

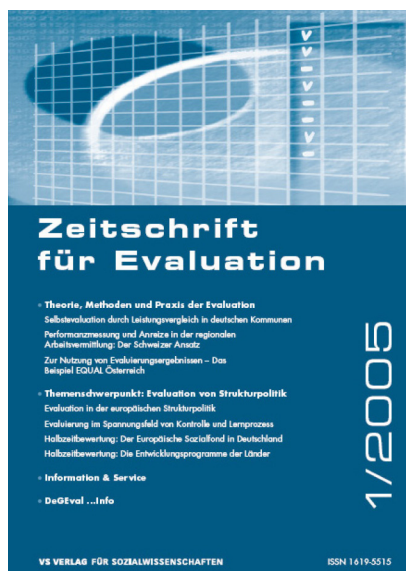
## Evaluation between Control and Learning Process. The Example of the EU-Structural Policy

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### Abstract

The article discusses the significance of evaluation in steering EU-cofinanced funding programmes in Germany. The results and recommendations are based on the experiences of the recently finished research project BNPro (Consideration of Nature Conservation Requirements in the Evaluation and Development of Funding Programmes, funded by the German Federal Agency for Nature Conservation) which has analysed the German Rural Development Programmes (EU VO 1257/99) and the Structural Funds of the actual funding phase 2000-2006 from an environmental point of view. The findings of the BNPro-Project are not only relevant for the environmental and nature conservation sector but also applicable in general. The article closes with an appraisal of the new proposals of the EU-Commission for the council regulations (funding period 2007 till 2013).



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