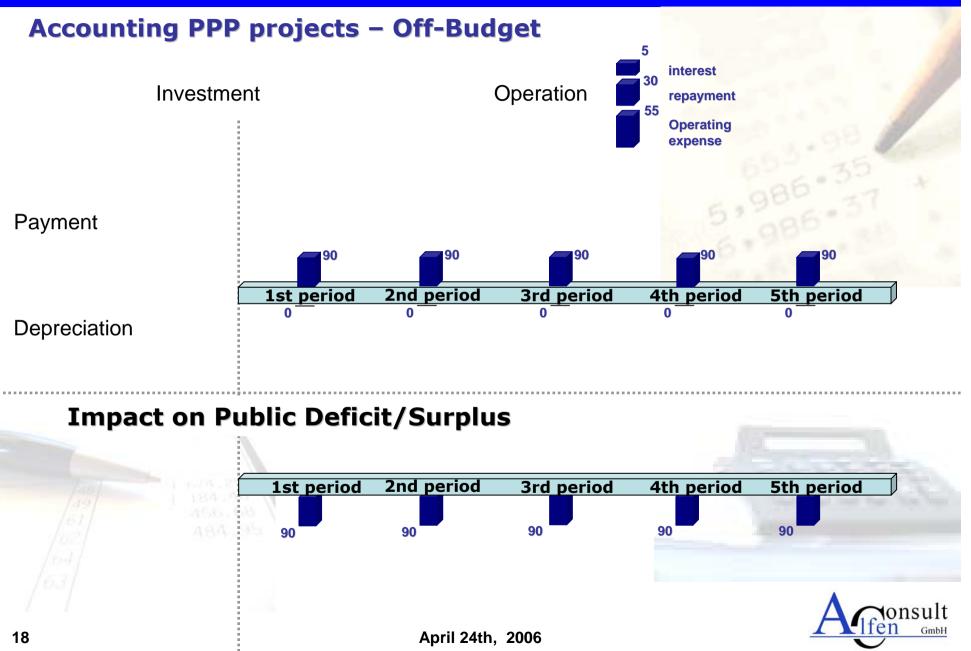
Accounting PPP projects – Public Sector Comparator (Traditional Project approach)





Impact on Public Deficit/Surplus





Accounting PPP projects

- The Maastricht criteria just consider public monetary accounts :
 - The interexchange of monetary Assets (Money) and non-financial Assets (Property) decline the public debt account
 - The actual value of the property will not be deducted in the gross national debt
- The public expenditure commitment in PPP projects is not treated as debt in the sense of public budget rules:
 - Differentiation in debt liabilities and administration liabilities



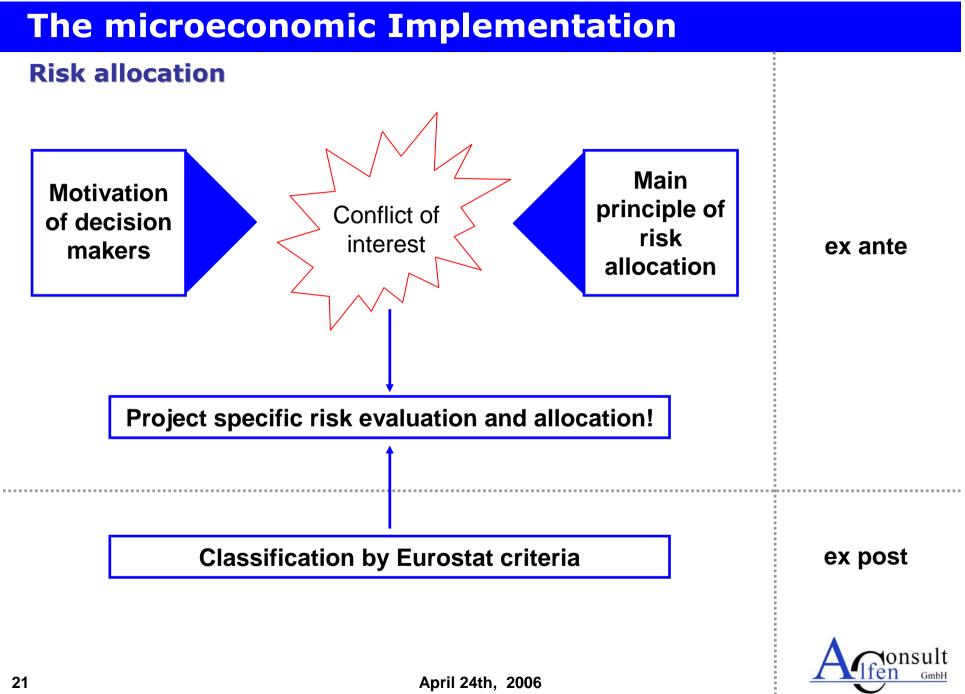




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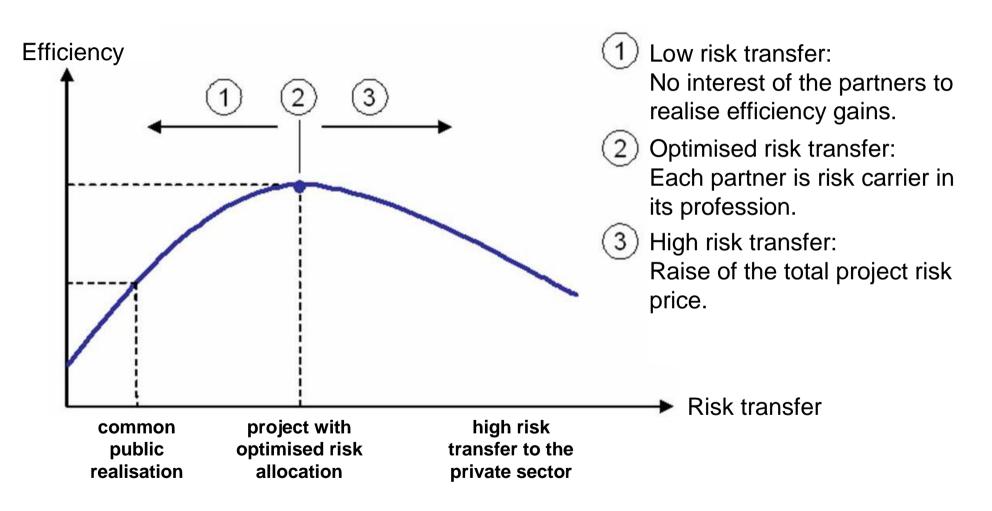
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The microeconomic Implementation

Risk allocation





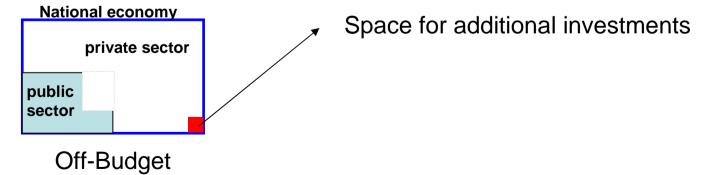
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Risk & Resource allocation

- Goal: To increase the economic power within a community
 - Economical perspective:



• Microeconomic efficient project:





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Example – ESA 95

Realisation of an additional project:	Yes
Project is within EUROSTAT Off-Budget:	Yes
Investment expenditure:	10
Public subsidies:	1

		Т	otal	related to GDP
B.9	Net lending (+) / Net borrowing (-)	-	36	2,6%
AF	Financial assets / liabilities	-	736	53,5%

	No project	On-Budget	Off-Budget
Net lending (+) / Net borrowing (-)	2,6 %	3,3 %	2,6 %
Financial assets / liabilities	53,8 %	54,2 %	53,5 %
Gross domestic product	1.365	1.376	1.376



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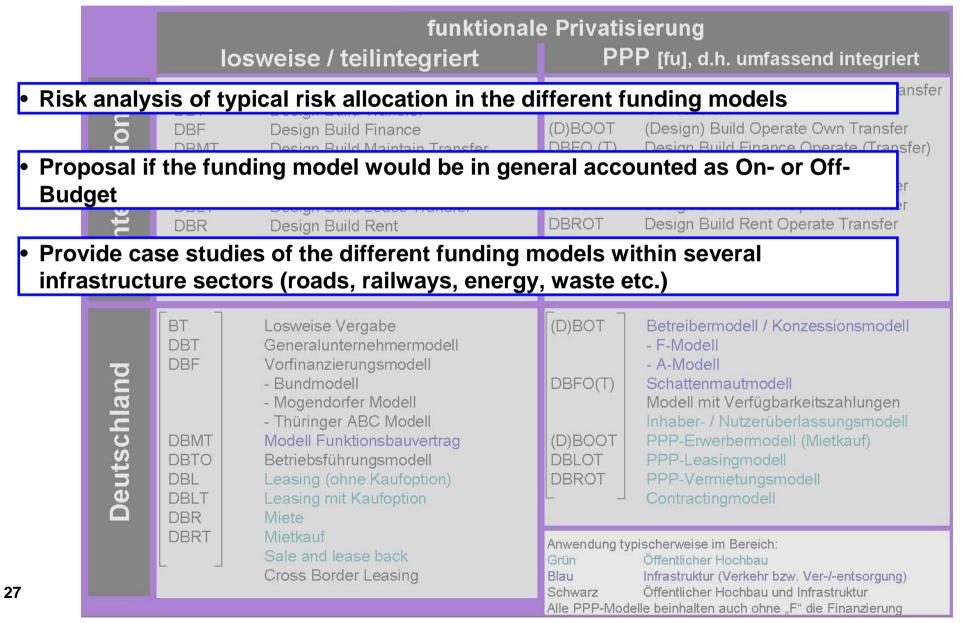
Results

- The classification of projects is linked to several criteria
- The nature of PPP is set in the economic mixture of private and public business
- If a statement could be made that a project belongs to the private or the public sector, then it should be treated as a private or public asset in the accounts



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Next steps proposed



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