

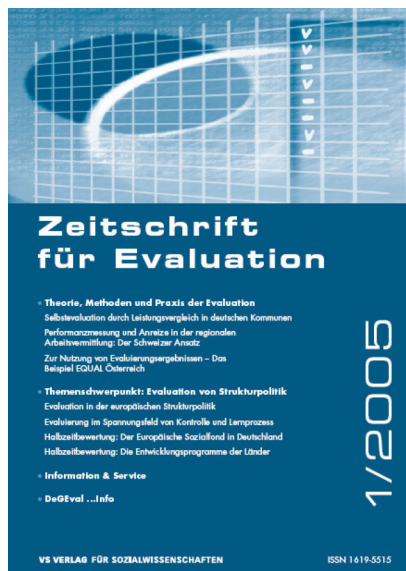
The Mid-term Evaluation of Rural Development Programmes: Experiences with Different Organizational Approaches

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Abstract

Policy for rural development according to Reg. (EC) No. 1257/1999 in Germany is implemented via 16 state-related development programmes and additional operational programmes in Objective 1 areas. All of these programmes are subject to individual evaluation. The mid-term-evaluations of the state development programmes show some peculiarities with respect to organisational aspects. While major measures were evaluated by a central evaluation body due to a decision of the states and the federal government, six states decided to cooperate in a tender for their obligatory mid-term-evaluations. To obtain a successful evaluation of the state programmes, cooperation between the different evaluating bodies should be fostered, but in fact was partly unsatisfying. This contribution describes the pros and cons of the different organisational forms of evaluation and provides some recommendations for upcoming evaluation stages.



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