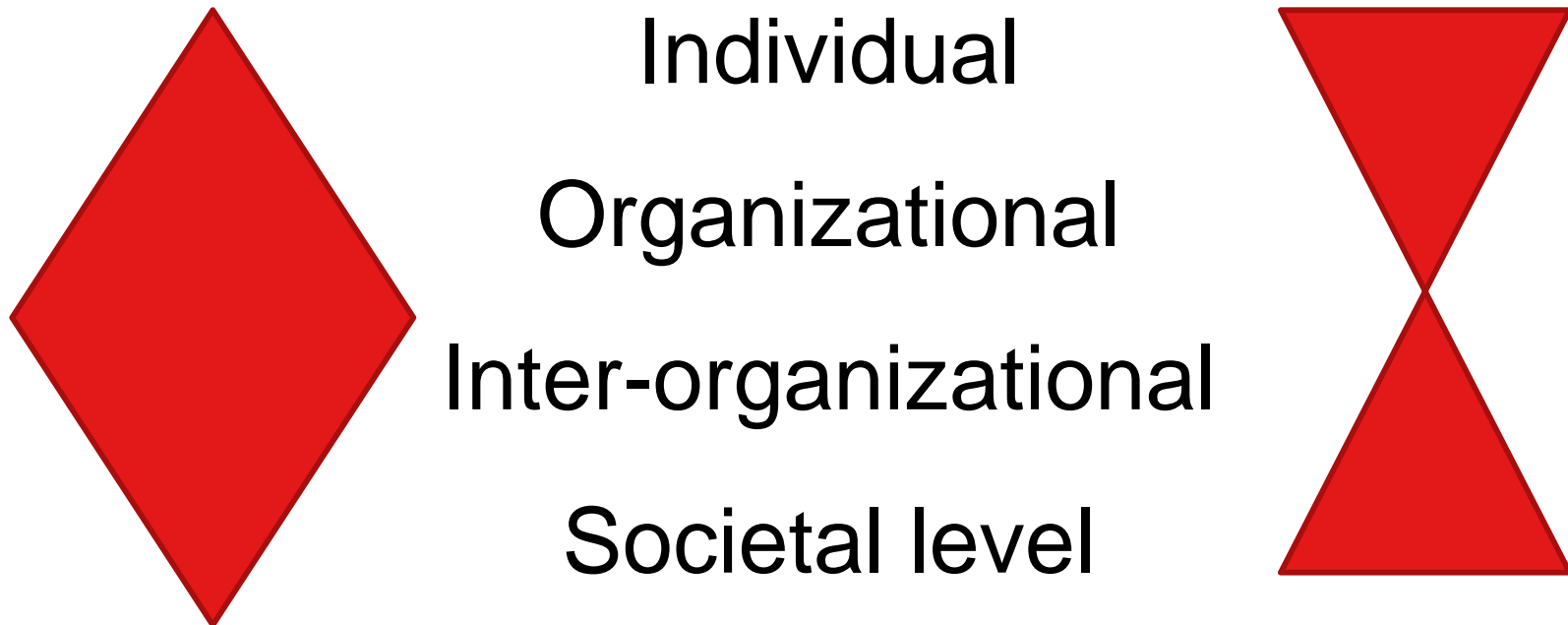


# Commission Guidelines for Evaluation – some reflections

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# What is it (not)?

- Evaluation policy guidelines vs. policy evaluation guidelines



# Strong points

1. Ambitious programme
2. Organisational roles and structure
3. Careful balance
  
4. Definition/purpose of evaluations
5. Broad scope
6. Utilization of results + closing the policy cycle
7. Quality instruments
8. Transparency
9. Evaluation criteria
10. Learning

# Comments and questions

1. Open process? transparency vs. participation
2. Quality of stakeholder consultations?
3. Screening? Ambition?
4. Evaluation criteria: distributional/social issues?
5. Components final report: recommendations?
6. Cf. system: individual level?
7. Cf. system: policy towards member states?
8. Regulatory fitness initiative?
9. Role SG?
10. Other comments?

<b>Please assess the evaluation report in terms of your judgements as to how positively or negatively it met each criterion specified below:</b>	<b>Very positive</b>		<b>Very negative</b>		
<b>1. Meeting needs:</b> The evaluation report adequately addresses the requests for information formulated by the commissioners and corresponds to the terms of reference	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>2. Relevant scope:</b> The rationale of the programme, its outputs, results, impacts, interactions with other policies and unexpected effects have been carefully studied	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>3. Open process:</b> The interested parties – both the partners of the programme and the other stakeholders – have been involved in the design of the evaluation and in the discussion of the results in order to take into account their different points of view	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>4. Defensible design:</b> The design of the evaluation was appropriate and adequate for obtaining the results (within their limits of validity) needed to answer the main evaluative questions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>5. Reliable data:</b> The primary and secondary data collected or selected are suitable and reliable in terms of the expected use	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>6. Sound analysis:</b> Quantitative and qualitative data were analysed in accordance with established conventions, and in ways appropriate to answer the evaluation questions correctly	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>7. Credible results:</b> The results are logical and justified by the analysis of data and by suitable interpretations and hypotheses	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>8. Impartial conclusions:</b> The conclusions are justified and unbiased	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>9. Clear report:</b> The report describes the context and goal, as well as the organisation and results of the programme in such a way that the information provided is easily understood	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>10. Useful recommendations:</b> The report provides recommendations that are detailed enough to be implemented	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
In view of the contextual constraints bearing on the evaluation, the evaluation report is considered to be:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>