

IOCE EvalPartners profile survey of Voluntary Organizations of Professional Evaluators (VOPEs)

I. Basic profile information

1. Name and acronym of organization (VOPE)	Société wallonne d'évaluation et de prospective
2. Geographic scope of organization)	Nationale (Belgium) / sous-région (Région Wallonie - Belgique)
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4. a. Current formal/ registered membership –numbers of individuals, by their affiliation (if known; please at least give total) 4. b. Informal membership (persons on your mailing list)	Gouvernement: 25 ONGs/Société Civile: 20 Académiques/Université: 10 Secteur Privé (consultants): 15 Autres: 5 a. Total membres officielles: +/- 75 b. Membres informelle : ___
5. Year VOPE was founded	1999
6. Current status (identify which)	• Statuts et règlements adoptés
7. Information about growth: evolution of the number of members or financial resources in the last 5 years.	Evolution stable en termes de membres et d'activité. Croissance de la reconnaissance
8. Purpose and mission of VOPE	organiser une réflexion méthodologique et éthique plutôt orientée vers les acteurs directement impliqués dans les démarches évaluatives et prospectives, promouvoir une diffusion de la culture de l'évaluation et de la prospective au niveau des citoyens et des décideurs, interpeller les décideurs pour les encourager à entreprendre et à soutenir des démarches évaluatives et prospectives conformes aux valeurs éthiques et aux critères techniques reconnus.
9. Current strategy and emphasis	- Workshops / evaluation breakfasts - Conférences - Colloque tous les trois ans - Master interuniversitaire (partenariat avec 3 universités)
10. Organizational capacity: Please describe your governance structure, leadership, services provided, finances, human resources, linkages with other organizations, etc.	Uniquement des bénévoles motivés
11. Means of communication with members, e.g. newsletter, listserv, publication, website	- Liste de distribution - Site web
12. Past events (e.g. during past year)	4 ateliers relatifs à la gouvernance locale
13. Forthcoming key events/ conferences – dates, location	-
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II. Experience with Evaluation Capacity Building

<p>1. Background: Please provide a brief history of the formation of this organization (VOPE).</p> <p>1.1 Who were/are the key players?</p> <p>1.2 How many members do you have on your governing board/ committee?</p> <p>1.3 What are the main existing strengths that your VOPE is trying to capitalize on?</p> <p>1.4 What are the main challenges that your VOPE is trying to address?</p>	<p>Civil servants, consultants, citizens</p> <p>12 board members / 60-70 members</p> <p>Our projects and activities, some policy improvements at regional level</p> <p>Renewal, finding new board members, new members. Projects aren't missing.</p>
<p>2. Organizational motivation: What were/are the driving forces of the VOPE and its historical development?</p>	<p>The good will of its members. Still depending on membership and volunteers.</p>
<p>3. Evaluation Capacity Building: What has your VOPE done to promote evaluation (M&E) capacity?</p>	<p>Launching of an academic certificate with 3 universities</p>
<p>4. Context / target entities: More specifically, who are the persons or institutions your organization seeks to influence (to strengthen evaluation capacity)? For example:</p> <p>4.1 Technical capacities to <i>supply</i> quality evaluations, partnering with experts, local universities or others to provide training for members, etc.;</p> <p>4.2 Strengthening VOPE organizational capacity itself;</p> <p>4.3 Enhancing the enabling environment for evaluation, including strengthening the <i>demand</i> for and use of evaluations by policy makers;</p> <p>4.4 Influencing governmental policies related to evaluation, evaluation designs and implementation of M&E systems, etc.</p>	<p>Public administrations, evaluation practitioners, academics, students</p>
<p>5. Public accountability: Is your VOPE helping to strengthen oversight and transparency of government programs? If so, in what ways? Can you share any success stories of evaluators or others promoting public accountability?</p>	<p>Not formally. But many signals sent in this direction. Return to be measured</p>
<p>6. More specifically, what are some of the key themes for which you advocate? For example, are you promoting issues related to cultural sensitivity, equity, social justice,</p>	<p>Good governance, including ethics, transparency and dissemination of evaluation results, capacity building, empowerment.</p>

empowerment, transformation, gender, environment, poverty? If so, please describe or attach relevant documents.	
<p>7. Methods: Experiences in strengthening skills of individual members, by (for example):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> organizing workshops led by local experts; organizing webinars with international speakers; designing and delivering e-learning programmes; administering mentoring programmes; etc. 	<p>4-5 workshops/ year on evaluation, tools of good governance, local governance.</p> <p>Several conferences</p> <p>Regular evaluation breakfast on cases</p> <p>Launching of an academic certificate</p>
<p>8. Standards: Has your VOPE developed professional standards/ ethical codes/ competencies (or adheres to those developed by others)? If so, please provide documentation.</p>	Nope
<p>9. Job opportunities: Do you share employment/ consultancy opportunities with evaluators on your database?</p>	Yes. Website and mailing list
<p>10. Progress and results: What progress has been achieved so far in any of the above or other domains? What are expected and unexpected results achieved?</p>	
<p>11. Lessons learned: Recommendations/ tips to others for good practices on how to organize and sustain VOPEs like yours.</p>	
<p>12. Next steps: What does your organization plan to do next?</p>	Renew board, launch a new cycle of workshops (t.b.d.)
<p>13. Willing to share with other VOPEs? For example, would you be interested in forming peer-to-peer partnerships with one or more other VOPEs to share lessons learned, advise each other? If so, describe what you would be willing to share / advice you would seek.</p>	This could be limited given our other professional engagements. The SWEP is totally volunteer
<p>14. Suggestions: What ideas do you have for what should be included in activities of the EvalPartners Initiative?</p>	
<p>15. Want to be actively involved? Does your VOPE want to be actively involved in EvalPartners? If so, in what ways?</p>	Yes. Please contact Jean-Louis.Dethier@perspective-consulting.org
<p>16. Would you be willing to write up a case study providing more detailed analysis of your VOPE's experiences?</p>	Why not?