

IOCE survey of Voluntary Organizations for Professional Evaluation (VOPEs)

Macedonian Evaluation Network- MEN

I. Basic profile information

1. Name and acronym of organization (VOPE)	Macedonian Evaluation Network (MEN)
2. Geographic scope of organization	National: Macedonia
3. Contact Details	Names and e-addresses of up to three contact persons: 1: Administrator: Zdenka Nikolovska zdenkanikolovska@hotmail.com 2: VOPE, Coordinator of MEN Risto Ivanov risto@t-home.mk 3 Vlatko Danailov vlatko@basme.com.mk Postal address of VOPE: - St. Naum Naumovski Borce 88a, 1000 Skopje, Macedonia Telephone: - 00389 2 3216 903 VOPE website URL: www.mca-2000.org
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)	Informal network, 11 members on mailing list, 120 Forum members (LinkedIn) a. Total official membership: 11 evaluators b. Total informal membership: 60 members
5. Year VOPE was founded	March 2014
6. Current status (identify which)	Informal network
7. Information about growth: evolution of the number of members or financial resources in the last 5 years.	Established in Skopje march 2014
8. Purpose and mission of VOPE	Vision: MEN will be a platform of knowledge and experience in the field of monitoring and evaluation, based on partnership in strengthening capacity and knowledge. Mission: Advocacy and promotion of theory and practice in monitoring and evaluation, linking interested parties in the field, exchange of experiences, promotion of shared efforts in preparation and implementation of activities, respecting the highest standards of quality and professionalism.
9. Current strategy and emphasis	Work plan for 2014-2015: Enlargement of the network
10. Organizational capacity: Please describe your governance structure, leadership, services provided, finances, human resources, linkages with other organizations, etc.	Governance structure: In establishing process Leadership: Services provided: Day to day communication among the members Finances: Provided by host company MCA 2000 . Human resources: Linkages with other organizations: MEN is a member of WEBEN – Western Balkan Evaluation Network, http://www.sdeval.si/WEBEN/ .
11. Means of communication with members, e.g. newsletter, listserv, publication, website	E-mail mca2000info@gmail.com website (http://www.mca-2000.org), personal meetings.
12. Past events (e.g. during past year)	
13. Forthcoming key events/ conferences – dates, location	
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15. Date of this update	April 2014

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>1.1 Key players: MCA 2000 and their members individual management consultants, Active members 40 passive 27</p> <p>1.2 Five members</p> <p>1.3 Recognition as representative of profession management consultant in public, international network established by accreditation of CMC and developed resources for institutional building and experienced members for evaluation and monitoring of local and international projects</p> <p>1.4 usage of effective evaluation tools for state policy and promotion of benefits from evaluation practice for public and private sector development</p>
<p>2. Organizational motivation: What were/are the driving forces of the VOPE and its historical development?</p>	<p>Management Consulting Association (MCA) - 2000 is Macedonian consulting association established in May 2000, as a professional, independent, and non-for-profit organization of associated Management Consultant professionals. MCA - 2000 became a full member of International Consul of Management Consulting Institutes (ICMCI) in 2011 (Jun 9)</p> <p>The main objective of MCA-2000 is to promote and ensure excellence in management consulting profession. MCA -2000 has 60 members that are CMC until today. CMC certification in Macedonia not only denotes the highest quality consulting standards, but also adheres to the ethical canons of the profession. The efforts of the CMC professionals have improved the business climate in Macedonia, and gained a competitive advantage in the Balkan region.</p>
<p>3. Evaluation Capacity Building¹: What has your VOPE done to promote evaluation (M&E) capacity?</p>	<p>2012-Promotion of profession in Kosovo and Implementation of CMC procedures for members of Kosovo Consulting Council : 2013 -Introduction of new categories of membership within Association; 2013-Training and organization of evaluation process; 2014-Starting dialogue with academy for introductory courses for evaluation practice; 2012- Participation in establishment of National Council for Entrepreneurship and Competitiveness in Republic of Macedonia</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</p>	<p>4.1. We have individuals with expertise and experience on evaluation but weak capacity as network.</p> <p>4.2. Strengthening of VOPE organizational capacity is planned through establishing network and cooperation with WBEN and other evaluation communities in Western Balkan.</p> <p>4.3 Membership in National Council for Entrepreneurship and Competitiveness in Republic of Macedonia is our starting point to enabling environment to boost demand for evaluation of policy makers.</p> <p>4.4. At the moment through participation in National Council for Entrepreneurship and Competitiveness in Republic of Macedonia and cooperation with Ministry of economy.</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 and utilize evaluations (demand side).

designs and implementation of M&E systems, etc.	
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?	5. We still have no activities in this field/
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, empowerment, transformation, gender, environment, poverty? If so, please describe or attach relevant documents.	6 We have no undertaken activities in those areas.
7. Methods: Experiences in strengthening skills of individual members, by (for example): <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. 	7. We are not experienced in this fields. Our first activity was to promote MEN and opportunity to be organized in Macedonian market and Western Balkan Market.
8. Standards: Has your VOPE developed professional standards/ ethical codes/ competencies (or adheres to those developed by others)? If so, please provide documentation.	. MCA 2000 developed professional standards (CC Certified management consultants) related to management consultants, It is international standards developed by ICMCI. 1. Internal procedures for CMC designation -2.Public Handbook for application for CMC
9. Job opportunities: Do you share employment/ consultancy opportunities with evaluators on your database?	NO
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?	1. Establishing indicative committee for establishing MEN 2. Cooperation with WBEN - Western Balkan evaluation network and ROSA, - Romanian evaluation organization.
11. Lessons learned: Recommendations/ tips to others for good practices on how to organize and sustain VOPEs like yours.	
12. Next steps: What does your organization plan to do next?	
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	YES, we prepare proposal for cooperation with WBEN

you would be willing to share / advice you would seek.	
14. Suggestions: What ideas do you have for what should be included in activities of IOCE and the EvalPartners Initiative?	
15. Want to be actively involved? Does your VOPE want to be actively involved in IOCE and EvalPartners? If so, in what ways?	
16. Would you be willing to write up a case study providing more detailed analysis of your VOPE's experiences?	YES