

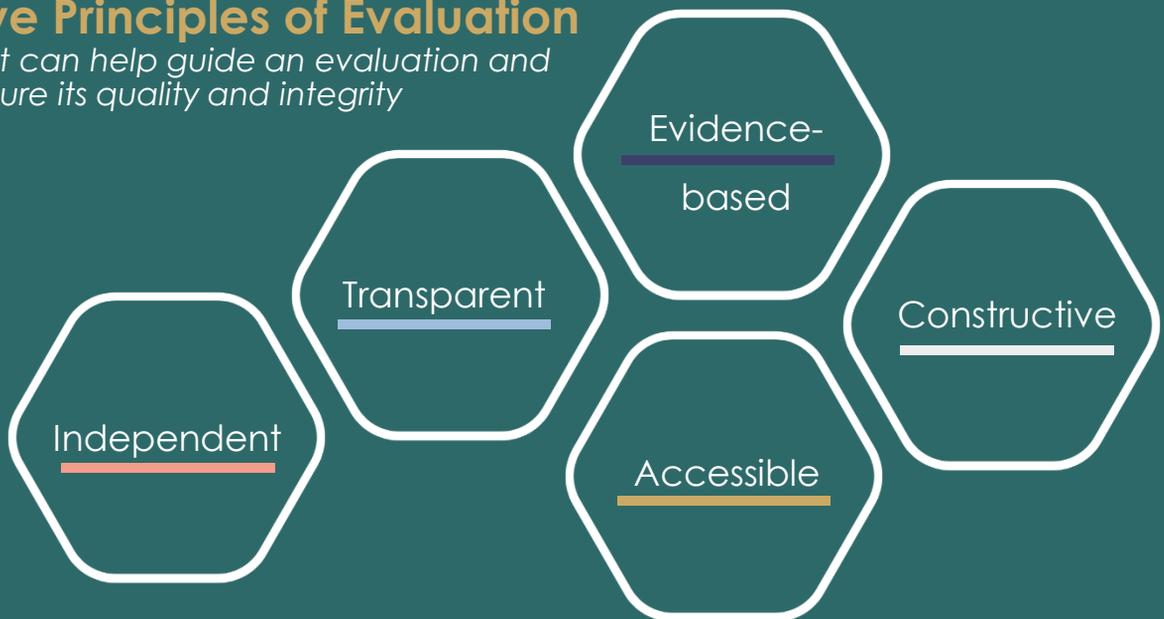
# OECD Evaluation Guidelines for Representative Deliberative Processes

To address citizens' calls for better representation and more opportunities to participate in decision making, public authorities are increasingly turning to citizens' assemblies and other representative deliberative processes to tackle complex policy problems. The 'deliberative wave' is building, as demonstrated by the 2020 OECD report *Innovative Citizen Participation and New Democratic Institutions: Catching the Deliberative Wave*, and the newly updated OECD Database, which has almost 600 examples.

The OECD *Evaluation Guidelines for Representative Deliberative Processes* establish minimum standards and criteria for evaluating these processes to support public authorities, organisers, and evaluators in conducting more comprehensive, objective, and comparable evaluations.

## Five Principles of Evaluation

*that can help guide an evaluation and ensure its quality and integrity*



**Independent evaluations**

**Self-reporting by organisers**

**Self-reporting by members**

Independent evaluations are the most comprehensive and reliable way of evaluating a deliberative process. For smaller and shorter deliberative processes, evaluation in the form of self-reporting by members and/or organisers of a deliberative process can also contribute to learning.

## Three-Step Evaluation Cycle

*of a representative deliberative process*

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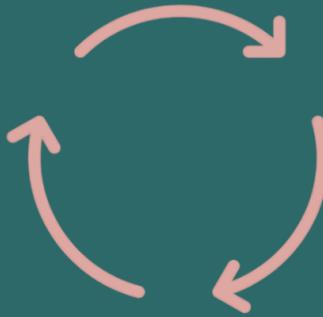
### Deliberative experience

Evaluating how a deliberative process unfolds

# 1.

### Process design integrity

Evaluating the design process that set up the deliberation



# 3.

### Pathways to impact

Evaluating influential conclusions and/or actions of a deliberative process

The guidelines outline evaluation criteria for these three essential steps, and additional criteria for evaluating institutionalised deliberative processes.

DELIBERATION OBSERVATION

PUBLIC SURVEY

MEMBER SURVEY

DOCUMENT REVIEW

POLICY ANALYSIS

ORGANISER OR EXPERT WITNESS SURVEY

OPEN-ENDED INTERVIEWS

MEDIA COVERAGE REVIEW

## Measurement Methods for Evaluation

The guidelines include two questionnaires: one for members of the deliberative process and one for organisers

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