

Dear colleagues

On behalf of the Hellenic Presidency of the European Council I have the pleasure to invite you to participate in the **Evaluation Conference "Focus on Results: European experience and prospects for Greece"**, which will be held in Athens, at the "Technopolis City of Athens – Industrial Gas Museum" on 16<sup>th</sup> May 2014.

The Conference is being organized by the National Coordination Authority for the NSRF/ Planning and Evaluation Unit of the Special Service for Strategy, Planning & Evaluation of Development Programmes of the Ministry for Development and Competitiveness, in cooperation with the Evaluation Units of the Greek Ministries of Labour, Social Security and Welfare and Rural Development and Food.

The Evaluation Conference will take place at a time when the Member-States will be finalizing (or negotiating) their new OPs and aim for sound result oriented approaches in them. With this new challenge at hand, there's a huge potential in learning through joint efforts and exchange of ideas in several themes that are common to all ESI Funds.

The Conference will elaborate on the challenges of the new result-oriented approach and the implications for strategic programming and evaluation.

Please take notice of the attached practical information document for further details on the Hellenic Presidency's accreditation system, your accommodation and other travel aspects.

The agenda of the Conference will be sent as soon as possible.

I very much look forward to welcoming you in Athens.

Yours faithfully,



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