



External Evaluation EQUABENCH

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MDM Consultancy bvba

- Established in 2004 as freelance initiative
- Legal entity since March 2007
- One-person company: Mark Delmartino
- EU affairs "Europe made to measure"
- Four core fields:
 - Information & communication
 - Project development
 - Project management
 - Monitoring & evaluation

MDM Consultancy bvba (II)

- Relevant expertise for EQUABENCH
 - Leonardo da Vinci programme
 - Project leader / manager / external evaluator
 - Disability sector across Europe
 - Both old and new EU MS (and beyond)
 - Both disability and service provider NGOs
 - Evaluation procedures and methodology
 - Part of technical assistance assignments
 - Results Oriented Monitoring of EC contracts

ACTION PLAN

6 steps + 6 deliverables:

- Study project file
 - Questionnaire **templates** for steps 2-5 (March 2009)
- Review work package 3
 - **Baseline report** on the effectiveness of meetings and workshops, the partners' improvement plans and the suitability of the innovative practice guides (April 2009)
- Intermediate project evaluation
 - **Interim report** on the achievement of aims and objectives, relevance for LdV, appropriateness and effectiveness of the project approach (September 2009)

ACTION PLAN (II)

- Review work package 7
 - **Follow-up report** on the effectiveness of meetings and workshops, the partners' improvement plans and the suitability of the innovative practice guides (April 2010)
- Final project evaluation
 - **Final report** on the achievement of aims and objectives, relevance for LdV, appropriateness and effectiveness of the project approach (August 2010)
- Presentation of evaluation results
 - **Powerpoint/presentation** at the dissemination and exploitation event (September 2010)

METHODOLOGY

Approaches and tools tailored to the needs of the EQUABENCH project

■ **Results Oriented Monitoring**

- Overall framework for this evaluation
- Study if foreseen project results will be / have been reached
- Stated objectives (= agreed work programme) against which the exercise is performed

■ **Evaluation**

- Assessment of project efficiency, effectiveness, impact, sustainability and relevance measured against stated objectives
- Adapt above definition to needs of LdV and Equabench ToR when producing interim/final report

METHODOLOGY (II)

■ Questionnaires

- 2 formats: baseline/follow-up & interim/final
- 2 x 2: similar set-up but adapted questions
- Mixture of general (project) issues and specific (partner) questions

■ Reporting formats

- Findings: based on information by partners/project
- Observations: key features by external evaluator
- Recommendations: suggestions by external evaluator

EVALUATION PRINCIPLES

- In order to ensure transparency, the partnership will receive in advance the questionnaire topics.
- Each report will follow-up main findings / observations / recommendations of previous reports.
- In order to ensure transparency, draft reports will be submitted to the lead partner for comments.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Thank you for your attention !

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