

Evaluation of European Structural Policies

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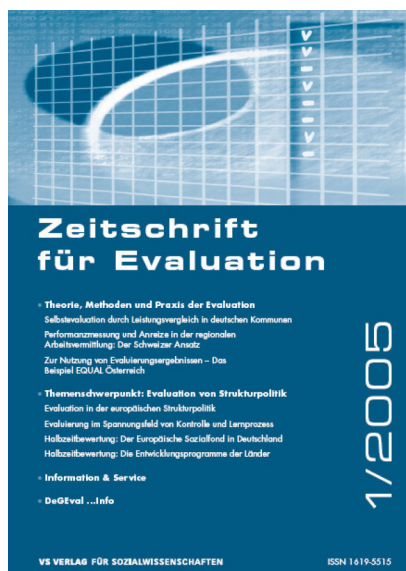
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Abstract

In Germany, a systematic and regular evaluation of structural policies has gained in importance during the last ten years. European Structural funds play a driving role for the further development of evaluations in this political field. Only very few regional policy programs are not supported by European Structural Funds. This article focuses on the development of evaluation activities regarding the increased requirements of the European Commission. Looking back on the recent interim evaluations and drawing conclusions for further evaluations, a workshop of the Working Group on structural policy evaluations of the German Evaluation Society has taken place at Dresden in April 2004. Finally, the article risks a short outlook on the current state of the reform discussion about structural policy after 2007 and its evaluation.



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