

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

I. Basic profile information

1. Name and acronym of organization (VOPE)	Slovenská spoločnosť pre evaluáciu (SSpE) Slovak Society for Evaluation (SSE)
2. Geographic scope of organization	National: Slovak Republic
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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)	Government: NGOs/CSOs: Academics: Private sector (consultants): Other: a. Total official membership: 72 b. Total informal membership: ____
5. Year VOPE was founded	2008
6. Current status (identify which)	Non-profit organisation
7. Information about growth: evolution of the number of members or financial resources in the last 5 years.	From 8 to 72 members
8. Purpose and mission of VOPE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ support and development of theory as well as practical use of evaluations in gaining new knowledge ▪ cooperation between relevant partners from various fields, exchange of knowledge and experience from evaluation theory and practice ▪ increasing the general knowledge on benefits of evaluation, educating persons involved in design, management and carrying out evaluations ▪ building evaluation culture based on expertise, professionalism and neutrality and impartiality
9. Current strategy and emphasis	Building awareness and knowledge of the public
10. Organizational capacity: Please describe your governance structure, leadership, services provided, finances, human resources, linkages with other organizations, etc.	Structure: Chairman and 2 vicechairmen 2 volkunteers working for the organisation Communication with other national evaluation societies, European Evaluation Society
11. Means of communication with members, e.g. newsletter, listserv, publication, website	Website, news by email
12. Past events (e.g. during past year)	Thematic sessions, training
13. Forthcoming key events/ conferences – dates, location	Thematic sessions, training
14. Name and e-address of person submitting this information	Martin Obuch info@sspe.sk
15. Date of this update	7 January 2013

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>2. Organizational motivation: What were/are the driving forces of the VOPE and its historical development?</p>	
<p>3. Evaluation Capacity Building¹: What has your VOPE done to promote evaluation (M&E) capacity?</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>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>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>	

¹ By evaluation capacity we refer to the capacity of individuals to produce credible and useful evaluations (supply side), but also to institutional capacities to call for (demand side) and utilize evaluations.

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>8. Standards: Has your VOPE developed professional standards/ ethical codes/ competencies (or adheres to those developed by others)? If so, please provide documentation.</p>	
<p>9. Job opportunities: Do you share employment/ consultancy opportunities with evaluators on your database?</p>	
<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>	
<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>	
<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>	
<p>16. Would you be willing to write up a case study providing more detailed analysis of your VOPE's experiences?</p>	

Thank you very much for taking the time to respond to this survey. As stated above, it will be added to the www.IOCE.net website so persons interested in finding evaluators in your country will have this basic information about your VOPE.

Please save this entire Word document with the name of your VOPE in the title, then send as an attachment to IOCE@earthlink.net.

For any questions or further information you may contact Jim Rugh, EvalPartners Coordinator, at JimRugh@mindspring.com.