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## **10th EES Biennial Conference Invitation**

### **EVALUATION IN THE NETWORKED SOCIETY: NEW CONCEPTS, NEW CHALLENGES, NEW SOLUTIONS**

Dear colleagues

The Tenth Biennial Conference of the European Evaluation Society will be the international evaluation event of the year. It will be held in Helsinki, Finland, during 3-5 October 2012 (pre-conference workshops 1- 2 October). Mark your calendars!

The Conference will assess the challenges faced by evaluators at a critical juncture in the history of our young profession. It will draw hard won lessons of experience from distinct evaluation sectors and regions of the world. It will delve into the potential of alternative and mixed evaluation methods in diverse contexts. Finally, it will probe the concepts, methods and processes involved in assessing public interest within complex adaptive systems and networks.

As in past years the EES Conference will embrace a pluralistic agenda that respects the legitimacy of different standpoints, illuminates diverse perspectives and promotes principled debate. The Conference will also provide an opportunity for evaluation networks to interact and improve the coherence of their activities. To these ends the Conference will offer participants a wide choice of vehicles for the transmission of evaluation experience and knowledge: keynote speeches, paper presentations, panel debates, posters, etc.

Helsinki is one of the world leaders in modern design and it provides Europe with a world class high tech platform. It also boasts a 450 year history and lays claim to being the warmest, friendliest, most "laid back" city of Northern Europe. Its nearby archipelago of small islands offers an ideal environment for sea cruises. Its neighbouring old growth forests provide an idyllic setting for restful nature walks.

We look forward to welcoming you in Helsinki and promise you an enjoyable and professionally rewarding time.

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