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Voluntary Peer Review System in the Czech Republic

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2015 International Year of Evaluation

Czech Evaluation Society (CES)

Our aims:

- increase awareness about evaluations
- build capacities
- help improve public policies
- network internationally

8 years active in the Czech Republic

34 members including evaluators, policy makers, project implementers, academicians

own scientific journal Evaltep

www.czecheval.cz

What is a quality evaluation?

Stakeholder participation

Use

Evaluator´s credibility

Feasible recommendations

Fair

Justified conclusions

Valid & reliable data

Reference: Czech Evaluation Society Implementation Standards, www.czecheval.cz

How to enhance evaluation quality?

- Promote evaluation quality standards
- Request standards in the Evaluation Terms of Reference
- Workshops for evaluators, evaluation managers & contractors
- Share high quality evaluations (on-line, conferences)
- …
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….mostly top-down approaches

Peer reviews are bottom-up

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- Request standards in the Evaluation Terms of Reference
- Workshops for evaluators and evaluation managers
- Share high quality evaluations (on-line, conferences)
- **Peer reviews applied to evaluation reports of development , social & infrastruture projects, programs and plans**

Peer review flow and responsibilities

Sector & period specificationm report selection

Call for voluntary peer reviewers

Assigning 16+16 evaluation reports to 8+8 peer reviewers

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Evaluation reports reviewed by 2 reviewers as per the CES standards

Personal feedback to evaluators if desired

Metaanalysis of reviewed reports

Recommen-dations for CES and policy makers

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Conclusion: strengths

Strengths of international development project or programme evaluations

- ☺ Local sectorial experts involved in international evaluations
- ☺ Comments of actors incorporated and published
- ☺ All evaluation reports and summaries are available at www.mzc.cz/pomoc/ (except of inception reports)
- ☺ Some evaluation reports available in English to enhance use

Conclusion: opportunities for improvement

- Specify objectives and **few evaluation questions**
- More participation of key actors in the evaluation cycle
- **Correct terminology / adequate methodology used and explained in reports**
- **Consistency among questions – findings – conclusions – recommendations**
- **Evidence-based conclusions and recommendations**
- Specific, feasible and useful recommendations

Multiple benefits of peer reviews

Ministry of Foreign Affairs CR:

- Organized a meeting of implementers and evaluators to discuss evaluations quality and use (to be done annually)
- Requires a checklist of requirements including the CES implementation standards

Czech Evaluation Society:

- Increased capacity building opportunities for CES members
- Provides peer reviews of ToRs / evaluation reports on demand
- Plans to review CES evaluation standards

Photo source: www.mzv.cz

Key lessons learnt

- Clarify with members why you do peer reviews
- Have a quality checklist / standards
- Have a coordinator responsible for the peer review
- Have enough dedicated peer reviewers
- Focus on constructive feedback to motivate evaluators
- Share the findings and follow-up

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Thank you for any questions or feedback

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