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Prospects for developing a National Evaluation Strategy in Greece: the role of the Hellenic Evaluation Society

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The purpose of this paper is to mobilize public debate on the institutionalization of evaluation in Greece. It is based on the discussions at the Hellenic Evaluation Society's Annual Conference 2017, analyzing existing evaluation arrangements and practices, examining the options for formulating a National Evaluation Strategy (NES) and reflecting the views of the Greek evaluation community on this process.

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Adaptation of theory of change in the design, monitoring and evaluation of public policies and development interventions for climate change adaptation

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This article addresses the issue of designing, monitoring and evaluating climate change adaptation strategies based on the theory of change identifying medium and long-term strategic objectives and the progress in their achievement. Reference is made to the effects of the theory of change, which can have a significant impact on all levels of intervention, from the implementation of an action or an integrated program to the development of strategic plans for climate change adaptation. It treats planning, implementation monitoring and ex-ante, interim, final (ex-post) and impact evaluation as a continuous process of feedback to decision-making systems, by distinguishing the expected from real or potentially feasible, through the dynamics of critical theory and the study of impacts in the light of the objective conditions within which climate change adaptation interventions are implemented, and which can contribute to feasible, adaptable and sustainable environmental projects and reforms.

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