Special Session 7 - YEEs: Taking stock and Looking ahead

EUROPEAN EVALUATION SOCIETY
Thematic Working Group for Young and Emerging Evaluators (yEES!)

Stimulating, guiding and promoting the theory, practice and utilization of evaluation in Europe and beyond.
YEES! GROUP
Objectives

- To bring the ideas and perspectives of yEES into the work of EES
- To promote a stronger interaction of new and experienced members of EES as well as different generations of evaluators
- To connect young/new evaluation professionals and researchers across Europe
- To support EES in achieving the association’s goals and to become the voice of young evaluators in Europe.
EVALAGENDA 2020 & YEES!

- Outcome 1. YEESs are better engaged in the evaluation field.
- Outcome 2. Young people are better engaged in the evaluation process.

- Outcome 1. YEEs benefit from innovative ways to develop their expertise.
- Outcome 2. Young people will benefit from innovative methods used to include them in the evaluation process.

- Outcome 1. YEEs are connected and contribute to the global evaluation community.
- Outcome 2. Young people are purposefully and meaningfully included in the evaluation practice.
YEES! ACTIVITIES & ACHIEVEMENTS

• International Virtual Conference (2014)

• Mentoring program for emerging evaluators (2015)

• yEES Competition during the EES 2018
  • The yEES! Competition Toolkit

• Stocktaking of Evaluation trainers during EES2018 and paper on the state of Evaluation Capacity Development in Europe

• Synergies between networks (EES Representatives to EvalYouth Taskforces, joint representation of YEEs during the IDEAS GA 2019 and the AEA 2019 and)
YEES! ACTIVITIES & ACHIEVEMENTS

• Peer to Peer Advisory Sessions – P2P (gLocal Evaluation week, NEC 2017 and NEC 2019)

• yEES representation in the EES Board

• yEES leadership of the EES communication
• Creation of EuropEval Digest EES Podcast

(Upcoming!)
• Youth to Youth Forum of Young Evaluation Leaders – Y2Y Forum
• Attempts to create a labs to promote experimentation in evaluation
YEES! CHALLENGES

• Activities require strong engagement
• Active participation
• Regular meetings
• Time necessary to achieve results
• Funding
LOOKING AHEAD: PRIORITIES POST-EVALAGENDA 2020

• Develop a systemic and holistic approach to developing YEEs

• Reposition YEEs as the ones who bring value and drive change

• Empower of YEEs – inclusion into management of evaluation societies and communities

• Create environment for innovation by YEEs
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