

The main focus of presented thesis is the in-depth analysis of major patterns of how the evaluation methodology is applied within the Czech society environment. The starting point is identification of key processes and activities that distinguish evaluation from other activities and disciplines. Based on comparative analysis among evaluation, primary research, monitoring and auditing the crucial features are defined and further supplemented by other characteristics of the procedural nature.

The whole series of researches focus on the extent in which the evaluation methods, techniques and procedures are applied in everyday practice. In this respect, there were identified three different and uncorrelated branches that serve as application environment for routine deployment of evaluation inquiries. Following secondary goals of our thesis, each of the branches represent different example of how the evaluation could be applied/implemented. Desk-research informs about actual patterns of how the evaluation is performed by external evaluators who work for Managing Authorities of EU Operational Programs, it also shows how internally based self-evaluation is performed and last but not least, how the hybrid evaluation based on expert judgment principles could be utilized for evaluation of bachelor thesis. Specific in-depth interview with evaluation providers and clients were also conducted in order to get other aspects of evaluation performance. This part piece of research is for obvious reason focus only on external evaluations.

On-going comparison of research results with theoretical description of the phenomenon led to identification and specification of five topics that are typical for the current situation in the Czech Republic. It is above all (1) extraordinary emphasis put on recommendations resulting from the evaluation inquiry, (2) lack of feedback to conducted evaluations, (3) rigor of conducted evaluations, (4) of evaluations that are required and (5) low utilization of specific evaluation tools and techniques.

Research results could be found important mainly because it provides the necessary feedback to evaluators in the Czech Republic. It also brings new information about how the evaluations are performed and it also helps to introduce new approaches in the field of evaluation.