

Project Overview

The Project “**ARK2GEA - Transnational cooperation Albania-Romania-Kosovo towards the implementation of Global Evaluation Agenda 2016-2020**” aims to enhance capacities of 3 National VOPEs of Balkan countries (ASPE of Albania, RoSE of Romania and KEN from Kosovo), members of IOCE and EvalPartners Network to play strategic roles to enabling environment for evaluation in their countries according to the vision for the future of evaluation profession established by the Global Evaluation Agenda (GEA). The implementation period is 9 months: November 2016-July 2017.

The Project specific objectives (SO) are:

1. Enhancing VOPEs’ strategic roles to strengthen enabling environments for evaluation within their countries, contributing to improved national evaluation systems and policies according to GEA vision
2. Strengthening VOPEs’ institutional and operational capacities and to develop participatory approaches with stakeholders concerned with evaluation according to GEA vision
3. Strengthening the individual capacities of evaluators in each country and promoting professional education and occupational framework

Some Key Results to Date

- Organization of 3 Kick-Off meetings and 3 main public meetings: at the RoSE-Romania headquarter on May 21, 2017 where the main discussion was related to the status of Evaluation and the role of ARK2GEA for enabling environment for evaluation according to the GEA ; In Kosovo at the American University on May 26, 2017 with the main talking points being the KEN objectives, the ARK2GEA objectives, the evaluation status in Kosovo as well as showcasing a few remarkable achievements in the Kosovo policy evaluations. The 3rd meeting of ARK2GEA took place in Albania on June 19, 2017 and its aim was to assure a follow-up of the transnational cooperation among the three national VOPEs, ongoing activities and outcomes of the current project, and to discuss new projects on the way.
- Produce a map of the status of evaluation in each country and identification of the needs and what should be done to develop and strengthen the evaluation function, to build knowledge and capacity in M&E, with recommendations for action
- Endorsement of the Global Evaluation Agenda 2016-2020 (GEA) and 4 GEA2020 objectives; Dissemination of information about all five EP networks, IOCE, EvalPartners Initiative, P2P Grant Programme and Global Evaluation Agenda to all members;
- Disseminate of the public statements about the value of evaluation based on EP Advocacy toolkit;

- Joint collaboration for a Master's degree in Evaluation by P2P partners and University of Elbasan-Albania and new initiative developed by the P2P partners and the American University of Pristina - Training and Development Institute Transformational Leadership Program;
- Exchange of experience and reach agreement on the framework of documents/events/approaches to strengthen enabling environment as well as on effective policy to develop education programmes for emerging evaluators;