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Alternative Futures: What role for evaluation in a just transition?

Online autumn event **14th – 16th November 2023**

Important dates and deadlines:

Abstract submission opens:	12 th of July 2023
Registration opens:	1 st of August 2023
Abstract submission deadline:	22 nd of September
2023 Professional development workshops:	14 th of November 2023
Autumn event:	15 th to 16 th of November 2023

In the run-up to our biennial conference in Rimini September 23rd - 27th 2024, the European Evaluation Society is hosting a major online event in autumn 2023. The EES's online event 2023 #EES23 is our largest knowledge exchange and networking event in 2023. This event brings together practitioners in evaluations, academics, policy-makers, and other stakeholders to exchange and discuss views, ideas, evaluation results, and research findings. The event will be preceded by professional development workshops.

While EES23 will be a stand-alone event, it is intended to provoke engaged debate, reflection and presentation of new approaches and thinking in evaluation that can be further developed for presentation at the EES conference in 2024. A number of EES thematic working groups are already active in preparing sessions for the event profiling research and development in their area.

We invite our community to join us on the 15th and 16th of November 2023 to present their ideas on evaluation for a just transition. We believe these debates will be a sound bedrock for further development and inclusion in our thematic orientations around collaborations in Rimini in 2024.

EES 2023 Thematic scope

Background: The diagnostic is clear, the world is facing overlapping crises (the new buzzword of the time is 'poly-crises') and we've undeniably come to the end of a model—economic, societal, ecological. Now we need to change, fast. Call it a transformation, a transition, a (R)evolution—a drastic change is unavoidable. What role should evaluation play in this transition? How can our discipline, profession, and community take a decisive and distinct part in the fact-changing World? What would it take? At the online European Evaluation Society Conference 2023 we will collectively seek answers to these questions. From sharing experiences of what some of us are already doing (e.g., embedded evaluations of local transition initiatives, using evaluative evidence for advocacy, shifting how we 'value' certain outcomes in our methodology, how we proceed with new forms of data collection and analysis), to collectively imagining and planning for an alternative future, this conference will provide a forum for collective thinking and action.

To structure our reflections, we propose the following three strands:

1) Changing how and what we value: Evaluation's responsibility in defining alternative measures of success

In this strand, we invite both methodological and normative reflections and experiences on evaluation's role and responsibility in establishing, measuring, judging and informing decision-makers and societies about what success looks like. How can we (help) abandon metrics and standards that are harmful to people and the planet? How can we help societies and organizations imagine and put in place alternative norms of success and measurement?

2) Changing how we work: Evaluation models that work

In this strand, we invite practical reflections and experiences on how we can change the way we work, together, with non-evaluators, decision-makers, and the public to contribute not only with knowledge but also in action to a just transition. How do we change our work because of new available methods and approaches, like AI? What evaluation models have proven successful in facilitating collective change? What does it take to influence people in power? What does it take to conduct transformative evaluations?

3) Learning from others: Evaluation's role in the *polity*

In this strand, we invite evaluators who've actively collaborated with non-evaluators, or have adopted ways of working that transcend evaluation to make a difference for a just transition. Be it journalists, activists, biologists, or humanitarian workers. Who and what has inspired you to transcend your domain of expertise? What models of collective and interdisciplinary practice have worked?

Conference Fee and Registration

- Registration fee for EES members: 70 EUR (incl. 21% VAT)
- Registration fee for non-members: 100 EUR (incl. 21% VAT)

Details about professional development workshops will be available shortly.

For more information, including details on abstract submission [visit our website](#). To

register, please visit www.conftool.pro/ees2023 **after the 1st of August 2023**.

Signing up as an EES member will enable you to receive a discounted conference fee. To access this discount, please [register as a member](#) before signing up for the 2023 EES Autumn Event. Visit us at www.europeanevaluation.org to learn more about membership categories, benefits and rates.

In case of any uncertainties relating to this event, do not hesitate to contact us at eesonline2023@gmail.com

According to the quality of received contributions, the scientific committee of the conference will discuss the opportunity to contact the authors and will publish the outputs from the conference.