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# NESE MEETING MÜNSTER 2009

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October 6th

- 16.00h – 17.00h Welcome by the hosts of the meeting
- Welcome from the NESE network coordinators
  - Brief reports of the national societies
  - Presentation of the NESE online-survey and discussion
- 17.00h – 18.00h Follow up of the Lisbon meeting on „Evaluators competencies“, presentation of the EES survey results, and discussion
- 18.30h – 19.30h Discussion of the structure, organization and goals of NESE
- First thoughts on a joint declaration

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October 7th

- 09.00h – 09.30h „A Picture of the evaluation profession in Spain“ –  
Presentation and discussion of a good practice of surveying  
the evaluation community
- 09.30h – 11.00h Preparation of the main topics for the joint declaration and  
discussion  
of possible usage
- 11.30h – 12.30h Definition of the procedures for finalization of a declaration  
after the meeting and NESE work plan 2010

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## **Results from the 2009 survey among national evaluation societies and networks in Europe**

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## Responses from 14 societies

German/Austrian Evaluation Society (DeGEval)  
Finnish Evaluation Society (FES)  
Flemish Evaluation Society  
French Evaluation Society (SFE)  
Irish Evaluation Network (IEN)  
Italian Evaluation Association (AIV)  
Polish Evaluation Society (PTE)  
Romanian Evaluation Association (Evalrom)  
Slovak Evaluation Society  
Slovenian Evaluation Society  
Spanish Evaluation Society (SEE)  
Swedish Evaluation Society (SVUF)  
Swiss Evaluation Society (SEVAL)  
Wallonian Evaluation Society (SWEP)

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## Could not be reached in 2009

Czech Evaluation Society  
Danish Evaluation Society (DES)  
Dutch Evaluation Society (VIDE)  
Norwegian Evaluation Society/Network  
Portugese Evaluation Society  
UK Evaluation Society (UKES)

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## Age and Size

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	found	indiv.	instit.
Swiss Evaluation Society (SEVAL)	1996	367	-
Italian Evaluation Association (AIV)	1997	210	3
DeGEVal Evaluation Society	1997	515	105
Finnish Evaluation Society (FES)	1999	?	?
French Evaluation Society (SFE)	1999	255	69
Polish Evaluation Society (PTE)	2000	73	-
Spanish Evaluation Society (SEE)	2000	250	20
Irish Evaluation Network (IEN)	2002	450	-
Swedish Evaluation Society (SVUF)	2003	180	17
Wallonian Evaluation Society	2000	84	9
Slovak Evaluation Network	2005	8	-
Flemish Evaluation Platform	2007	950	-
Romanian Eval. Association (Evalrom)	2008	23	-
Slovenian Evaluation Society	2008	?	?

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## Conferences and other meetings

frequency participants

French Evaluation Society (SFE)	biennial	455
Spanish Evaluation Society (SEE)	biennial	300
Italian Evaluation Association (AIV)	annual	250
DeGEVal	annual	250
Swedish Evaluation Society (SVUF)	biennial	250
Flemish Evaluation Platform	annual	150
Société Wallone d'évaluation	biennial	120
Irish Evaluation Network (IEN)	biennial	100
Swiss Evaluation Society (SEVAL)	annual	80-100
Finnish Evaluation Society (FES)	annual	50
Polish Evaluation Society (PTE)	annual	20-70
Romanian Eval. Network (Evalrom)	annual	20
Slovak Evaluation Network	more frequent	6
Slovenian Evaluation Society	variable	?

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## Recent conference topics

Future focus and activities of the Society (SK)

Evaluation Competence, Evaluation Standards (FI, PL)

Relationship of Governance and Evaluation (DeGEval)

Local Policy Evaluation (ES)

Evaluation of Policy Proposals (SLO)

Evaluation is going on. Is Evaluation going on? (SE)

The relationship of evaluation to emerging approaches to quality assurance in organisations (IE)

Indicators for Monitoring and Evaluation of Policy (BE FLE)

Indicators and Public Policies - The Sunflower Syndrome (BE WA)

Concurrence or complementarity (CH)

New Borders of evaluation (F)

Evaluation as a tool for a responsible and transparent Public Administration (IT)

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## Frequency of other open events

1 event within each TIG „spring workshops“ (DeGeval)

2 events (ES, FI, SE, RO, CH, IT)

3 events (IE)

4 events (F, SK)

5 events and more (BE FI, SLO, PL, BE Wal)

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## Open Events Main Topics

- Education of evaluation
- Teaching evaluation
- general concepts (methods, models)
- Evaluation standards
- The development of the evaluation community
- Public governance
- Evidence-based evaluation
- Social indicators
- Evaluation culture
- „Evaluation compared to religion“
- Impact evaluation
- Social values
- evaluation and statistics
- sector specific workshops

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## Working groups

- Regional clubs in Sweden and Romania (two regional clubs),  
and France (with 9 regional clubs)
- permanent commissions (SLOV):
  - commission for evaluation codex and standards
  - commission for evaluation
  - research commission

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- DeGEval: schools, higher education, social services, culture, research, Public health, development, structural policy, regional development, gender mainstreaming, economy, administration, environment, VET, public sector
- F: local development, development aid, social policies, environment, health, culture, structural funds
- ES: Methodology Standards, guidelines for evaluation, training and capacity
- FI: Work related Evaluations, urban and regional planning
- RO: occupational standards, development of national evaluation system
- BE FLE: Governances
- CH: Standards of Evaluation, Development, research and training, Evaluation and Quality Management in Universities
- IT: Methodology, the role of evaluation in education system, in universities/research

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## Electronic Newsletters

- |             |                                      |
|-------------|--------------------------------------|
| DeGEval, CH | 4 issues a year                      |
| BE Fle      | 5 issues a year                      |
| IT, F       | 6 issues a year                      |
| SLO         | 10 issues in Slovene, 2-3 in English |
| ES          | 24 issues a year                     |

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## Press releases or press conferences

SLO: Initiative to the government concerning systematic problems of evaluation in Slovenia

IE: Role of Evaluation in times of economic crisis

Wallonia: Government use of evaluation practice and recommendations

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## Annual membership fees

Individual membership fees:

2 societies		free
2 societies	fee	< 50€
9 societies	fee	50-100€
1 society	fee	> 100€

Institutional membership fees:

1 society	fee	< 200€
3 societies	fee	200-600€
1 society	fee	500-1000€
2 societies	fee	1000-3500€

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## Larger Governmental funding...

... apart from membership fees

- makes in one case 10% of the total budget
- makes in one case 50% of the total budget
- makes in one case up to 100% of the total budget

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## Conference fees

Free	3 societies
20-100 €	4 societies
100-200 €	3 societies
200-300 €	1 society

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## Permanent Staff

1 society	1,5 full-time equivalent
3 societies	1 full-time equivalent
1 society	0,6 full-time equivalent
1 society	0,1 full-time equivalent

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## Cooperation with other societies in Europe

Slovakia	- Czech Republik, DeGeval
DeGEval	- SEVAL
BE Wallonia	- SFE, SQUEP (Québec), contacts to Luxembourg

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## Sharing good practices

openness to share from 13 societies

Suggestions:

- Guidelines, standards
- Methodology
- Competencies
- Practices
- Launching an evaluation society
- Evaluation and neighbouring professions

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## Competencies guidelines

DeGEval: recommendations on Education and Training  
requirement profiles for evaluators (and others)

BE, Wallonia: preliminary contacts with universities to  
elaborate a joint certificate in evaluation

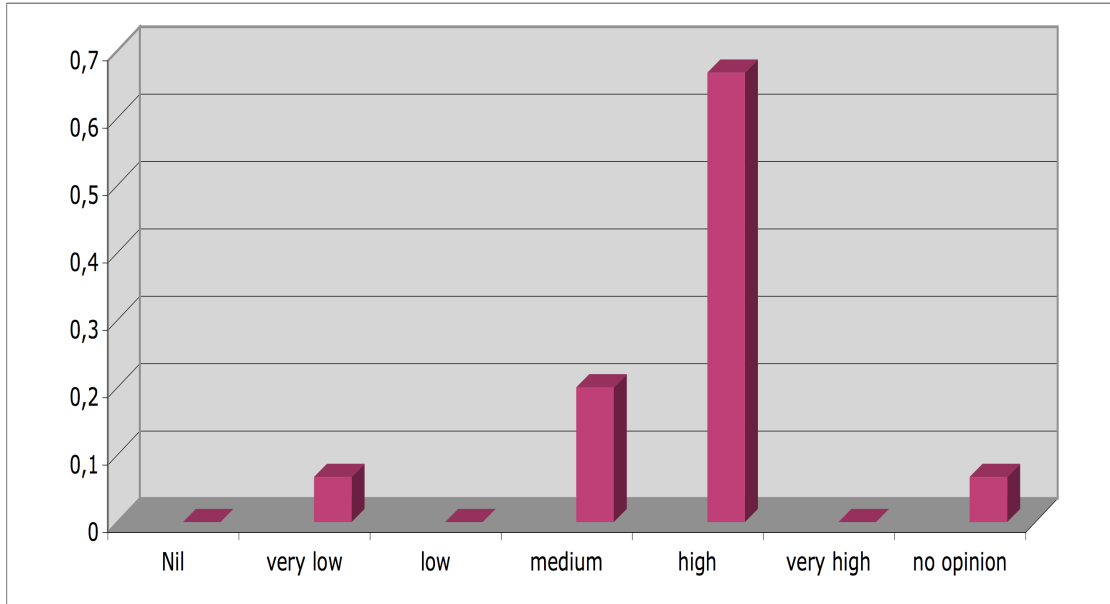
PL: written policy for sponsoring post-graduate  
training programs in the name of the society

IT, F, FI,

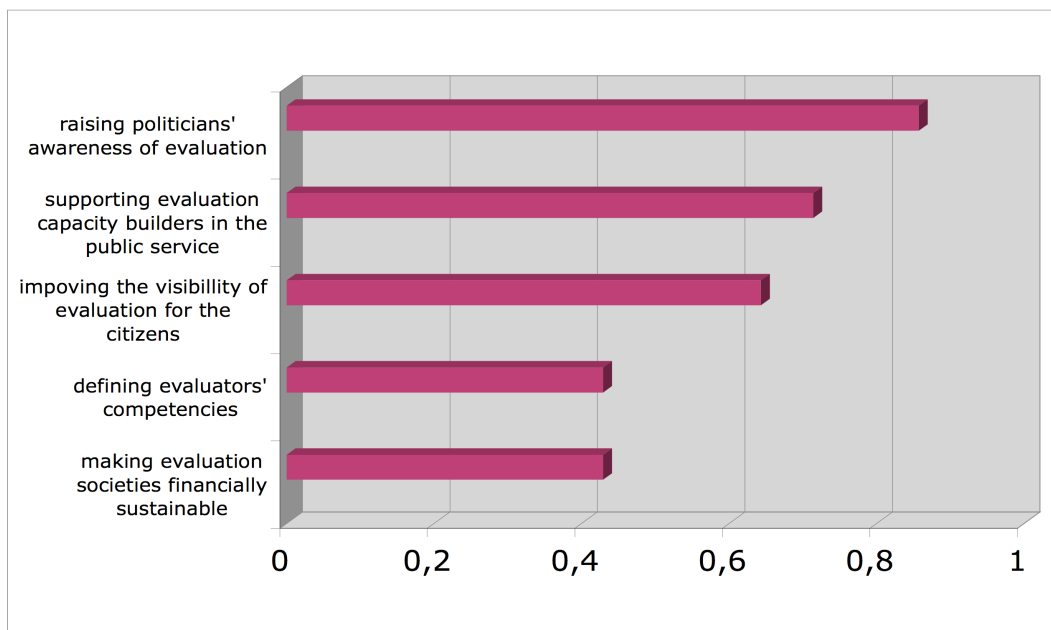
SLO: at the beginning of a process

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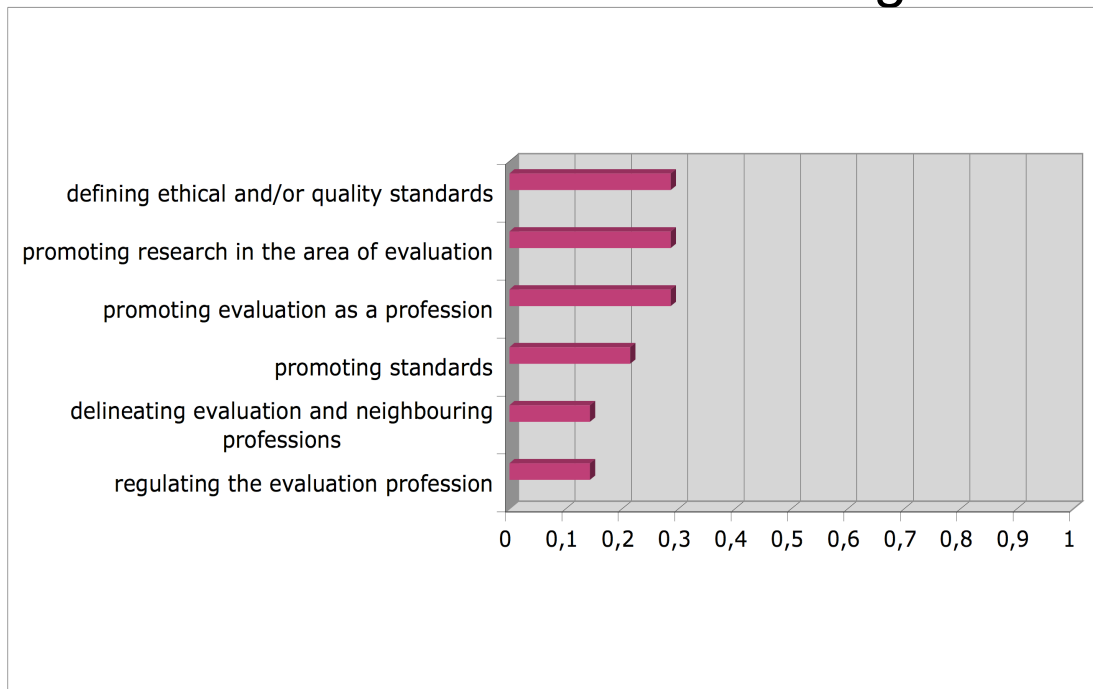
## Priority ascribed to EES initiative on evaluators' competencies



## Issues for mutual exchange



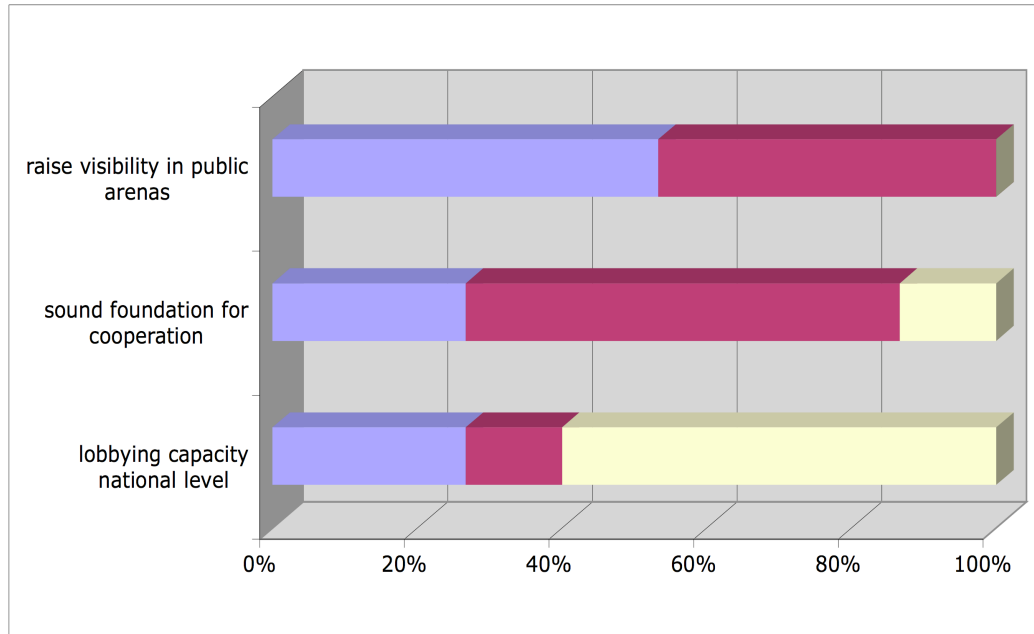
## Issues for mutual exchange



## Topics for further discussion

- certification of evaluators
- availability of the survey results
- relationship between NESE and EES
- relationship between NESE and EU
- satisfaction with EU guidelines on evaluation
- debate on the strictness of evaluation standards

## Purposes of a joint declaration



## Additional purposes

- quality of evaluation in the EU and within member states?
- position of evaluation societies in relation to government and market
- diversity and cultures in the practice of evaluation (societies)



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