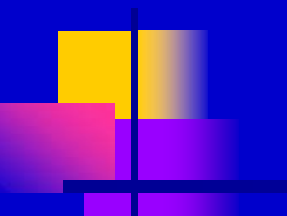


The benefits of evaluation networks

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The importance of inspiration

- Develop the idea of quality in evaluation
- Dialogue between people holding different roles (commissioner, evaluator, politician, user, researcher...)
- Inspiration from other countries, systems, sectors...
- finding resources and learning from experience



Main activities of EES

- EES conference 2004 - 2006 – 2008 etc
- Other events, e.g. symposia
- Professional workshops
- The journal "Evaluation"
- Newsletter & webpage
- Connecting ideas and people



Other activities/issues

- Membership benefits
- Standards and guidelines
- Changing governance structure?
- ...



An idea from Denmark

- "Go-home" meetings



Issues for networks/societies

- Keeping integrity and neutrality
- Financial framework: donation, business or membership fee?
- Big demand for voluntary work, but little supply
- Strategy or activity?
- Secretariat: type, cost, task



A few burning issues in the "real life" of evaluation

- 1 Popularization
- 2 Organizationalization
- 3 From evaluability assessment to capacity
- 4 The return of effects
- 5 Evaluation in public arena
- 6 Expanded consequences of evaluation