



The EPSA rewards innovative and outstanding public administration performances from all

over Europe. The first EPSA awards ceremony will be held on November 12/13, 2007 in Lucerne (Switzerland).

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EPSA – the new learning platform

The EPSA brings together the best and most innovative performers from the European public sector. Outstanding administrative performances, after all, are produced under different conditions within Europe. The EPSA's objective, as the first pan-European learning platform for public administration, is to make this valuable experience transparent and usable.

The EPSA is open to all fields of public administration which managed to achieve extraordinary results thanks to systematic improvements.

In a variety of award categories, the EPSA deals with themes that are currently highly topical in the overall European context.

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The EPSA is a process which offers participants maximum benefits – as a learning platform with made-to-measure contacts and efficient knowledge transfer.

The European Group of Public Administration (EGPA), Speyer University (DHV) and Bertelsmann Stiftung, as initiators of the EPSA, guarantee high quality in the organisation and realisation of the award.

Project partners



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Thematic areas of EPSA 2007

In 2007, the EPSA is focused on three highly topical thematic areas:

1. Collaborative Governance

We are looking for outstanding and innovative examples of partnership working and joined-up services involving public sector organisations and their partners across all sectors. More generally, we are aiming to find excellent and innovative examples of how public sector organisations and their partners have designed and implemented principles of good governance for regulating their joint activities.

2. Targeting with Scarce Resources

We are seeking outstanding examples of how managerial innovations can be introduced and implemented to increase the satisfaction of citizens and communities. The candidates for the award must demonstrate that their innovations are both effective and financially viable, so that they are realised with a great attention

to cost containment and thereby help to improve the respective administration's financial position.

3. Coping with Demographic Change

On the one hand, we are looking for organisations that adapt to the demographic changes taking place within their own workforces. On the other, we are seeking organisations that help to innovate and implement policies which result in public programmes better equipped to deal with an older and more mixed population.

Your application will be assessed on the basis of the following criteria:

- _ Innovation
- _ Concept quality and strategy
- _ Implementation and degree of maturity
- _ Benefits and value-added
- _ Transferability
- _ Value retention and value orientation
- _ Sustainability



EPSA – 7 good reasons to take part

- Participation in the EPSA is an excellent opportunity to thank your employees for their work on unusual projects.
- The EPSA offers the applicants maximum benefits as a learning platform, with made-to-measure contacts and efficient knowledge transfer within Europe. The participants can cooperate within an EGPA practitioner group.
- The EPSA offers all innovative administrative areas the opportunity to be rewarded – irrespective of the size or type of the administration or the cultural sphere in which it operates.
- The EPSA focuses on highly topical thematic areas – in this way, applicants receive valuable input for their own administrative work.
- The EPSA works with an independent, acknowledged, international jury – the assessment of your case study is a position definition and a benchmark while indicating potential for improvement.
- Participating administrative bodies improve their image by publishing the results in publications, on the www.eps-award.eu website and in professional journals.
- Participation in the competition is free of charge. The application process is simple and clear.

Register now!

We hereby invite you to request the competition documents and submit your application to the EPSA Office by July 15, 2007 at the latest. National contact partners will be available to help you answer any additional questions.

Registration forms and useful information can be obtained at www.eps-award.eu or directly from the EPSA Office:

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Timetable

March 14, 2007	Opening ceremony in Berlin
April 15 – July 15, 2007	Submission of application documents
July 15, 2007	Closing date for applications
August – October 2007	On-site visits
End October 2007	Jury's sitting
Congress and awards ceremony, November 12/13, 2007 Lucerne, Switzerland	EPSA Certificate for finalists, EPSA Award 2007 for winners

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