

IOCE EvalPartners profile survey of Voluntary Organizations for Professional Evaluation (VOPEs)

I. Basic profile information

1. Name and acronym of organization (VOPE)	Magyar Értékelők Társasága (MÉRT) (in English: Hungarian Evaluation Society)
2. Geographic scope of organization	1. National: Hungary
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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: 12 NGOs/CSOs: Academics: Private sector (consultants):43 Other: a. Total official membership: 55 b. Total informal membership: ____
5. Year VOPE was founded	2008
6. Current status (identify which)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Legally recognized by government
7. Information about growth: evolution of the number of members or financial resources in the last 5 years.	In 2008 we had 15 founding members. By 2012 we had 55 members.
8. Purpose and mission of VOPE	To set up and to develop the evaluation profession and the evaluation culture in Hungary.
9. Current strategy and emphasis	The crisis has strongly hit the consultancy market in general and the evaluation market in special in Hungary. Our strategy is to represent the interests of our members in this situation. We explore new niches on the evaluation market at home and abroad. We focus on the quality criteria and standards of the evaluations, on the dissemination of good practices and on the new Europe 2020 framework. The new result based orientation of this framework opens up new perspectives for the Hungarian Evaluation Society, too.
10. Organizational capacity: Please describe your governance structure, leadership, services provided, finances, human resources, linkages with other organizations, etc.	The chairperson, the two vice-chairs and the financial officer get elected by the members. They all act on a voluntary basis, there are no paid employees at the Society. The services provided to members are annual meetings with presentations on new evaluation results, methods, frameworks and an evaluation blog. Members are to pay a membership fee. The Society maintains good relationship with the Slovak, Romania, Czech, Polish and the Ukrainian Evaluation Societies. We adopted rules on conflict of interest and a code of ethics and we developed quality assessment standards.
11. Means of communication with members, e.g. newsletter, listserv, publication, website	Website and regular emails
12. Past events (e.g. during past year)	Presentations on the new 2014+ European framework Evaluation conference in Bucharest
13. Forthcoming key events/conferences – dates, location	Monitoring and Evaluation conferences of the Hungarian National Development Office, Budapest, 25-27 October
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