



## Peer-to-Peer (P2P) Support Program

### Final Narrative Report

#### Project ID

<b>P2P Project number</b>	#014
<b>Project Title:</b>	<b>EVALCOMP RO-MK</b> "Partnership for strengthening of evaluation capacities in Macedonia by promoting exchange of experience among VOPEs with regard to evaluators' certification of competences and networking"
<b>Project Managed by:</b>	MEN – Macedonian Evaluation Network, Macedonia + MCA-2000, Macedonia as Managing Partner for MEN RoSE – Romanian Society of Evaluators, Romania
<b>Date of this report</b>	1 April 2015
<b>Focus of the Project:</b> (check all that apply)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Advocacy for enabling environment for evaluation
	<input type="checkbox"/> Academic courses in evaluation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Strengthening VOPE institutional capacity
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Individual members' evaluation capacities
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Capacity to promote equity-focused and gender-sensitive evaluation

VOPEs involved:	Name and acronym of VOPE	Country/Region
#1	MEN – Macedonian Evaluation Network . Its managing structure is Management Consulting Association (MCA) - 2000	Macedonia
#2	RoSE – Romanian Society of Evaluators of Romania	Romania

<b>Project start date</b>	Oct 2014
<b>Project end date</b>	Mar 2015

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1. What was the purpose of the project? What did the project plan to achieve and how? (Brief description of the project, max 100 words).

The Project EVALCOMP RO-MK "Partnership for strengthening of evaluation capacities in Macedonia by promoting exchange of experience among VOPEs with regard to evaluators' certification of competences and networking", is implemented in the period September 2014 to March 2015, under the "Peer-to-Peer (P2P) & Innovation Challenge Small Grant Program", launched by IOCE Network and is implemented from September 2014 to March 2015 .

Aiming at the promotion of best practice in monitoring and evaluation the Macedonian Evaluation Network- MEN, as new established organization, will cooperate with RoSE-Romanian Society of Evaluators in the field of exchanging experiences and implementing standards of quality and professionalism.

Under the project, RoSE provides support to Macedonian Evaluators Network (MEN) for strengthening its professional capacity and enhancing evaluators' professional competences, by conducting joint activities and developing a communication network between the evaluators of the two countries on issues of common interest, including the areas of research and consultancy in evaluation.

2. Did the project achieve what it planned to achieve? Yes, fully / partially / unfortunately, no.

The project has fully achieved its planned activities.

2.a. Please comment on degree of achievement:<sup>1</sup>

The main activities considered for the project:

Activity	Deliverable	Date	Status
Organization of a planning and institutional strengthening workshop for MEN in Romania	Kickoff Meeting in Romania	22-23 Oct.14	100%
Project management and reporting	Technical and Financial Report	1 April 15	100%
Organization of 2 workgroup meetings on occupational framework in evaluation of competences	1 <sup>st</sup> Meeting in Macedonia + Minute 2 <sup>nd</sup> Meeting in Romania + Minute	14-15 Nov.14 6-7 Mar.15	100% 100%
Initiating a process aiming to support the professionalization of evaluation in Macedonia	Strategic proposal and action plan for the professionalization of evaluation in Macedonia	28 Mar. 15	100%
Structuring and reinforcing the networking of exchanges of practice	On-line communication Network of evaluators	Project Duration 6-7 Mar.15	100% 100%
Development of a process to facilitate training assignments between Romania and Macedonia	Plan to facilitate training assignments	30 Mar.15	100%
Publication of contributions of P2P working groups and project team on the webpage	Comm. Plan and min.5 published contributions of P2P#14 Webpages with P2P#14 project information Memorandum of undersatanding to support professionalization of evaluation in Macedonia	10 Dec.14 30 Mar.15 7 Mar.15	100% 100% 100%
Organization of a 2-days dissemination workshop in Macedonia	Dissemination workshop of 2-days in Macedonia	30 Mar.15	100%

<sup>1</sup> Please limit your responses to this and other questions to no more than 500 words each.

**3. Was the project implemented as planned? If there were changes in the planned activities, why they were necessary?**

The project has been implemented according to the project schedule with a fine tuning to adapt to the small delay in project starting due to contracting date.

**4. What are the main lessons learned from the experience of this project that you would like to share with other VOPEs?**

- Very positive lesson was the effectiveness of the approach for combination of small project teams for realizing the project activities (focused and effective) and inviting more association members to part of the working sessions (different opinions, good discussion, challenging issues raised etc.). The results from this approach were comprehensive and effective.
- The opportunity for transnational knowledge sharing was extremely valuable in any sense. The main lesson learnt was that because different countries (no matter how close geographically they are) have very different environment, legislation and practices – which should be taken into consideration when dimensioning projects. Things that in one country are common and takes small effort to realize, in other country the same thing can be very complicated and time consuming (for example acceptance of occupational standards by the relevant authorities). In our case this did not influence the project timeline, because of the good definition of the project results, but in other cases this could have delayed the project significantly.
- Having diverse project team members (different areas of expertise, educational background, work experience etc.) i.e. the multidisciplinary aspects of project teams showed very beneficial in this project where strengthening capacities by knowledge and experience sharing were the main focus.

**5. Are there plans to continue or expand collaboration started under the project? If so, please describe.**

Yes, numerous opportunities for future collaboration were identified during this project. First aspect is to continue the knowledge transfer. Both associations identified concrete trainings that can be provided among them in order to help each to enhance capabilities in the area of evaluation and institutional strengthening.

Second, few options for joint partnership on projects were identified (e.g. TAIEX, OPEK, Erasmus+ etc.), areas for mutual collaboration were identified and initial project ideas were discussed.

All this opportunities for collaboration were documented for further notice.

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