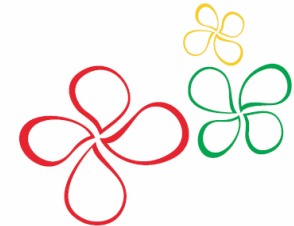


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STRENGTHENING UTILISATION OF EVALUATION RESULTS IN LITHUANIA

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Presentation Plan

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Usefulness of Evaluation

Evaluation – a systematic analysis of public policy or its part (e.g. programme) based on evaluation criteria, aiming at improving and accounting for it.

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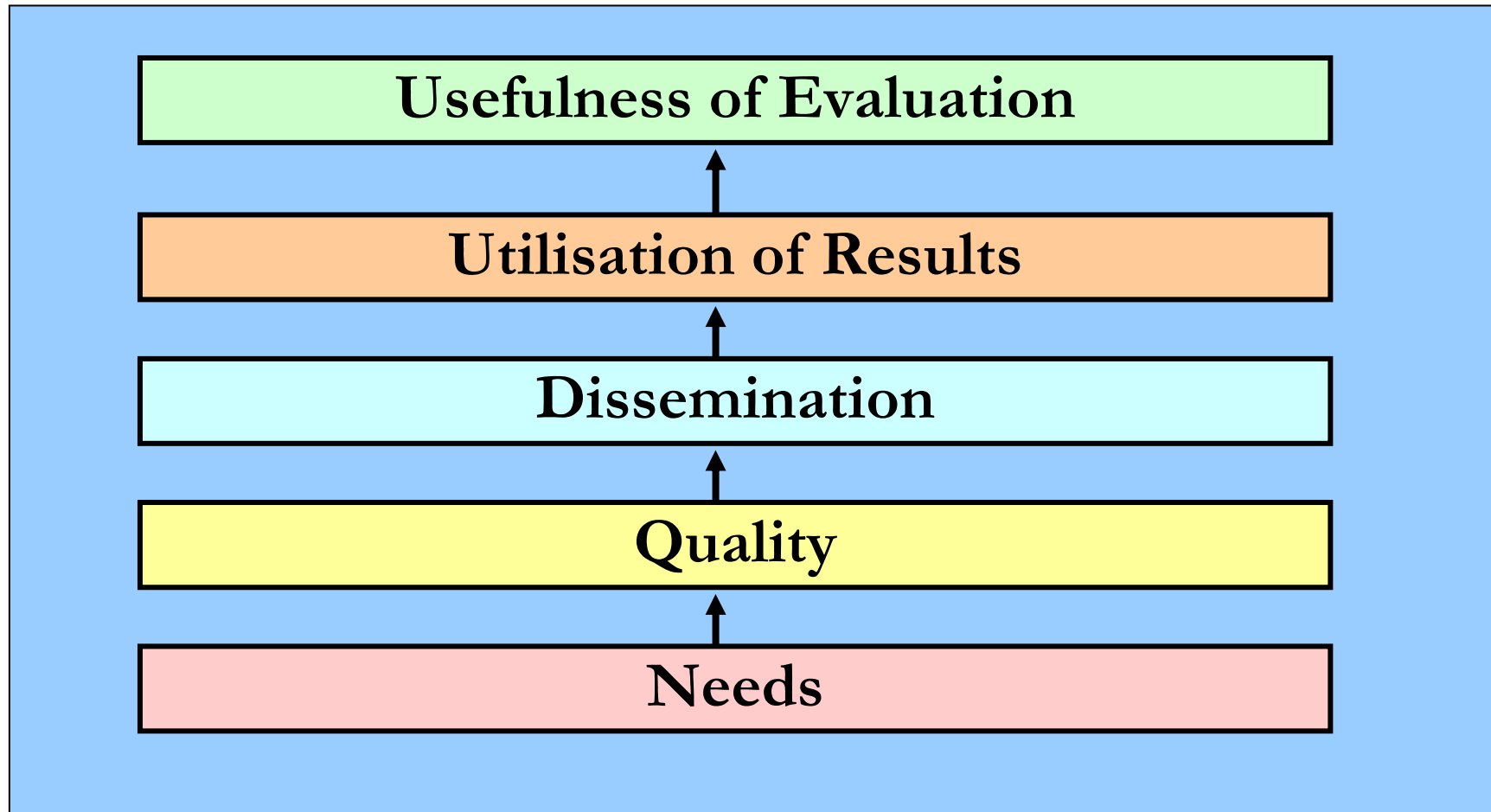
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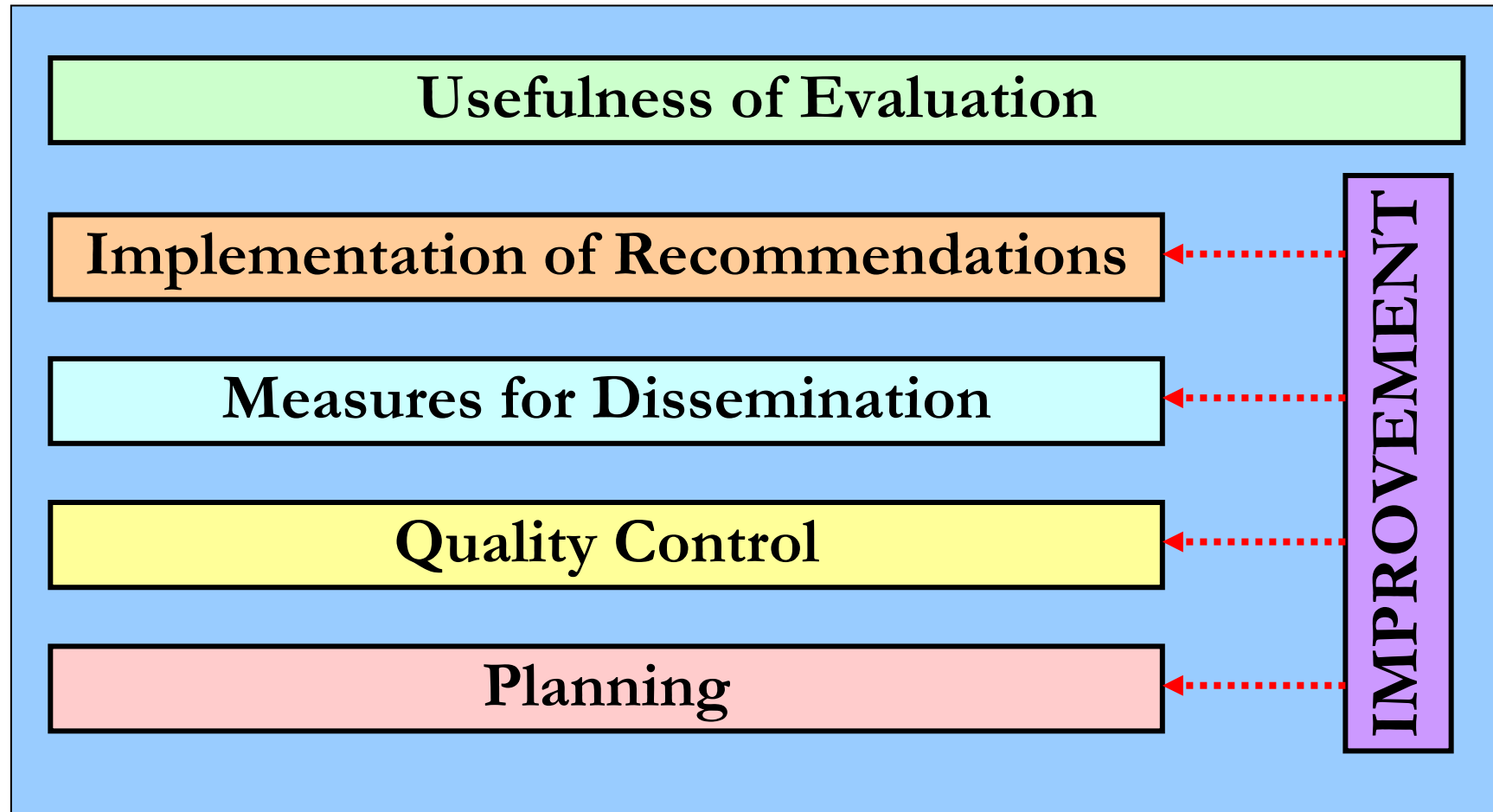
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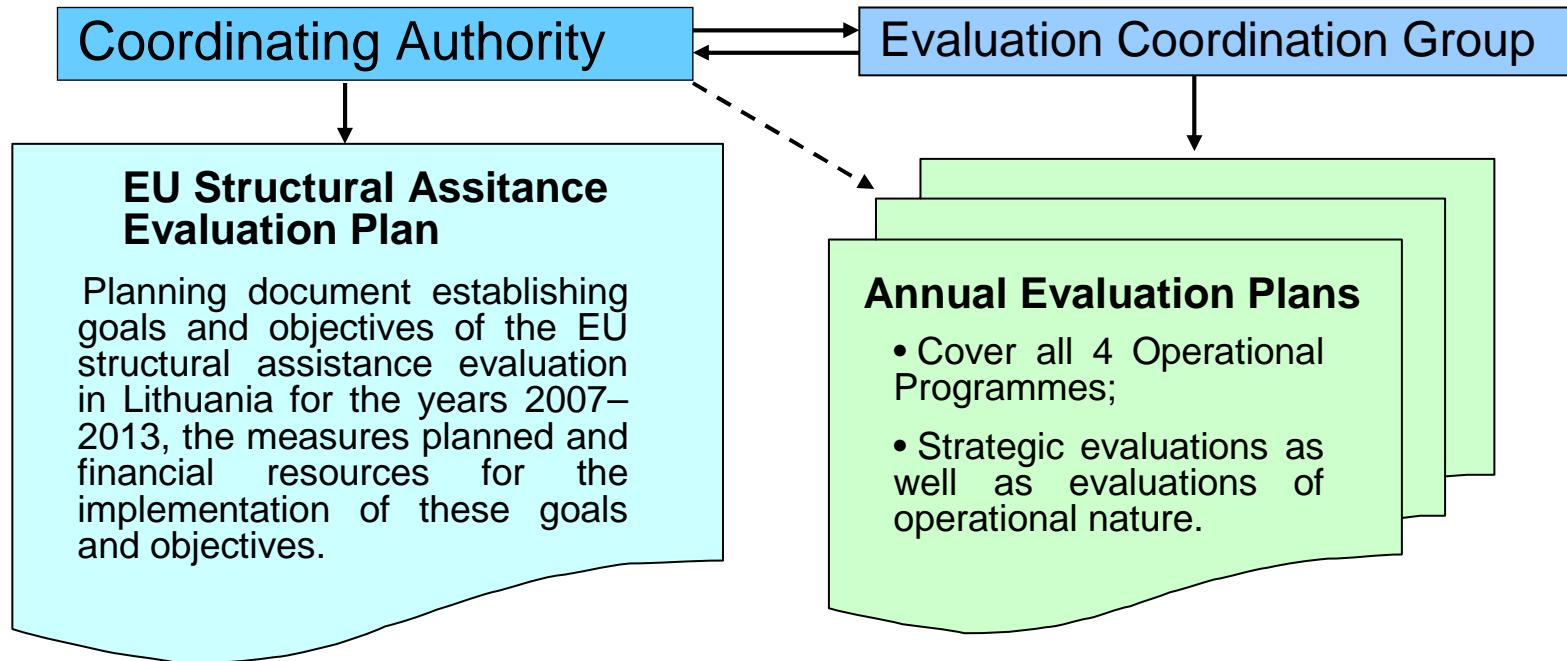
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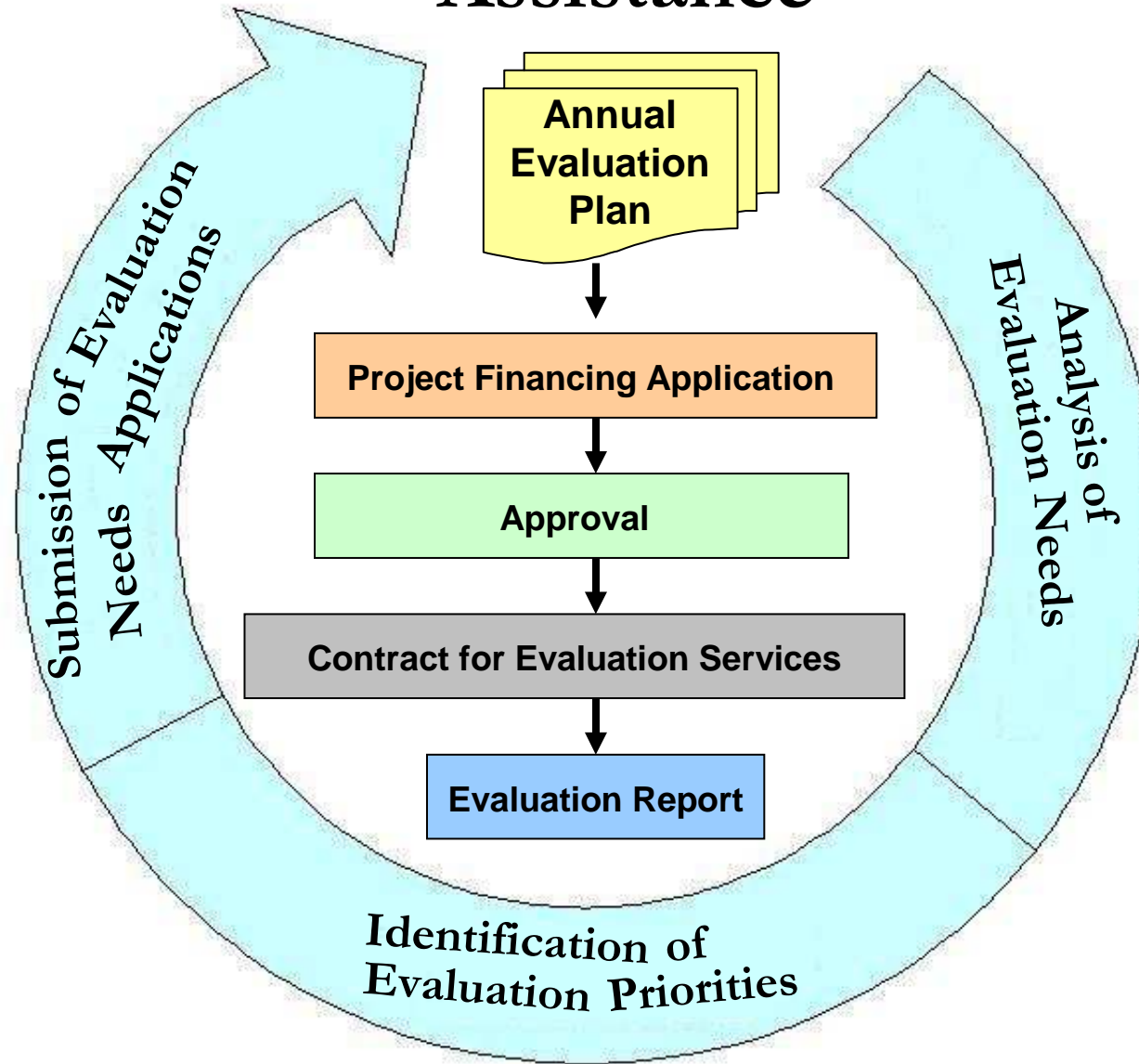
Strengthening Utilisation of Evaluation Results



Planning of EU Structural Assistance



Evaluation Cycle of EU Structural Assistance



Improvement of Evaluation Quality

Quality Control	
Evaluation Process	Evaluation Results
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Improvement of public procurement documents for evaluation services :<ul style="list-style-type: none">– Terms of Reference;– Evaluation Questions;– Most economically advantageous tender selection criteria;• Supervision of evaluation implementation :<ul style="list-style-type: none">– Initial meetings;– Inception, Interim and Final Reports of the implementation of Contract;– Discussion about Interim Results of Evaluation;	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The requirements for the style of Evaluation Reports are established in the Evaluation Style Guide.• The quality control of Evaluation Reports according to the Quality Assessment Form.



Measures for Disseminating Evaluation Results

Measures for Disseminating Evaluation Results	Policy-makers	Administrators of EU Assistance	Socio-Economic Partners	Public at Large
A seminar to discuss evaluation results and recommendations		X		
Presentation of strategic evaluation results	X	X		
Presentation of the Evaluation Report		X		
A summary of the Evaluation Report highlighting the main communicative messages	X		X	
Putting the Evaluation Report and/or summary online				X
Conference	X	X	X	
Integration of evaluation results into the final report of the use of ES structural assistance	X	X	X	X
Publishing		X	X	
Presentation of the evaluation results in the newsletter "We in the EU"				X

Source: ESTEP.



Form to provide information on the implementation of the recommendations

Information about the Institution	Name of the Institution	
	Staff responsible for evaluation (name, surname, telephone, e-mail)	
Information about the Evaluation	Title of the Evaluation	
	Project number according to which the evaluation was financed	
	Name of the Evaluator	

No.	Recommendation	Will the recommendation be implemented?		Measures for the implementation of recommendations		
		Scope of implementation (fully, partially, will not be implemented)	Rationale (in case the recommendation will be implemented partially or will not be implemented)	Measure	Responsible institution	Deadline for implementation



Monitoring Indicators in the Operational Programmes

Measures for evaluation of EU structural assistance.

Type of Indicator	Indicator (evaluation unit)	Target	Information Source
Result indicator	The percentage of implemented evaluation recommendations	No less than 70 % of all recommendations	Recommendation implementing report



Good Practice Examples

- **Evaluation of publicity and information about assistance from the EU Structural Funds in 2004-2006.** Successful use of evaluation results for the preparation of EU Structural Assistance Communication Strategy for the period 2007-2013.
- **Evaluation of the impact of the SPD 2004-2006 on employment.** The results of the evaluation were presented in the conference in the context of EU Employment Strategy and Lithuanian employment policy.
- **Evaluation of the horizontal themes in the Lithuanian 2004-2006 Structural Funds programmes and planning for 2007-2013.** Evaluation for knowledge and learning; Wide dissemination and sustainability.



Evaluation of Horizontal Priorities in Absorption of EU Structural Assistance

During the evaluation process:

- **Accumulation and dissemination of knowledge about the object of evaluation:**
 - Case studies of two foreign countries (the UK and Finland) were prepared;
 - A study tour to the UK (Scotland) was arranged;
 - The issues of implementation of horizontal priorities in the Regional Conference were discussed;
 - The case of evaluation of horizontal priority implementation in the workshop on the preparation and implementation of an evaluation project was analyzed.



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... And afterwards:

- **Dissemination and utilisation of evaluation results:**
 - The final seminar for presentation of evaluation results, good practice projects and case studies of foreign countries was held in Vilnius (about 70 participants);
 - The project operators of the SPD good practice projects, wherein horizontal priorities are best integrated, were awarded acknowledgements of the Ministry of Finance;
 - The Evaluation Report was published on the website of the EU structural assistance (www.esparama.lt) ;
 - The Evaluation Report was issued and distributed among the major target groups;
 - The Evaluation Report is used as a methodological document for enhancement of knowledge of the Working Group for Monitoring and Implementation of Horizontal Priorities;



Thank you!

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