
Task 6. *(maximum grade - 15 points)*

Programme evaluation (PE) in public management was first used in the 1950s by the United States Navy, when a new PERT technique (Program Evaluation and Review Technique) was proposed. PERT streamlined the processes for programme managers, i.e. they knew exactly what needs to be done at each moment, who should do it, and how likely it is that certain operations would be completed on time. Today, evaluation is an inherent part of any public programme. The key goal of PE is to identify and measure the results of a completed or ongoing programme, determine which actions have been completed, how they have impacted on the goals and how much they cost.

Task. Using your knowledge in public administration, provide substantiated answers to the following questions:

- 1) *Why do you think programme evaluation today is paramount for enhancing government transparency?*
- 2) *What are the potential threats of PE system? What mechanisms to prevent such threats can you suggest?*
- 3) *In your opinion, why do political elites in some countries criticize programme evaluation? Suggest mechanisms for performing internal PE in this context.*
