



**Platform
Research & Technology Policy
Evaluation**



Mission

- encourage **more, better** and **more transparent** evaluations
- for an optimal **strategic planning** of RTD-policy in Austria
- and to develop a **culture of evaluation** together with decision-makers in the field of Austrian technology and research policy.



Activities

- Linking up with international evaluation community:
 - Workshops with international experts
 - Conferences (The last one: “new frontiers in evaluation” – April 24th – 25th 2006)
- Platform for discussions on methods, expectations, challenges ahead within the Austrian community
- Newsletter
- Evaluation Standards

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Newsletter

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**Special
Edition**

New Frontiers in Evaluation

- The ERC and Policy Makers' Expectations: Evaluation as a Change Agent
Rupert Pöfner
- Pressure, Deception and Peer Review
Michael Dinges
- Some Common Ways to Distribute Funds - Evidence from International Practice
Rudolf Novak
- The Research Assessment Exercise 2006 in the United Kingdom
David F.J. Campbell
- The Usage of PART in the European Context - Possibilities and Caveats
Alfred Reuber, Klaus Zinöcker
- Five Myths about Funding Scientific Research (in Austria)
Klaus Zinöcker, Michaela Glanz, Brigitte Tempelmeier and Michael Dinges

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Standards

**EVALUATION
STANDARDS IN
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TAFTE Workshop

Programme Management & Evaluation – New Forms of Co-operation needed ?

Some comments from an evaluator's
perspective

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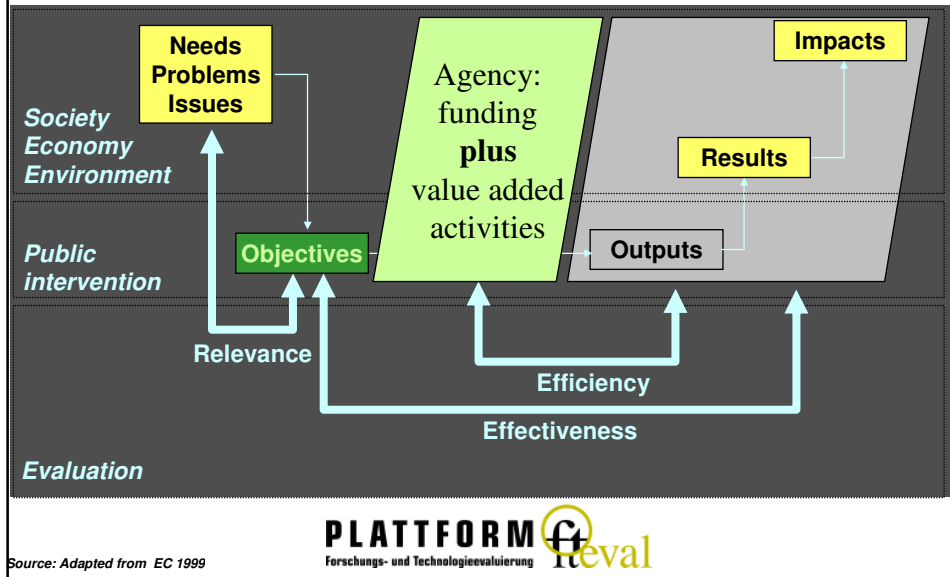


The funding agency as black box?

- Creating additionality starts with the selection of thematic focus, design of funding criteria and allocation of budgets
- Depending on national funding structures only a fraction of these decisions are taken within funding agencies
- I don't see a black box as long as programmes are designed carefully



Grey boxes of programme management



Should evaluators „run along“?

- The question is: What can evaluators contribute to the process? How would the process change ?
- Self-assessment is an internal process and a communication tool:
 - Internal exchange of experiences
 - Creates a body of knowledge for continuous improvement of tools, routines
 - Helps to anchor learning experiences within the agency

Possible contribution of evaluators

- Evaluators can bring in the external perspective at well defined points
- Particularly: Gathering feedback from clients/research performers on the “value added” activities might require an independent actor
- In most cases ex-ante, interim and ex-post evaluations should provide enough opportunities for interaction and provide enough feedback for the agency



Value added for evaluations

- The assessment tool as logbook of programme implementation could become a valuable source of information for evaluators in all types of evaluation
- Based on the self assessment process agencies
 - can formulate evaluation questions more precisely
 - can better assess the quality and relevance of evaluations
- All in all: It looks like a real innovation that has the potential to substantially improve programme implementation and programme development in the future

