



# European Quality Conference

**Strengthening the capacity of public administration in tackling current and future challenges**

**– Public administration as part of the solution –**

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**Esch-Belval, Luxembourg**

**CONTEXT OF THE 8<sup>TH</sup> EUROPEAN QUALITY CONFERENCE:** The European Public Administration Network (EUPAN) established a tradition of stimulating the quality dynamic in public administrations. After previous conferences in Portugal (2000), Denmark (2002), the Netherlands (2004), Finland (2006), France (2008), Poland (2011) and Lithuania (2013), the upcoming Luxembourgish Presidency of the Council of the EU – together with EUPAN and the European Institute of Public Administration (EIPA) – will organise the 8<sup>th</sup> European Quality Conference in October this year.

## **THEMES OF THE CONFERENCE:**

The economic crisis has affected public administrations' functioning and has forced them to tackle the increasingly changing public needs and expectations. These challenges require public administrations to strengthen their innovative capacity and this will therefore be the key message of this 8<sup>th</sup> European Quality Conference. The conference will be constructed around the following main themes:

1. Public administration in the cycle of policy design, implementation and evaluation;
2. Strategic thinking in a future-oriented and innovative public administration;
3. Strengthening professionalism in building an innovative public administration;
4. Innovative service provisions through stakeholders and citizen - user involvement;
5. Societal responsibility.





**PURPOSE OF THE CONFERENCE:** This two-day conference will be a unique platform for European public sector organisations to share their good practices and experiences. Inspired by state-of-the-art keynote speakers presenting key issues in public administration modernisation, the discussion among the participants will be centred on how to strengthen the capacity of public administration in tackling current and future challenges.

**TARGET GROUP:** The conference will bring together more than 300 participants: civil servants from the different EU member states and abroad, public management practitioners, researchers and members of the academic community.

**WORKING LANGUAGE:** The conference will be held in English.

**PARTICIPATION FEE:** Participation in the conference is free of charge, coordinated by the national representatives of the member states in EUPAN.



**VENUE:** The 8<sup>th</sup> European Quality Conference will take place in the “Cité des Sciences”, Esch-Belval, Luxembourg.

Belval is a quarter and neighbourhood in the west of Esch-sur-Alzette, in southwestern Luxembourg. Belval



is the site of the large steelworks that dominate the city. Due to the dominance of the steelworks, Belval suffered from the abandonment of steel production in Luxembourg, and is undergoing an extensive regeneration programme to help diversify beyond steel production. The redevelopment plan turned the brownfield site into a large scientific and cultural centre, including the science faculty of the University of Luxembourg.

**ORGANISERS OF THE CONFERENCE:** The Luxembourgish Presidency of the Council of the EU (the “*Ministry of civil service and administrative reform*”), the European Public Administration Network (EUPAN) and the European Institute of Public Administration (EIPA).

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