Evaluation in the Netherlands

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Evaluating Research in Context
Goals of evaluation

• *Improvement* of quality of research through assessment of quality and relevance
• *Improvement* of research management and leadership
• *Accountability* to higher levels of the organisation, funding agencies, government and society at large
Who is involved

- Ministry of Education, Culture and Science
- Mesa Evaluation Committee (MEC)
- VSNU (Association of Universities), KNAW (Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences), NWO (Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research = research council)
- Individual institute

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How it is organised

• Unit of evaluation is institute or research programme

• Cycle of 6 years (self-evaluation and external evaluation)

• Standard Evaluation Protocol (SEP)
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• Quality (international recognition and innovative potential)
• Productivity (scientific output)
• Relevance (scientific and socio-economic impact)
• Vitality and feasibility (flexibility, management and leadership)
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- Inform organisations on and develop methods for the assessment of relevance

- Website, booklets, manual, Quick scan, pilots,…

- Role in new SEP
Thank you!

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ERiC method

- mission oriented, assessment starts with analysis of mission (f.e. via self evaluation)
- stakeholder / user oriented, stakeholder environment is charted, stakeholders are involved in development of indicators
- both quantitative and qualitative data are gathered, society-oriented bibliometry is possible
- feed back is formative (future oriented) more than summative (backward looking)