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13th European Evaluation Society Biennial Conference



Evaluation for More Resilient Societies

**Thessaloniki, Greece,
1–5 October, 2018**

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The European Evaluation Society

- **The European professional association for evaluators**
- **Initiated in 1992, formally registered in 1996**
- **Mandate**
 - to stimulate, guide and promote the theory, practice and utilisation of evaluation in Europe and beyond
- **Our vision**
 - a world where evaluation contributes to human welfare through accountability and learning for improvement
- **Approx. 500 members**
 - both evaluators and evaluation commissioners from public and private sector, consultancy and academia
- **We value creativity, diversity and inclusiveness**
- **A platform for debate and knowledge exchange**
- **Events & activities**
 - Flagship event: biennial conference
 - Thematic Working Groups, Evaluation Journal offered with membership, Evaluation Connections, non-conference year events, NESE participation, Emerging evaluators, Blogging, etc.

Evaluation for More Resilient Societies

Re thinking the Role of Evaluation in Turbulent Times

The EES 2018 Conference should serve as a catalyst for innovative thinking on the role, purpose and response of evaluation to turbulence and resilience within societies

Why Thessaloniki?

- **At the crossroads of continents, countries and cultures**
- **The term ‘crisis’ originates in Greek language and means ‘judgment’ or ‘decision’... so very close to evaluation**
 - We need *krisis* to overcome crisis
- **For various reasons, Greece presents the perfect stage to debate how evaluation may help societies in Europe and beyond to become more resilient and overcome crises**

Conference structure

- **Two days of pre-conference training workshops**
 - A variety of themes, approaches and methodologies
 - Training provided by experienced evaluators
 - **Three days of main conference**
 - Paper, panel and poster sessions, fish-bowls, world café, emerging evaluators and buddy programme ...
 - **Keynotes**
 - Day 1: A Call for Innovation
 - Day 2: Evaluation Responses
 - Day 3: The Way Forward
- *Keynote speakers (preliminary): Coche tel, Heider, Schwandt, and more*

Information about the conference

- Conference [website](#)
 - Continuously enriched as the programme takes shape
 - Registration opens in January
- Sponsorship
 - A variety of possibilities (see [brochure](#))
 - Especially, **contribute to capacity building** by financing **Bursaries** for evaluators from developing countries who otherwise would not be able to attend the conference
 - Write to: bursary@ees2018.eu

Conference organisation – *quite a team* !

Role	Contact
Programme coordination	May Pettigrew / Robert Stryk / Sebastian Lemire abstracts@ees2018.eu
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Communication and Social Media	Small working group led by Mariana Branco & Laura Tagle
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