

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

I. Basic profile information

1. Name and acronym of organization (VOPE)	VIDE																										
2. Geographic scope of organization	National: Netherlands																										
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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)	a. Total organizational membership: 21 organizations b. Total individual membership: 200 individuals																										
5. Year VOPE was founded	2002																										
6. Current status	Legally recognized by government																										
7. Information about growth: evolution of the number of members or financial resources in the last 5 years.	The last years where reasonably stable. Some of our institutional members merged so our institutional number declined from 26 to 21. Financially the Vide is healthy with a solid financial base.																										
8. Purpose and mission of VOPE	To be a platform for the exchange of knowledge and to facilitate meetings and seminars to enhance the existing cooperation and knowledge exchange.																										
9. Current strategy and emphasis																											
10. Organizational capacity: Please describe your governance structure, leadership, services provided, finances, human resources, linkages with other organizations, etc.	A member structure with a full board. Institutes are represented in the board. There is a secretarial back office with an association manager. We organise meetings and seminars for the exchange of knowledge. Those meetings are free of costs and can be attended by anyone interested in the subject. We also have a specific network of evaluators. Next to our own activities we work together with other organisations.																										
11. Means of communication with members, e.g. newsletter, listserv, publication, website	We send out a monthly newsletter. We have a website and we have some publications.																										
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13. Forthcoming key events/ conferences – dates, location	15 January 2013 the new year's speech 11 April 2013 the yearly conference																										
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15. Date of this update	01-01-2013																										

// 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</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.

<p>which you advocate? For example, are you promoting issues related to cultural sensitivity, equity, social justice, empowerment, transformation, gender, environment, poverty? If so, please describe or attach relevant documents.</p>	
<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>	