

<b>Project title:</b>	Assessment of the Current State of DRG Evaluation in Europe
<b>Funding Agency:</b>	<a href="#">International Organisation for Cooperation in Evaluation (IOCE)</a>
<b>Project Duration:</b>	15/5/2018-20/12/2018
<b>Project Description:</b>	<p>The project was implemented within the framework of the EvalPartners 2018 Small Grants Program Call for Proposals “<i>Strengthening the role of Voluntary Organisations in Professional Evaluation (VOPEs) in Democratizing Learning and Evaluation: Democracy, Human Rights and Governance as a Showcase</i>”. The aim of the call was to support and encourage collaborative learning across VOPEs with an emphasis on increasing knowledge on evaluating democracy, human rights and governance (DRG). The grant sought to build evaluation skills, document local solutions and enhance the use of DRG evaluation and was supported by the Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labour of the United States Department for State for 2018-2019. The principle aim of the project was to explore current DRG evaluation capacities, DRG evaluation practices, methods, and to develop recommendations for developing awareness of DRG evaluation across Europe. The Hellenic Evaluation Society was part of this project in which VOPEs from seven countries (Macedonia, Poland, Serbia, Ukraine, Greece, Turkey and Croatia) joined efforts to define the DRG evaluation level of development and propose recommendations for improvement.</p>
<b>Key activities:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Organisation of a focus group discussion in Greece to collect information on the current DRG evaluation status in the country and to create awareness and induce evaluation professionals to integrate DRG into evaluation practices;</li> <li>- Preparation of a relevant Country Report;</li> <li>- Presentation of key findings and recommendations from national focus groups’ discussions at the partners’ joint workshop, within the framework of the European Evaluation Society Biennial Conference in Thessaloniki, Greece (1-5 October 2018);</li> <li>- Dissemination of Country Report to national stakeholders.</li> </ul> <p>As result of these discussions, the DRG “<a href="#">Thessaloniki Statement</a>” was signed on 2 October 2018, and was disseminated to the participating national evaluation societies.</p>
<b>Project Budget/ HES share:</b>	10,000 USD