

2009 Survey of Evaluation Groups

1. Name of Evaluation Group (Society / Association / Network)

DeGEval – Gesellschaft fuer Evaluation e.V. (Evaluation Society)

Germany and Austria

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3. Current membership – approximate size and origin – i.e. from govt., NGOs, academics, private sector, etc.

523 individual members

107 institutional members

4. Purpose of group

Professionalization of Evaluation

The growing demand for evaluation offers many opportunities, but also implies certain risks. These are related firstly to evaluation quality and secondly to the professionalism of evaluators and the framework of evaluation. Despite a great interest in evaluation, there is a clear need for information regarding the possibilities and the limitations of evaluation and regarding its benefits and costs.

Therefore, DeGEval is strongly committed to the following:

- to promote binding quality standards for evaluation laid down in the ‘Standards for Evaluation’ and the subsequent ‘Guidelines for Implementation of the Standards in the Field of Self-Evaluation’;
- to communicate the importance of qualitatively sophisticated evaluation to evaluation clients, evaluators, and to the evaluated themselves;
- to support evaluation clients from regional authorities, public bodies, publicly funded institutions, and churches, foundations and associations, and to contribute to their professionalization via the ‘Guidelines for Evaluation Clients’;
- to support high quality training programs according to DeGEval’s ‘Guidelines for Training in Evaluation’;

- to make information concerning evaluation publicly available.

5. Current strategy and emphasis

Consolidation of Different Perspectives

In order to consolidate differing perspectives, experience and expectations regarding evaluation, DeGEval has set itself the following tasks:

- to promote a dialogue between evaluators both within and beyond singular fields of evaluation, this being an especial achievement of the DeGEval work groups;
- to gather together the experience and expectations of clients, evaluation researchers, evaluators, and the evaluated;
- to form a network of the providers of training programs in evaluation;
- to uphold and expand contacts to the relevant national and international organizations that are active in various fields of evaluation.

6. Means of communication with members, e.g. newsletter, listserv, publication

DeGEval... Mail, column DeGEval... Info, mailing list forum-evaluation, website, publications/ booklets edited by DeGEval, internal area of the DeGEval web server containing various information about all areas of evaluation and a commented register of members

7.

Forthcoming key events/conferences – dates, location, contact person for more information

12. Jahrestagung der DeGEval: Evaluation und Gesellschaft, Muenster, October 7th-9th 2009

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9. Date of most recent update

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