

Prague Declaration on „Evaluation for Transformative Change – Mutual Cooperation and Shared Responsibility“

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Workshop on 1 October 2019: Towards a Prague declaration of the GA (Daniel Svoboda & Blanka Křivánková)

Discussing the best (and worst) practices in multi-actors cooperation, including cooperation between contracting authorities and the evaluators, assumptions for functionality within the evaluation team, experience from the work in international consortia and from framework agreements, ways of engaging junior and local experts, examples of capacity development approaches, inclusion of crosscutting issues, etc. Story-telling (possibly also with simulations and role-playing) and outcome harvesting will be used in this first session.

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A writeshop to identify key conditions for useful evaluations and to prepare a draft of **Prague Declaration „Together for Change“** as a joint commitment to accountability for the use of evaluation results. The internal factors can include mutual trust, shared vision and ethical standards, long-term cooperation but also opening the doors for newcomers, mutual capacity development, and promotion of human rights and gender equality. The external factors can include strengthening the interest in the real use of evaluation results, in applying the lessons learned, and in multi-actors consultations.

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Conference streams 2-4 October 2019:

3. Transition Experiences and best practices in the use of evaluation for systemic changes (coordinated by CES)

Sharing evaluation experience of emerging evaluation actors – from diverse regions (new donors, transition and developing countries), from diverse sectors (public bodies, multinational agencies, financial institutions, non-profit organizations, academic sector, private actors), and from diverse programs (local, national, European/regional, and international). The aims are:

- i) identifying opportunities for multi-actor cooperation in evaluations including mutual capacity development, and
- ii) sharing the best practices of influential evaluation approaches.

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1. Team work

We will be further promoting the long-term partnerships of evaluation experts, based on shared visions, on applied ethic codes and professional standards, and on mutual trust.

Questions: Do we need updates of the CES Code of Ethics? Are there any monitoring mechanisms in place? Is there any experience with the work of ethical committees? How to establish an international evaluation team?

We commit to invite new evaluators, students and interns in our evaluation teams whenever possible in order to promote mutual learning and to discover new views and opinions.

Questions: Can we add the budget line for interns in evaluation budgets? What is the experience with interns/of interns? Any lessons learned?

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2. Inclusiveness and participatory approaches

Whenever possible, we commit to apply participatory approaches and to consult the purpose of evaluations and key evaluation questions with the representatives of target groups. In our evaluation reports, the opinion of final beneficiaries will be presented.

Question: What are the most appropriate methods to get a true opinion of the target groups?

In all international evaluations, we commit to engaging local experts and to sharing our preliminary conclusions and recommendations with local stakeholders.

Questions: Can a debriefing become a mandatory part of evaluation missions? How to avoid „false promises“?

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3. Respect to human rights and gender equality

In all our approaches, communications and deliverables, we commit to respecting human rights, gender equality and dignity of people.

Questions: Can we use any manual for evaluating cross-cutting principles? What steps can be done in case of discovering discrimination or abuse of human rights? Do we apply „no harm” principles?

4. Cross-sectoral cooperation

We are open to cooperation between the contracting authorities, the evaluators, the target groups, and other stakeholders.

Questions: Can the negotiating procedures be used in procurement processes? Any experience with mixed evaluations?

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5. Peer learning and capacity development

We commit to publish at least the summaries of our evaluations. Our reports are regularly consulted with a reference group or peer-reviewed by other evaluation experts.

Questions: In case there is no reference group, can the contracting authority require/pay a peer review? Can a voluntary peer review increase credibility of evaluators?

We commit to sharing our expertise via training events, expert publications or mentoring.

Question: Can we promise that each evaluator participates in a professional training (either as lecturer or trainee) or publishes an expert article at least once in a three-year period?

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6. Focus on sustainability

We commit to including assessment of assumptions necessary for sustainable change in all our evaluations.

Questions: How to deal with sustainability issues in case these are not included in the evaluated intervention or in the Terms of Reference for evaluation? Do we (and can we) use a reconstructed Theory of Change?

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7. Responsibility for results

We fully understand that the real result of an evaluation is not the evaluation report itself but the change the evaluation is contributing to. We commit to consult the draft recommendations of each evaluation with the evaluation client, and to specify both the ways how to apply the proposed recommendations and the foreseen outcomes of their application.

Question: Can we formalize expert discussions between contracting authorities and evaluators on reasons why the evaluation recommendations were or were not used?



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Etický kodex evaluátora (ČES)

1. Odbornost

1.1 Hodnotí objektivně, nezávisle a nestranně ...

1.2 Pro evaluační činnost využívá metodologicky ověřených postupů a zohledňuje evaluační standardy ...

1.3 Rozlišuje závěry získané na základě sběru empirických dat a jejich analýzy a vlastní závěry na základě zkušeností ...

1.4 Zvyšuje svoji odbornost a rozvíjí své evaluační znalosti a dovednosti ...

1.5 Respektuje a ctí právo na odlišné názory ... a právo zúčastněných stran se ke zjištěním a závěrům evaluace vyjádřit

1.6 Informuje otevřeně zadavatele o limitech evaluace ...

Etický kodex evaluátora (ČES)

2. Integrita

2.1 Informuje zadavatele v případech konfliktu zájmů ...

2.2 Usiluje o maximální průhlednost evaluace, distancuje se od parciálních nebo zavádějících interpretací výsledků ...

2.3 Uvědomuje si a respektuje odlišná pravidla různých kulturních a sociálních prostředí ...

2.4 Je senzitivní na otázky diskriminace a rovných příležitostí ...

2.5 Nezveřejňuje osobní data respondentů a zachovává důvěrnost při práci s těmito daty vůči uživatelům evaluace a veřejnosti ...

2.6 Je si vědom, že cílem evaluace není hodnocení výkonu konkrétních osob ...

2.7 Nevyžaduje ani nepřijímá dary, služby ani žádná jiná zvýhodnění ...

Etický kodex evaluátora (ČES)

3. Zodpovědnost

3.1 Plně zodpovídá za své chování při výkonu evaluace ...

3.2 Při provádění evaluace dodržuje platné právní předpisy ...

3.3 Poskytuje zadavatelům a uživatelům evaluace průběžné informace ...

3.4 Podporuje zájem o evaluace u odborné i laické veřejnosti ...

3.5 Prosazuje zveřejňování evaluačních zpráv a jejich další využití ...

3.6 Sdílí s jinými své evaluační zkušenosti a postupy ...

3.7 Praktikuje férovou cenovou politiku, neupřednostňuje ekonomický zájem před zájmem o vysokou kvalitu evaluace ...

3.8 Pokud zjistí během evaluace konání neslučitelné s právním řádem, informuje o tomto faktu odpovídající formou příslušné orgány ...