

## “Effective Evaluation of the Sustainable Development Goals - Serbian Context”

June 24, 2021, 2 pm. Central European Summer Time (CEST)

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Dear colleagues,

As a part of the project [“Evaluation as the Basis of the Evidence-based Policy Making Practice in Serbia”](#), Informal Network of Evaluators of Serbia – [INES](#) and the [SeConS Development Initiative](#) organise a webinar **“Effective Evaluation of the Sustainable Development Goals - Serbian Context”**. This event will aim to discuss the invaluable role of evaluation in achieving SDGs and discuss concrete actions that need to be performed for the enhancement of capacities for effective SDG evaluation in Serbia.

Raising awareness on importance of evaluation thinking and developing capacities of the local stakeholders for evaluation is a necessary step towards effective SDG implementation. The first step in that process refers to understanding of the potential benefits which could be achieved through evaluation results. The process is not easy since the building capacities as well as developing strong national evaluation systems requires solid investments whereas benefits are considered uncertain and long-term. Ever since the adoption of the 2030 Agenda for sustainable development in 2015, Serbia has started developing mechanisms for achieving SDGs. It has been set up institutional framework including establishment of the Inter-Ministerial Working Group for the Implementation of the UN 2030 Agenda (2015) and the Focus Group of the Serbian National Assembly in charge for monitoring SDG implementation (2017). In that context, a web platform [DevInfo](#) developed by the Statistical Office of the Republic of Serbia was important step since enabled tracking implementation SDGs. It currently monitors 98 out of 245 indicators. Analysis conducted by the Public Policy Secretariat of the Republic of Serbia has shown solid level of harmonization of the local policies with the SDGs. Greater level of harmonization could be expected after adoption of the Integrated Development Strategy envisaged within Law on Planning System. Despite significant steps realized over the last years, it should be noted that the capacities for SDG implementation and credible SDG evaluation are still low. As reported within the [Progress Report](#) on SDG implementation, it has been suggested that the country-specific targets have not been defined in Serbia implying that measurement is against the quantitative targets was not possible. Lack of available data also represents important barrier for monitoring and evaluation being also a challenge for researchers interested in SDG-related issues. Finally, building capacities of the local administration will be continuous process that will require patient and dedicated work.

This event will highlight the most important issues ahead of Serbia in the context of SDG evaluation, aiming to combine the current knowledge obtained through monitoring and synthesized within the Progress Report on SDG implementation, and important lessons and technical recommendations obtained in other countries that need to be taken into account in the years to come.

## AGENDA

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- 2.00 – 2.05** About the project “Evaluation as the Basis of the Evidence-based Policy Making Practice in Serbia”,  
Informal Network of Evaluators of Serbia – INES
- 2.05 – 2.15** FP1 Flagship Initiative and importance of SDG evaluation for global development,  
Kasseem El-Sadik, vice chair, EVALSDGs
- 2.15 - 2.30** Evaluation of the SDGs at the global level – importance and challenges,  
Marco Segone - Director, Evaluation Office, UNFPA; Former Chair, UN  
Evaluation Group (UNEG); founder/former co-chair, EvalPartners
- 2.30 – 2.40** SDGs in Serbia,  
Dragana Djokovic Papic, Statistical Office of the Republic of Serbia
- 2.40 – 3.00** Progress report on the implementation of SDG by 2030 in Serbia,  
Marija Babović, Faculty of Philosophy, University of Belgrade and SeConS  
Development Initiative Group
- 3.00 – 3.30** Evaluation to connect national priorities with the SDGs,  
Stefano D’Errico, head of monitoring, evaluation and learning, IIED
- 3.30 – 4.00** Discussion