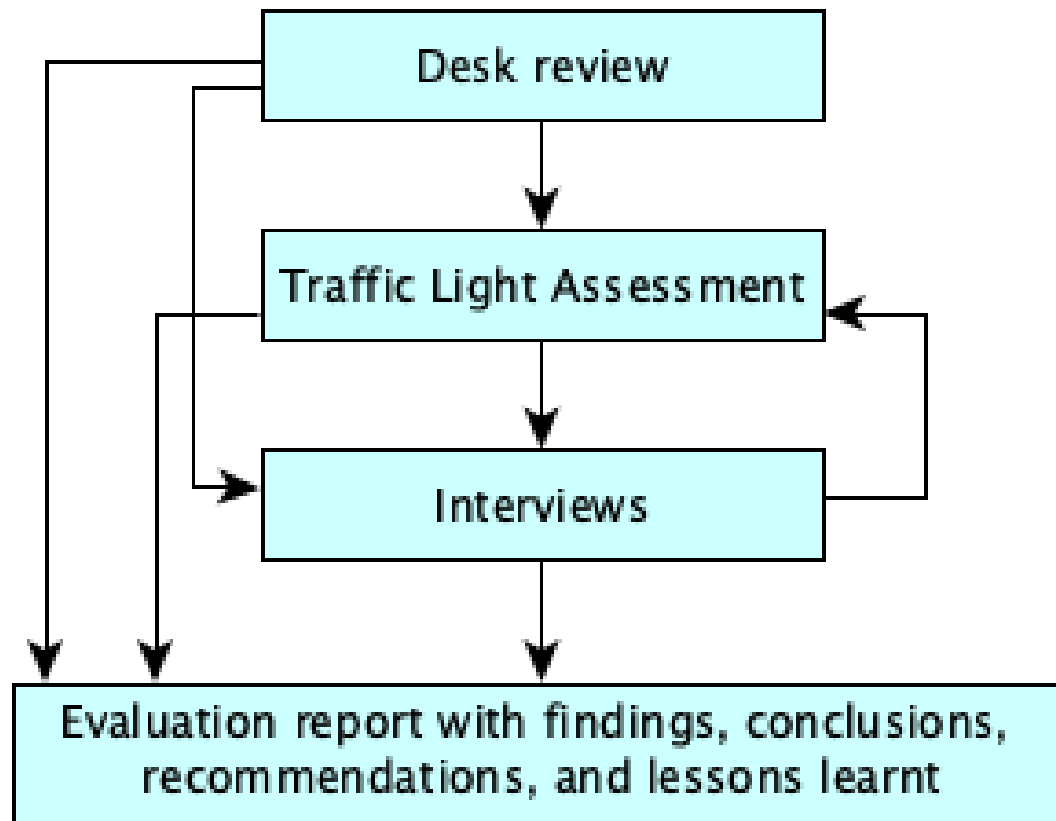


Online opportunities: recent experiences

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Structure of NDS evaluations



Vital aspect of NDS evaluations

Triangulation of quantitative and qualitative data sources:

- desk reviews
- TLA
- interviews

Cyprus NDS evaluation

- Trimbos Institute was assigned early 2020
- Quickly after, coronavirus broke out
- Lockdown in NL and CY | Travel restrictions in place

- 2 options: give back assignment (not really an option), or do it **differently**

online evaluation

- 1. Desk research (*extended*)**
- 2. Traffic Light Assessment of Strategy and Action Plans (*online*)**
- 3. Interviews (*online and extended #*)**
- 4. Focus groups with inmates, and current and former PWUD (*online and additional*)**

Advantages of conducting online evaluations

- Effective
- Efficient
- Access to otherwise hard-to-reach populations
- Access to more stakeholders
- Cost-effective
- Enhanced data triangulation

Disadvantages of conducting online evaluations

- Technical difficulties
- Can't verify information
- Information might be limited to some extent
- Can't get a feel for the local situation

To conclude

- In summary, online drug policy evaluations offers many advantages
- However, some elements of in-person visits are not replaceable.
- A **hybrid form** of online interviews followed by a brief in-person visit should therefore be considered in future drug policy evaluations.