



# Participatory Evaluation

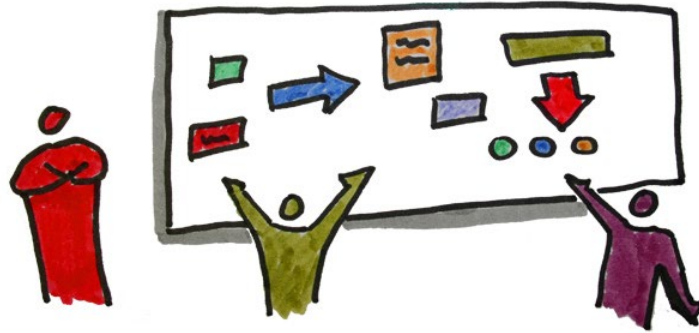
→ what is it, why and how (in a nutshell)

## Conventional Evaluation

There is some kind of „examinant“ from outside who looks at the thing that is to be evaluated, makes an assessment via collection of data and comes to a concluding judgement. This person/entity relies on seemingly „objective“ criteria of success, taking into consideration scientific research.

# Participatory Evaluation

The people who are affected by the thing to be evaluated (a product, a project, an activity) participate directly or via representatives of their „stake“ at the evaluation.



# Participatory Evaluation

The evaluation facilitator collects *the stakeholders'* criteria of success and facilitates *their own* evaluation of the data collected (or simply observations taken).

The facilitator makes sure that different perspectives are gathered and presented.

# Why?

1) Our work is supposed to foster participation, empowering people to stand up for themselves and their issues. In this spirit, evaluation should have this goal as well, in order not to contradict this important goal of civic education (and core principles of the CanDo approach!).



# Why?

2) The outcomes of such an evaluation are usually far more relevant and close to the people who do the work, and therefore more satisfying, sustainable and useful than those from „outside evaluation“.



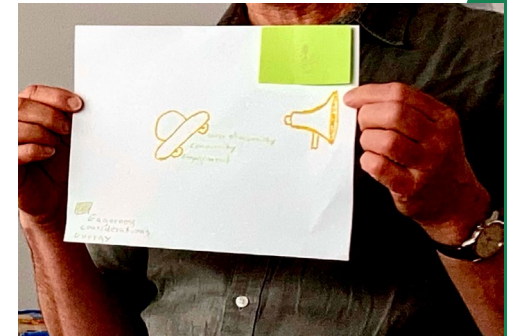
## How? → in CanDo Cards

As there were not enough resources to enable an all-round participatory evaluation process (with representatives from all stakes affected by the project like participants of the trainings, national agency...), we were going for two sessions with the steering group (at TPM1 and today). Also, we covered some pre-defined aspects from the application.

# How? → in CanDo Cards

## TPM 1 in April 2022

The steering committee gathers impressions, motivations, indicators of success present at the time.





# How? → in CanDo Cards

## **Evaluation meeting December 2023**

- Steering group takes a look at the goals formulated in April 2022 and finds evidence for how they have been met
- Discussion of additional aspects that have become important in the meantime
- Feedback on quality management aspects from the project's application
- Collecting learnings from this experience



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