

We have the pleasure to inform you on the EvalPartners progress in June:

- EvalPartners attended **the meeting of the OECD/DAC EvalNet TF on National Evaluation Capacity in Helsinki**. EvalPartners was presented by Natalia Kosheleva. Issaka Traore', Tessie Catsambas and Marco Segone, co-chairs of the EvalPartners Task Force on Enabling Environment, presented the EvalPartners Advocacy strategy, including EvalYear. EvalNet TF agreed a) to support the development of the Toolkit on Advocacy being developed under the leadership of Tessie Catsambas and b) to put forward the proposal to endorse EvalYear to the OECD/DAC EvalNet Assembly.
- Ministry of Traditional Industries and Small Enterprise Development, **Government of Sri Lanka**, joined EvalPartners. The Secretary of the Ministry joined the Advisory Group.
- EvalPartners is proud to announce that, in line with its mission to strengthen institutional capacities of Voluntary Organizations for Professional Evaluation (VOPEs), as well as capabilities to influence and contribute to an enabling environment for evaluation, **25 projects of Peer-to-Peer (P2P)** mutual support among VOPEs have been assessed through a peer-review process and approved by EvalPartners' Management Group. Thanks to generous financing by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Finland, EvalPartners is supporting **31 national and 6 regional VOPEs** with a total grant of 125.000 USD.
- The **Innovation Challenge** to strengthen the demand and use of evaluation, organized in the context of 2015 International Year for Evaluation (EvalYear), was launched. The Innovation Challenge objective is to identify innovative ideas to strengthening the demand for and use of evaluation to inform policy making, including in the context and spirit of EvalYear. Ideas can relate to proposed actions at international, national and/or sub-national levels.

Best regards

Marco Segone, EvalPartners co-chairs