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| National evaluation systems in Eastern Europe and Central Asia (EECA) have evolved significantly during the last 10 years. However, due to internal and external challenges, many countries have experienced setbacks in their transparency and accountability frameworks. This presentation provides a comprehensive overview of these systems, with a particular focus on the integration of youth voices. We will examine the declared accountability frameworks in key countries of the region, namely Ukraine, Moldova, and Kyrgyzstan.  Over the past decade, EECA countries have made notable strides in establishing and refining their national evaluation systems. These systems aim to improve governance, enhance policy effectiveness, and ensure public accountability. Institutional frameworks have been developed, policies enacted, and stakeholder roles defined. Despite these advancements, the journey has been fraught with challenges. Political instability, economic pressures, and societal shifts have all played a part in hindering the sustained progress of transparency and accountability measures.  In this context, the role of youth becomes critically important. Youth, who constitute a significant portion of the population in EECA, bring fresh perspectives and innovative ideas that are essential for dynamic and resilient evaluation systems. Nevertheless, their voices often remain marginalized. This presentation seeks to explore the current state of youth involvement in national evaluation systems across EECA, with an emphasis on Ukraine, Moldova, and Kyrgyzstan, with overview of institutional frameworks, legislation, stakeholders’ role. The overview is based on available studies, including case studies on NEC of the countries in the region, documentation of formal and informal discussion of VOPES and youth groups of the region, document review of current legislation processes. |