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**Panel/workshop on R&I policy practices in cohesion and widening countries**

The **aim** of the panel/workshop is to receive an **overview from cohesion and widening countries** on the state-of-art of evaluation practices in the area of R&I policy evaluation (incl. digitalization).

Purpose of R&I policy evaluation: A fundamental part of policymaking is to evaluate the impact of the deployed R&I policies (incl. digitalisation) to understand what has worked and what has not, learn and improve based on the lessons learned. The focus is on the evaluation of programmes, instruments, central R&I institutions, and R&I framework conditions (e.g., regulations, funding issues etc.).

1. **Size and scope** of R&I policy evaluation? What is the scope of R&I policy evaluations in your country? Is the evaluation of R&I and digitalisation instruments and programmes a regular practice?
2. How are R&I and digitalisation evaluations **organized**? Do you have state-driven or state-owned institutions that carry out the evaluation or is evaluation privatized? Is R&I policy evaluation mostly anchored in cohesion funds from the EU?
3. How are evaluators for the field of R&I and digitalisation evaluations **trained**? What is the background of the evaluators?
4. What do you consider the main **challenges** for R&I and digitalisation evaluations?
5. After that participants should inform each other about **a most inspiring practice** from their country in the area of R&I and digitalisation evaluations.

Based on the presentations we will **jointly discuss and identify the most important needed framework conditions, structures and practices to forward R&I policy evaluation (incl. digitalization) in cohesion and widening countries and structures. The outcome of this joint deliberation will be** compiled into a **common position paper**.

**Are you interested to take part in this panel/workshop and inform us on the state-of-art of R&I policy evaluation in your country?**

**Please send me an email indicating your interest until 28. May 2024.**

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