

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

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Working Group 6: Evidence-Based Public Policy Making

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WG Background and Rationale

In recent years there has been a significant effort to improve decision-making within the public sector by developing capacity in evidence-based policy making in general and policy analysis in particular in CEE, Central Asia and Caucasus countries. However, these efforts are still in their early stages in many countries, and heavily reliant on donor assistance. There continues to be issues, both on the demand side (how much governments genuinely want evidence-based policy advice), and on the supply side (e.g., skilled policy analysts, teaching institutions, think tanks).

The Working Group began in 2008 as a Panel Session on Policy Analysis Issues and, due to a huge demand, grew into an annual Working Group. It has been a WG on Public Policy Analysis Development Issues for almost 10 years, as a forum for discussion and a unique opportunity to analyse and compare which factors restrict further development and advancement of evidence-based policy making, institutionalisation of policy analysis procedures as the key factors in ensuring good governance, not only in CEE countries. The wide variety of papers and the large number of participants were evidence of the strong interest in evidence-based policy making and policy analysis in the regions. Thus, the WG will continue its activities in supporting the vivid interest of potential stakeholders of evidence-based policy making and institutionalisation of policy analysis procedures to impact on economic, social and political environment in CEE, Central Asia and Caucasus countries and encouraging experience and knowledge exchange on how academics can meet the urgent needs of public servants and civil society.

The goal of the WG - the 27th Annual NISPAcee Conference 2019

The goal of the WG is to focus and become a vehicle for discussion and debate around capacity challenges to professional evidence-based public policy making in the countries embraced by NISPAcee but not limited to, institutionalisation of public policy analysis procedures and concrete remedies for those challenges.

The WG welcomes theoretical, empirical, comparative research papers of academics and practitioners on both diagnosis and possible remedies for the shortcomings or bottlenecks of evidence-based policy making in certain countries and/or regions.

More specifically, papers may focus on: **specific weaknesses/strengths of evidence-based policy making in a single country and/or region, either generally or in specific sectors; institutionalisation and application of policy analysis techniques and methods; comparative analysis of similar challenges faced by a variety of countries (including analysis of instances where capacity-building is being attempted); monitoring and evaluation of public policies experiences in a single country and/or region; public policy impact analysis in a single country and/or region.**

Special attention will be paid to Policy Design and Policy Practice in the European Integration Context.

Selection criteria

We invite potential authors to focus on the aspects and particularities of evidence-based policy making; policy analysis tools and techniques, monitoring and evaluation experience in a country and/or region in order to increase the practical relevance of the Working Group and to develop a common base knowledge. The papers must include not only recommendations for further research, but also practical points for practitioners. In this respect, papers written in cooperation between researchers/academics and practitioners are highly welcome.

Application link: <http://www.nispa.org/conference2019/application>

Deadline for applications: October 31, 2018

