

What does the Commission do today to promote an evaluation culture

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Why is a new evaluation system needed?

- **Tracking progress towards high-level policy goals (Lisbon, Barcelona)**
- **Ambitious size and scope of FP7**
- **Strengthened evaluation culture at the Commission**
- **Taking account of past lessons and making improvements**

Characteristics of the new system

- **Increased focus on the systems level**
- **Based on clear and verifiable objectives with appropriate indicators**
- **Strong articulation between ex ante and ex post**
- **Streamlined and rationalised – lightened reporting burden, simplified ‘monitoring’**
- **Coordinated approach between Commission and Member States – links with best practice worldwide**

Main Features

FP6	FP7
Research objectives	Robust hierarchy of outcome objectives with appropriate indicators
Data collection (contract process, reporting)	Systematic and simplified collection of data
Annual Monitoring by independent experts	- Monitoring of implementation by senior Commission management -Indicators to track progress
	Mid-term evaluation (Science panels)
Five Year Assessment by high-level independent experts	Ex post assessment of an FP, 2 years after its completion by high-level independent experts
Impact surveys at FP level	Strengthened programme of coordinated strategic-level evaluations
Evaluation studies at operational level	Evaluation studies at operational level (portfolio, programme)
National impact studies	Coordinated national impact studies
Ad-hoc research-related activities	FP research on evaluation tools and approaches

What type of evaluation culture are we trying to promote

*The routine and systematic use of evaluation in
policy development, implementation and analysis*

- Use
- Provision
- Environment

Promoting an evaluation culture

Use	Provision	Environment
<ul style="list-style-type: none">•Meeting policy needs•Better timing and planning•Improved dissemination and archiving	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•New tools and approaches•Widened and deepened evaluation expertise in the research community•Intelligent procurement	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•Inter DG coordination•European RTD evaluation network•INTER network•Standards and good practice