Developing an Evaluation Community in Romania – Requirements, Reflections and Recommendations

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What makes an Evaluation Community?

- If it enables evaluation to do what it should do!
  - Provide insight
  - Support control
  - Initiate and establish a learning process
  - Create legitimacy

- Accounting the differences between evaluation and fundamental research
  - Evaluation always follows a practical orientation
  - Evaluation usually is not done within a scientifically controlled environment
Prerequisites

✓ Comprehensive capacity building
✓ Transdisciplinary evaluation research
✓ Locally customized evaluation standards
✓ Institutionalized systematic knowledge and expertise management
✓ Regular implementation of evaluation studies
The Pillars of an Evaluation Community

Sophisticated Evaluation Culture

- Comprehensive Capacity Building
- Effectual Institutionalization
- Adequate Standardization
- Regular Implementation

Transdisciplinary Fundamental Research

Ideal Evaluation Community
Evaluation Culture in Romania
Recommendations of the DeGEval
Some Comments on the EAP

- Try a multilateral approach for the exchange of excellence
- Give evaluation a holistic perspective to enable policy advice
- Realize the potential of ex-ante evaluations
- Initiate a public discourse
Recommendations of the DeGEval

- Establish obligatory agreements about the form and transparency for the utilization of evaluation results
- Define appropriate timeframes for the implementation of evaluations
- Provide appropriate resources for the implementation of evaluations
- Ensure that the allocation of evaluations follows professional standards
- Ensure that evaluators are adequately qualified
- Evaluations should comply with nationally and internationally accepted standards which are accepted by all stakeholders
Thank you very much for your attention!

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