

Conference Fees

The conference fee includes participation in the scientific programme and access to all conference materials, 2 conference lunches (May 19 and 20, 2016) and participation in 2 social evenings (May 19 and 20, 2016).

	Fees until March 31, 2016	Fees from April 1, 2016
Participants from NISPAcee Institutional, Governmental and Individual Members (from the NISPAcee region*)	280€	380€
NISPAcee Non-Members (from the NISPAcee region*)	390€	490€
Participants from NISPAcee Associate Members and NISPAcee Individual Members (outside the NISPAcee region*)	390€	490€
NISPAcee Non-Members (outside the NISPAcee region*)	490€	590€
PhD Students from NISPAcee Member Institutions and Individual Members (with paper presentation and based on written confirmation of the PhD status submitted to the NISPAcee Secretariat)	140€	240€
PhD Students from Non-Member Institutions (with paper presentation and based on written confirmation of the PhD status submitted to the NISPAcee Secretariat)	280€	380€
Participants from the Faculty of Law, University of Zagreb	140€	240€

Member Institutions, Associate Members and Governmental Members may delegate three persons to attend conferences at the listed reduced rate.

* NISPAcee region – see conference web-site

Support

NISPAcee does not have the resources to provide any financial support to conference participants.

NISPAcee Conference pages

Information on the Calls for individual sessions, conference programme, papers, manuscript guidelines, copyright policy, NISPAcee region and membership, conference venue, accommodation and travel possibilities and all other relevant conference logistics is available at www.nispa.org/conference2016

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The 24th NISPAcee Annual Conference

Spreading Standards,
Building Capacities:
European Administrative Space in Progress

May 19-21, 2016, Zagreb, Croatia

*Organized in cooperation with
the University of Zagreb, Faculty of Law, Croatia*

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Dear colleagues,

On behalf of the Organisers, it is our pleasure to invite you to participate in the 24th NISPAcee Annual Conference in Zagreb, Croatia, organised by NISPAcee and the Faculty of Law, University of Zagreb.

The main theme of the conference is Spreading Standards, Building Capacities: European Administrative Space in Progress. We are witnessing a specific process of spreading various standards throughout Europe, both in the east and the west. These standards stand out and are the result of efforts to increase public administration capacities to cope with the increasingly complex and worst problems of the contemporary world. Good European governance, on the one hand and good administration on the other, are probably the best known components of the common European Administrative Space. It is of special importance for European citizens and those who come to European territory because they can rely on the predictable, lawful, and reliable functioning of public authorities at all governmental levels. For this reason, it deserves all possible scientific and expert attention, as well as massive research efforts.

It is for this reason that we would like to gather together the widest possible academic and professional community to present conceptual papers, research results, and other scientific and expert papers and presentations dealing with the issues relating to European Administrative Space, with particular emphasis on its importance for CEE countries. With this conference, our wish is to increase interest in south-east European countries, for which the EAS is a specially vivid and intriguing concept.

We believe that this conference can bring together renowned scholars, researchers, experts and professionals, students and other participants from all over the world. Zagreb, as the capital of the 28th EU Member State, seems to be the right place to look for the answers to all the aforementioned challenges connected to the past, present and future of European integration in general and European Administrative Space in particular. Croatia can serve and is willing to serve as the link pin between the EU and the Western Balkan accession countries. This sheds a special light on our conference in Zagreb. We are looking forward to welcoming you in Zagreb!

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CALL FOR PAPER PROPOSALS

Applications with paper proposals are invited on the Main Conference Theme, General Session or on the themes of the various Working Groups, selected Panels and PhD seminar which are announced for the conference. Please visit the conference web pages for details: www.nispa.org/conference2016

Main Conference Theme

European Administrative Space (EAS) has recently become the dominant concept in administrative theory and doctrine for analysis of the phenomenon of administrative convergence in Europe. The EAS was created and is driven by various European players, facilitated by civil servants' learning, and fuelled by the expectations of European citizens. The EAS is based on and comprises a set of values, social and citizen expectations, governance principles and standards of public administration organisation and functioning defined by law, whose application is supported by the appropriate procedures and accountability mechanisms. It subsumes both good administration and good governance as narrower concepts with somewhat different focuses. European standards and best practices have spread and influence capacity building processes at all governance levels throughout Europe and the neighbouring areas.

General Session

In order to include a wide array of potential contributors and to make the Conference even more attractive to Public Administration and Policy scholars, experts, and practitioners, the Conference will again include General Sessions in which papers that cover topics which go beyond the conference or working group themes, can be presented.

Working Groups

Currently, there are 10 NISPAcee Working Research Groups - groups of researchers and / or professionals associated with NISPAcee who are investigating a particular public administration or public policy topic.

- I. WG on Local Government
- II. WG on e-Government
- III. WG on Public Administration Reform
- IV. WG on Regional Development and Inter-regional Cooperation
- V. WG on Public Finance and Public Finance Management
- VI. WG on Public Policy Analysis
- VII. WG on Public Administration Education
- VIII. WG on Local Services and Infrastructure: Institutions, Regulation, Finance
- IX. WG on Transition, Change and Uncertainty
- X. WG on Non-Governmental Organizations in Central and Eastern Europe

PhD Pre-conference Seminar

A special pre-conference seminar (May 18, 2015) will enable PhD students to present their papers and discuss them with the Chairs / senior researchers in more detail regarding structure and content and how to improve them. In addition, during the conference, time will be allocated to discuss topics related to writing a dissertation. This will help PhD students to prepare their dissertation, formulate a relevant research question, put the research question within a theoretical framework and conduct the necessary research in a valid and reliable way in order to answer the research question.

Additional conference sessions

In addition to the sessions on the Main conference theme, General sessions, WGs sessions and PhD seminar, several special presentations and panels are planned, focusing on other attractive and actual issues for academia and practice in the field.

ORGANIZATIONAL INFORMATION

Important dates

Online Applications with a Paper Proposal

Deadline October 15, 2015

Applicants should complete an online application form (in English) including an abstract of a paper (maximum 3600 characters) and attach the actual CV file (maximum 2MB). The selection results will be available by the end of November, 2015.

Online Registration for the Conference

(to be opened in December 2015)

Deadline March 31, 2016 (obligatory for all paper holders)

Final version of the completed paper

(to be prepared according to the NISPAcee MANUSCRIPT GUIDELINES - please see details on the conference web-site)

Deadline April 10, 2016

Papers in e-version will be accessible for all conference participants prior to the event at the conference website.

Copyright

All authors submitting papers for the NISPAcee conference agree with the NISPAcee copyright policy.