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Quota Project, Sources and Additional Reading: http://www.quotaproject.org/sources.cfm

The World Bank, Gender Data Portal, Available Indicators: http://datatopics.worldbank.org/gender/indicators

Monitoring and Evaluation NEWS, Hierarchical Card Sorting: A Tool for Qualitative Research: http://www.worldbank.org/oed/ecd/tools/

Institute of Development Studies (IDS), Publications: http://www.ids.ac.uk/publications

IIEd, Eval SDGs, Eval Partners, Evaluation: a crucial ingredient for SDG success: http://pubs.iied.org/pdfs/17357IIED.pdf

Recommended News Articles and Blog Posts

Female Economy

Ford workers willing but unlikely to find decent jobs: study

Are women less likely to become entrepreneurs?

Philanthropic foundations: black boxes that must become more transparent

Hard Evidence: Which charities get the most money and is it enough?

Can quotas make gender equality happen in politics? Lessons from business

Jennifer Glickamn on How Foundations Evaluate Their Work

Michael Arnold and Miranda Yates on Understanding propensity Score Matching as an Alternative to RCT

<u>Debi Lang on the Importance of Learning Objectives in Program Design and Evaluation</u>



Upcoming Events

October 24

American Evaluation Association
(AEA) Conference 2016: Evaluation
+ Design, Atlanta, Georgia, USA

May 18

Evaluation of Innovations and Innovations in Evaluations, Vilnius, Lithuania

Useful Sites

http://www.quotaproject.org/

http://www.ids.ac.uk/

Examples of Evaluation Projects

Evaluation of the Scientific and other Tangible Outcomes from the EUROCORES Scheme 2003 – 2014, Final Report, Centre for Strategy & Evaluation Services, December 2015

Evaluation of the Anti-crime
Capacity Building Program and
Counter-terrorism Capacity Building
Program, Final Report, Global Affairs
Canada Inspector General Office
Evaluation Division, May 2016

Relevant Publications

Evaluation in Research and Research Funding Organizations: European Practices by European Science Foundation (ESF)

Funding agencies and research organizations today need to demonstrate that their funding goes to excellent scientists who produce excellent results. Expost evaluation is one means to approach this challenge.

The evaluation of research programmes and funding schemes is a relatively new field. However, it has gained increasing attention within a short time and is rapidly developing. European research organizations are looking for more efficient, robust and meaningful approaches to find out which conditions and funding procedures are conducive to good research, to account for the public money spent, and to show the scientific as well as economic and societal impact delivered from these investments.

The aim of this report is to give insight into the practices of ex-post evaluation from the perspective of European research and funding organizations and to explore the opportunities and challenges of evaluation. It cannot substitute for "toolbox" documents, which focus on methodologies and practical issues to be approached before commencing an evaluation project. Instead, the report aims to be helpful in developing a research organization's evaluation policy and therefore the organization's strategy itself.

The recommendations draw on the experience of a wide spectrum of research organisations – funding and research performing – in Europe: small and big, with long or brief tradition, from diverse geographical locations and with different missions. It gives an overview of evaluation principles accepted among the ESF Member Organisations and includes examples and good practices from those organisations.

The report builds on the work of three working groups set up within the Forum: I. Quality assurance and evaluation guidelines, 2. Impact assessment on science and society, and 3. Classification systems and categorization of output data.

The aim of the Report is to improve evaluation studies of funding schemes by developing guidelines, learn about best practices of impact assessment and identify challenges in conducting transnational comparative research portfolio evaluation.



Recommended Reading

State of Civil Society Report 2016 by CIVICUS

Each year the CIVICUS State of Civil Society Report looks at the major events that have affected civil society around the world.

The Report seeks to celebrate the major achievements of civil society, identify the key challenges it has faces, and assess how recent events have impacted on civil society, and how civil society has responded to them. In particular, the Report explores how civil society has reacted to and been affected by conflict and disaster; how citizens have mobilized to seek change; how the space for civil society has changed; and how civil society was worked internationally to address the pressing issues of today. This section of the year in review considers recent mobilizations of protest, activism and participation.

The report is of and from civil society. This year's theme is "exclusion and civil society".