

11th NISPAcee Annual Conference
“ENHANCING THE CAPACITIES TO GOVERN:
Challenges facing the CEE countries”

Bucharest, Romania, April 10-12, 2003

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Administration, Bucharest, Romania*

PRELIMINARY CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

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Wednesday, April 9, 2003

Pre-conference meetings:

- 15.00 - 19.00 NISPAcee Steering Committee meeting
20.00 - 21.00 Meeting of the representatives of NISPAcee SC and the conference coordinators
16.00 - 19.00 Joint NISPAcee /NASPAA project Advisory and Selection Committee meeting
17.00 – 21.00 **Registration of participants**

Thursday, April 10, 2003

- 7.30 - 9.00 Registration of participants
9.00 - 9.30 **Plenary Session**
Official opening (Greetings and Welcome)
9.30 - 10.30 **Keynote presentations**
Introduction to the conference theme by the general rapporteur Tony Verheijen, The World Bank, USA
Yehezkel Dror, Hebrew University, Israel
Topic: Gearing Governments for Weaving the Future
Discussion
10.30 – 11.00 Coffee break
11.00 - 11.40 Martin Potůček, Charles University, Prague, Czech Republic
Topic: Capacities of Governing in Central and Eastern Europe
Discussion
11.40 - 12.10 **Ceremony of Alena Brunovska Award for Teaching Excellence in PA**
Presentation of the award to the recipient
12.10 - 12.30 **Call for participation in new projects ; organizational announcements**
12.30 - 14.00 Lunch
14.00 - 15.30 **Plenary session on the main conference theme:**
Panel discussion: *The Role of Education in Enhancing Capacities to Govern*
15.30 - 16.00 Coffee break
16.00 – 17.00 Working sessions on the main conference themes
Meeting of Working groups
17.30 Departure for the Parliament Palace
18:00 - 19:00 **Romanian panel** in the Parliament Palace
Presentations of the high-level representatives of the Romanian government and school

19:30 Reception

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9.00 - 10.30 **Working sessions** on the main conference themes
Meetings of **Working groups**

10.30 – 11.00 Coffee break

11.00 - 12.30 **Working sessions** on the main conference themes
Meetings of **Working groups**

12.30 – 14.00 Lunch

14.00 - 15.30 **Working sessions** on the main conference themes
Meetings of **Working groups**

15.30 – 16.00 Coffee break

16.00 - 17.15 **Working sessions** on the main conference themes
Meetings of **Working groups**

17.30 – 19.30 **NISPAcee Business Meeting**
Opening
Annual Report of activities
Financial report
Future Plans
Elections
Others
Discussions
Representatives of the NISPAcee Member Institutions are expected to participate in the Business Meeting.
All other participants are warmly invited and welcome to join the meeting.

20.00 Departure for a dinner

Saturday, April 12, 2003

9.00 - 10.30 Meetings of **Working groups**

10.30 – 11.00 Coffee break

11.00 - 13.00 **Closing Plenary Session**
Reports of the coordinators of the Working Session/Groups
Conference conclusions by the general rapporteur Tony Verheijen, The World Bank, USA

13.00 – 14.00 Lunch

14:00 Sightseeing

MAIN CONFERENCE THEME

Thursday, April 10, 2003

14.00 - 15.30 **Plenary session on the main conference theme:**

Panel discussion: The Role of Education in Enhancing Capacities to Govern
Chair:

Barbara Kudrycka, School of Public Administration, Bialystok, Poland

Panelists: 4 invited

- Wolfgang Drechsler, University of Tartu, Estonia
- Kristin Morse, Urban Institute, Washington, D.C, USA; Margarita Pinegina , Marina Shapiro, Institute for Urban Economics, Moscow, Russia – joint presentation
- Brian Tutt, London Metropolitan University, UK
- **Miroslav Mateev, Institute of PA and European Integration, Bulgaria**

Focus of the panel:

Schools and institutes of public policy and public administration have an eminent task to educate future politicians and top civil servants, as well as citizens, in order to prepare them for challenging future tasks they will be exposed to in order to enhance capacities to govern. This is true both for universities and in-service training institutes. How to adapt their curricula? Is there the need of introducing special courses, modules and/or teaching methods?

Format:

The chair and the panelists will present their ideas dealing with the panel theme in short maximum 10 minutes presentations. The aim is that the panelists will rise the most important issues and initiate discussion with the conference participants with a focus on the following questions:

1. What are the specific educational needs of modern, innovative government that are not covered by the current educational system?
2. What the schools and institutes are able to do to cover such needs?
3. How we could transmit/interpret requirements of innovative, good governance into educational system?

MAIN TOPICS OF THE CONFERENCE:

I. Enhancing the Capacities of Central Governments

Coordinator:

Martin Potůček, Charles University, Prague, Czech Republic

Contemporary central governments face considerable challenges, which were unknown in the past. On the one hand, globalization processes limit their operational space, undermine their revenue and generate new social, economic and security threats. In addition, an important part of their previous competencies is being shifted either to local government or to the private (commercial as well as civic) sector. On the other hand, unprecedented new opportunities emerge to central governments from globalization processes. This defines a qualitatively new situation necessitating their substantial redesign: strengthening the capacity to take - despite uncertainty and inconceivability - the future into account; implementation of regulatory reforms including the shift from direct to indirect methods of regulation; new forms of inter-sectoral coordination; management of research and development and creation of a knowledge society; establishing institutions and mechanisms able to deal with emergency situations; building capacities to support international collaboration, especially vis-à-vis the European Union enlargement, and more.

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Presentations:

Radoslaw Zubek, London School of Economics and Political Sciences, UK

Topic: Developing Capacity for Effective EU Transposition

Vesselin Dimitrov, London School of Economics and Political Sciences, UK

Topic: Core Executive Institutions and Budgetary Performance in Post-Communist Europe

Klaus Goetz , London School of Economics and Political Sciences, UK

Topic: Filling the Hollow Crown: The Emergence of Core Executives in Post-Communist Europe

Andrei Lobatch, Grodno State University, Belarus

Topic: Strong Governance with Weak Government: Case of Belarus

Oleh Protsyk, University of Ottawa, Canada

Topic: Reforming Cabinets in Post-Communist Countries

Donald Fuller, Anglo-American College, Prague, Czech Republic

Topic: Enhancing the Capacities of Central Governments

Marketa Vylitova, Research Institute for Labour and Social Affairs, Prague , Czech Republic

Topic: (De)centralization of Social Services in the Czech Republic

Kim Lynge Nielsen, Aalborg university, Denmark

Topic: Effective Institutional Set-ups by Strengthening Lines of Accountability

Karin Hilemer Pedersen, Aarhus University, Denmark

Radoslaw Zubek, London School of Economics and Political Sciences, UK – joint paper

Topic: Autonomy and Embedded ness in State-Society Relations in Poland

Kaarel Haav, Tallinn Pedagogical University, Estonia

Topic: On the role of Management Education in Enhancing Capacities to Govern: Case of Estonia

Rainer Kattel, Tallinn Technical University, Estonia

Topic: The Challenge of Techno-Economic Paradigms to Governance in CEE

Swen Soiver, State Audit Office, Tallinn, Estonia

Topic: Media in Lawmaking Process

Martin Brusis, University of Munich, Germany

Topic: Building Political Government: Changes in Cabinet Offices of CEE Countries

9.00 - 10.30
10.30 – 11.00
11.00 - 12.30
12.30 – 14.00
14.00 - 15.30
15.30 – 16.00
16.00 - 17.15

Session 1:

Coffee break

Session 2:

Lunch

Session 3:

Coffee break

Session 4:

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9.00 - 10.30	Conclusions
10.30 – 11.00	Coffee break
11.00 - 13.00	Closing Plenary Session Reports of the coordinators of the Working Session/Groups

II. Enhancing the Capacities of Regional and Local Governments

Coordinator:

Laszlo Vass, Budapest University of Economic Sciences, Hungary

The implementation of the subsidiarity principle opens new horizons for regional and local governments. Innovative approaches are needed to cover the new governmental functions of regions and municipalities. What matters are: the ways in which regional and local governments can negotiate and collaborate with their central government, with each other and with regional and local governments from abroad; the potential for the operation of consultative frameworks between the representation of employers, employees and regional governments; the new patterns of collaboration between regional and local governments and the commercial and civic sector. Also important is the capacity in central government to facilitate regional and local governments while guiding them and exercising appropriate supervision.

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Presentations:

Tania Gosselin, Central European University, Budapest, Hungary

Topic: What Kind of Media and Why it Matters

Peter Szegvari, University of Economy, Budapest, Hungary

*Topic: New Governmental Functions of the Hungarian Region
regarding to the Accession to the EU*

Roberta Benini, University of Bologna, Italy

*Topic: Local Development and Institutional Decentralization in Russia:
Constraints and Challenges*

Galima Eshmukhamedova, Academy of Management under the
President of the Kyrgyz Republic

Topic: Decentralization and Self-government

Michiel S.de Vries, University of Nijmegen, The Netherlands

*Topic: Value Change among Local Policymakers in Transition
Countries*

Phillip J. Bryson, Brigham Young University, Utah, USA

*Topic: The Property tax- A Missed Opportunity for Fiscal
Decentralization in Transition Countries: The Czech and Slovak Cases*

9.00 - 10.30	Session 1:
10.30 – 11.00	Coffee break
11.00 - 12.30	Session 2 :
12.30 – 14.00	Lunch
14.00 - 15.30	Session 3 : conclusions
15.30 – 16.00	Coffee break

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11.00 - 13.00 **Closing Plenary Session**
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WORKING GROUPS

I. Working Group on Politico-Administrative Relations

Coordinators:

Bernadette Connaughton, University of Limerick, Ireland

Georg Sootla, Tallinn University of Educational Sciences, Estonia

B. Guy Peters, University of Pittsburg, USA

The aim of the working group is to build upon previous studies of the principal actors in the policy making process, namely politicians and civil servants, and further this study through broadening the conceptual focus for analysis and the application of empirical evidence using case study methodology.

1. The study of the traditional dichotomy of politico-administrative relations in CEEC will be widened to incorporate and analyse the process of modernising governance in the region. This implies the presence, impact of, necessity and contribution of a variety of other actors in the policy-making arena whose relationships and links with the bureaucracy will be analysed via case studies of policy formation and reform during the 1990s. The general objective of this departure is to map the most important relationships around the government organisations in CEE states.
2. An analysis of role perceptions of senior officials in CEE states. Senior officials at both local and central government level have a dual role: political and managerial. The objective of the working group is to gain comparative insights into self-perceptions of senior officials in Post-Communist states and the implication for the dual role that they play in the policy process

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9.00 - 10.30 **Session 1: Developing a theoretical framework for the study of state-society relations in the policy process**

Presentations:

B. Guy Peters, University of Pittsburgh and Georg Sootla, Tallinn University of Educational Sciences

Topic: 'Bureaucrats and Politics – Expanding the Analysis'

- rationale and goals of the working group sessions
- analysis and discussion on the research protocol

Donald Fuller, Anglo-American College, Prague, Czech Republic

	<i>Topic: Bureaucrats and Politics : The Case of the Czech Republic</i> Ole Norgaard and Sally Cummings, University of Aarhus, Denmark
	<i>Revisiting the Corporatist State: the Experience of Six Post-Soviet Transitional States</i>
10.30 – 11.00	Coffee break
11.00 - 12.30	Session 2: Civil Service : In the Core/Periphery or Policy Networks
	Patrick Gray, London Metropolitan University, UK
	<i>Topic: Going Nowhere Fast? Putin and Civil Service Reform in the Russian Federation</i>
	Linda Drengsgaard, Aarhus University, Denmark
	<i>Topic: A Game Theoretic Analysis of the Hungarian Civil Service System</i>
	Askat Dukenbaev, American University in Kyrgyzstan, Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan
	<i>Topic: Bureaucrats, Politicians and Public Policy Formation in post Soviet Central Asia: the case of Kyrgyzstan</i>
	Ieva Lazarevicute, Kaunas University of Technology, Lithuania
	<i>Topic: Policy Advice: The Problems of Supply and Demand in Post-Soviet States</i>
	Iveta Reinholde, University of Latvia, Latvia
	<i>Topic: Role Perceptions of Senior Civil Servants in Latvia</i>
	Discussion
12.30 – 14.00	Lunch
14.00 - 15.30	Session 3: Decision making Arenas in Specific Policy sectors
	Presentations:
	Anu Toots, Tallinn University of Educational Sciences, Estonia
	<i>Topic: Why Actors Vary? A Case Study of Estonian Pension and Unemployment Insurance Legislation</i>
	Annika Velthut, Tallinn University of Educational Sciences
	<i>Topic: Regulatory Policy Making and State Society interaction in Estonia</i>
	Jochen Franzke, Astrid Strohbach and Stephanie Tragl, University of Potsdam, Germany
	<i>Topic: Problems of Agricultural Administration in CEEC</i>
	Pavel Ovseiko, Centre for Policy Studies, Budapest, Hungary
	<i>Topic: Explaining Health Sector Reform in Hungary: An Actor Centred Institutional Perspective</i>
	Bernadette Connaughton, University of Limerick, Ireland
	<i>Topic: Environmental Policy Making in Ireland : Capacity, Regulatory Practices and Public Consultation</i>
	Discussion
15.30 – 16.00	Coffee break
16.00 - 17.15	Session 4: Policy Arenas as Interaction of Levels of Governance
	Presentations:
	T. Majcherkiewicz, University of Mining and Metallurgy, Cracow, Poland
	<i>Topic: Decentralisation and Efficient Regional Governance in Poland</i>
	Anna Volkova, Russian State Pedagogical University - Herzen University, Saint-Petersburg, Russia

Topic: Modernising the Relationship between Levels of Government : the Experience of Russia

Ulas Bayraktar, Paris Political Science Institute, France

Topic: The Impact of Political Structure on the Development of Democratic Political Culture : a case study of Local Agenda 21 in Turkey

Magdalena Spala, Poznan University of Economics, Poland

Topic: The Europeanization of Local Authorities in Poland

Tania Malyarenko, Donetsk State Academy of Management, Ukraine

Topic: New Players and Balance of Power in Ukraine

Discussion

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9.00 - 10.30

Conclusions

Discussion led by : B. Guy Peters, B. Connaughton, Georg Sootla

Summing up of debate

Feedback and evaluation of proceedings

Agenda setting for activities in 2004

10.30 – 11.00

Coffee break

11.00 - 13.00

Closing Plenary Session

Reports of the coordinators of the Working Session/Groups

II. Working Group on Public Sector Quality

Coordinator:

Elke Loeffler, Bristol Business School, Bristol , UK

<http://www.vus.uni-lj.si/nispa/>

The objective of this fourth meeting is **to identify new approaches towards quality measurement which go beyond improving the quality of service delivery**. From a wider governance perspective, an excellent public agency needs to be more than an excellent service provider. In particular, **a public agency must also be excellent in the way in which it discharges its political and social responsibilities with its external stakeholders**. For example, in the case of garbage collection, excellent service provision will not guarantee clean streets if citizens continue to drop litter. In the fight to get clean streets, it may be rather more important to teach children at school appropriate civic behaviour. In other words, “good local governance” is more than “good local government”.

Therefore, the NISPAcee Working Group on Public Sector Quality has chosen **“Measuring the Quality of Life and the Quality of Governance Processes”** as the overall theme for its fourth meeting at the 11th NISPAcee Conference.

In particular, we will look at:

- **Measuring the quality of life at local and regional levels (first session)**
- **Measuring the quality of public governance processes (second session)**
- **Assessing the effects of decentralising powers to local levels of government on the quality of public governance (third session)**

- **What we can take home from the international exchange of ideas and experiences (fourth session).**

In order to take on board criticism and suggestions we received at last year's meeting we will ensure that there is ample room for plenary discussions and group work. Therefore, only two papers will be presented in each session.

This will allow us to take forward the discussions which we had at the NISPAcee Conference in Cracow last year, where we focused on how to improve the quality of public services.

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- 09.00 - 10.30 **Session 1: Measuring the Quality of Life at Local and Regional Levels**
 Luigi De Bernardis and Maurizio Colacicco, Butera&Partners, Italy
Topic: A Balanced Scorecard Approach for Quality of Life Measurement in Italian Local Government
Discussant: Sergei Pushkarev, Ural state University, Russia
 Gloria J. Deckard and Judy Rosenbaum, Florida International University, USA
Topic: Measuring Health-related Quality of Life: Health Care Measures and Responses at a Local Level in Miami-Dade County, Florida
Discussant: to be determined
- 11.00 - 12.30 **Session 2: Measuring the Quality of Public Governance Processes**
 Barbara Coe, Yerevan State University, Armenia/ USA
Topic: Measuring the Success of Citizen Participation in Public Decisionmaking Process – results from empirical research in Albania
Discussant: Hindrek Lootus, Tallinn University of Educational Sciences, Estonia
 Alina Mungiu-Pippidi, Sorin Ionita and Radu Malureanu, Romanian Academic Society, Romania
Topic: Perceptions of the Implementation of Good Governance Principles in the Romanian Public Sector – results from a public opinion poll
Discussant: Yeseren Elicin-Arikan, University of Galatasaray, Istanbul, Turkey
- 14.00 - 15.30 **Session 3: Assessing the Effects of Decentralising Powers to Local Levels of Government on the Quality of Public Governance**
 Jelena Maurina and Miles Gray, Latvia's Secretariat for PA Reform, Latvia
Topic: The Creation of Public Agencies in Latvia and their Effects on Public Governance
Discussant: Katarzyna Kuć, Maria Curie-Skłodowska University, Lublin, Poland
- 16.00 - 17.15 **Panel with invited speakers**
Topic: Improving the Quality of Life in CEE Countries – lessons from international experience
 Alexander Wegener, Germany

Davy Jones, Audit Commission, UK (invited)
Karin Narep, Tallinn Pedagogical University, Estonia
and others
Plenary discussion
Critique of the Bucharest meeting

Saturday, April 12, 2003

11.00 - 13.00

Closing Plenary Session

Reports of the coordinators of the Working Session/Groups

III . Working Group on Preventing Corruption in Public Administration

Coordinators:

Barbara Kudrycka, School of Public Administration, Bialystok, Poland
Roman Chlapak, Council of Europe, Strasbourg, France

Background and justification:

It is widely recognised that strategies against corruption are only successful if they are comprehensive. Legal and law enforcement measures need to be complemented by the involvement of the public as well as by measures to prevent corruption within public administration systems. Countries of central and eastern Europe have made progress in adjusting their legislation with European standards and in strengthening their capacities to investigate and prosecute corruption. However, special efforts are required in the field of prevention, in particular with regard to reducing risks and opportunities of corruption within public administrations. At the same time, capacities to design and implement such prevention measures are limited. Public administration training institutions could make an impact in this respect by including corruption prevention issues into the curricula.

Objective: To strengthen capacities for the prevention of corruption within public administrations by integrating prevention issues into the curricula of public training institutions.

Output: By December 2003, a research study will have been published containing at least ten case studies on experience with the integration of anti-corruption issues into the curricula of public administration institutions and/or specific and practical recommendations for improvement.

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9:00-9:30

Session 1:

Short speeches by review experts

9:30-10:30

Presentation of draft studies, comments on review and discussions

Jana Voldanova, Training Center for Public Administration, Czech Republic
Mantas Jonuaskis, Lithuanian Institute of Public Administration, Lithuania

11:00-12:30

Session 2: Presentation of draft studies, comments on review and discussions

Ludmila Voltchkova, St. Petersburg University, Faculty of Sociology, Russia
Natasa Tomic, University of Belgrade, FRY/Serbia
Krzysztof Witkowski, University of Informatics, Poland

14:00-15:30 **Session 3:** Presentation of draft studies, comments on review and discussions
Mara Grudule, Latvian School of Public Administration, Latvia,
Zana Vokopola, Albanian Coalition against corruption (ACAC), Albania
Anatoly Zakalyuk, State, Judicial and Law Enforcement Agencies, Ukraine

16:00-17:15 **Session 4:** Presentation of draft studies, comments on review and discussions
Anetta Jurczuk, Bialystok School of Public Administration, Poland
Daniel Serban, Research Triangle Institute, Romania
Habit Hajredini, Kosovo Government, FRY / Kosovo

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9.00 - 9.30 **Conclusions**
Barbara Kudrycka, Roman Chlapak, 2 experts - comments on drafts
9:30 – 10.30 All participants discussion, next meeting agenda scheduling
10.30 – 11.00 Coffee break
11.00 - 13.00 **Closing Plenary Session**
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IV. Working Group on Democratic Governance of Multiethnic Communities - *program details will be specified later*

Coordinators:

Petra Kovacs, LGI/OSI, Hungary, E-mail: kovacsp@osi.hu
Jana Krimpe, Tallinn University of Educational Sciences, Estonia

Theme: “Enhancing the capacity of local governments to provide equitable access to minorities”.

This topic is based on research results of the working group to date. During the next twelve months members of the research team will continue their field research to identify key factors of successful practice in providing equitable access to public services for minorities. By identifying these key factors, the working group will contribute to promote policies of equal opportunities and non-discrimination at the sub-national levels of government. This issue has become a key priority for all governments in Central and Eastern Europe in the process of European Integration.

V. Working Group on Public Sector Finance and Accounting

Coordinator:

Zeljko Sevic, University of Greenwich, UK

This year the Working Group on Public Sector Finance and Accounting will focus on institutional and capacity building issues in European transitional economies, analysing the capacity of local governments to govern in modern times. This is closely linked with the fiscal capacity and financial abilities of local government to meet its responsibilities. The Research Protocol has been developed and it should provide a minimum common ground for research (country studies). However, the Protocol does not fix the approach to capacity and

institutional building issues in CEECs. All methodological approaches and schools of thought are welcome.

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9.00 - 10.30

Session 1: Zeljko Sevic, Introduction to the Main Topic

Presentations:

Juliana H. Pigeay, Urban Institute, Washington, DC, USA and Artan Hoxha, Institute for Contemporary Studies, Tirana, Albania

Topic: Institutional Capacity Building in Albania: A Case Study

Leonida Pliskevich, International Institute of Labour and Social Relations, Minsk, Belarus

Topic: Local Government Capacity Building in a Highly Centralised Country; The Case of Belarus

Svetlana Alexandrova, University of National and World Economy, Sofia, Bulgaria

Topic: A Way of Reaching More Accountable Local Government in Bulgaria

Mark Chandler, Vilnius University, Vilnius, Lithuania

Topic: Revenue Raising and Accountability of Local Government in Lithuania

Viktor Trasberg, University of Tartu, Tartu, Estonia

Topic: Fiscal Federalism in Baltic and Scandinavian countries

Piotr Bury, Akademia Swietokrzyska, Kielce, Poland

Topic: Tax-nature Fees in Local Government Budgets in Poland

Pawel Swianiewicz, Warsaw University, Warsaw, Poland

Topic: Local Taxes in the System of Local Government Revenues in Poland

11.00 - 12.30

Session 2:

Presentations:

David Amborski, School of Urban and Regional Planning, Toronto, Ontario, Canada

Topic: Linking Priority Setting, Implementation and Accountability in Local Government: North American Approaches-CANCEL

David Tumanyan, Communities Finance Officers Association, Yerevan, Armenia

Topic: Fiscal Capacity Building in Armenian Local Government System

Araksya Margaryan, Institute of Ecology, Economics and Law, Yerevan, Armenia

Topic: Enhancing the Capacities of Regional and Local Governments to provide more Authority in Public Finance

Lubov Chapurina, UNDP, Astana, Kazakhstan

Topic: Enhancing Local Government Revenue Raising Capacity: A Way of Reaching More Accountable Local Government – Case Study of Kazakhstan

Mihaela Onofrei, “Al. I. Cuza” Univerzity, Iasi, Romania and Silviu-Gabriel Ursu, “Al. I. Cuza” Univerzity, Iasi, Romania

Topic: Enhancing Financial Capacity and Democratic Accountability of the Local Government: The Romanian Case

Olga Kolovitskova, Intellectual Services and Technology Consult Group, Kiev, Ukraine and Yuriy Lukovenko, Humanitarian Development Technology Fund, Kiev, Ukraine
Topic: Enchanting Local Government Revenue Raising Capacity: A Way of reaching More Accountable Local Government
Ildar Zoulkarnaev, The State University of Bashkortostan, Ufa, Bashkortostan, Russian Federation
Topic: Budget Incentives for Local Government in the Republic of Bashkortostan to Develop Economy and to Improve Providing Public Goods

14.00 - 15.30

Session 3:

Presentations:

Karel Vit, University of Economics, Prague, Czech Republic
Topic: The Alternatives of Budget Deficit Financing and Its Economic Consequences

Jitka Pekova, University of Economics, Prague, Czech Republic and Jan Selesovsky, Robert Jahoda, Masaryk University Brno, Czech Republic

Topic: Capacity Building in the Czech Republic

Bartłomiej Gurba, University of Bonn, Bonn, Germany

Topic: Borrowing Restrictions and Bailout

Mihaly Lados, Centre for Regional Studies of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Győr, Hungary

Topic: Enhancing Local Government Revenue Raising Capacity in Hungary

Adrian Miroiu, National School of Political Science and Public Administration

Topic: Public Higher Education Financing: A Comparison of the Historical and Formula-based Mechanism

Sergii Slukhai, Taras Shevchenko National Kyiv University, Kiev, Ukraine

Topic: Building-up Fiscally strong Local Governments: A Challenge for Ukraine

Bryce Herrington, College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, Virginia, USA

Topic: Unintended Budgetary Consequences of Devolution and Decentralisation in Russia: Capacity Enhancing Potentials within Current Russian Constitutional Framework

Thomas Meekel, UNDP / Ministry of Finance and Economy of the Republic of Serbia

Topic: Local Public Borrowing in Serbia: How May Local Authorities Raise Finances for their Priority Investments?

16.00 - 17.15

Session 3: To be continued

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9.00 - 10.30

Session 4: Discussion: Plans for the next year

11.00 - 13.00

Closing Plenary Session

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VI. Working Group on e-Government

Coordinators:

Theodore Tsekos, United Nations Thessaloniki Centre , Greece

Vassilios Peristeras, United Nations Thessaloniki Centre, Greece

This year the Working Group will focus on the theme “Towards integrated public policy for e-Government development”.

E-Government has become a popular topic in countries all over the world, regardless their development stage. Politicians and public officials, design and support the implementation of e-Government. Though there is not one single way for implementing e-Government. The public policy for e-Government development (the management of e-Government) differs a lot, when moving from one country to another.

In the Working Group, alternative approaches for developing an e-Government policy will be identified and lessons-learnt by each country will be presented. We would accept either theoretical papers addressing the issue of the diversity of public policies for implementing e-Government, or practical papers presenting country-specific public policy for e-Government.

Questions that could be addressed follows (indicative):

- Centralized versus decentralized e-Government development.
- The management of e-Government: structures, processes, resources.
- National e-Government master plans: lessons-learnt and best practices.

National strategies for e-Government in CEE&CIS countries and eEurope.

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09.00 - 09.20 **Introductory report: Towards Integrated Public Policy for e-Government development**

Theodore Tsekos, Vassilios Peristeras, United Nations Thessaloniki Centre , Greece

Panel No. 1: National strategies and policies for e-Government

09.20 - 09.40 Veldandi Swapna, Professor at ICFAI Business School, India

Topic: E-Government is a journey not a destination

09.40 - 09.40 Andrej Kovačič, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia

Topic: Managing change towards E-Government

10.00 - 10.20 Murzaev, Academy of Management, Kyrgyzstan

Topic: National strategy for e-Government in Kyrgyzstan

10.20 - 10.30 Questions and answers

10.30 - 11.00 Coffee break

Panel No. 2: National strategies and policies for e-Government (continuing)

11.00 - 11.20 Razvan Viorescu, University "Stefan cel Mare" Suceava, Romania

Topic: E-Government projects for the acceleration of the transition towards the information society – the Romanian case

11.20 - 11.40 Sergei Perov, International Market Institute, Samara, Russia

Topic: Foundation of e-Government concept in the Samara oblast, Russia

11.40 – 12.00 Gheorghe Filip, Prof. PhD, University “Al. I. Cuza” Iasi, Faculty of Economics Business Administration

Ovidiu STOICA, Lecturer, PhD, University “Al. I. Cuza” Iasi, Faculty of Economics Business Administration

Topic: The Romanian e-Government Strategy and the eEurope

Panel No. 3: Facets of e-Governance policies

- 12.00 - 12.20 Ljubomir Trajkovski, Management Consulting Association MCA2000, Macedonia
Topic: Are we ready for e-Democracy? The lessons learned in Macedonia
- 12.20 - 12.40 Raj Kumar Prasad, Common Wealth Center for Electronic Governance, India
Topic: Traditional democratic VS e-democratic mode
- 12.40 - 13.00 Questions and answers
- 13.00 - 14.00 Lunch

Panel No. 3: Facets of e-Governance policies (continuing)

- 14.00 - 14.20 David Spacek, Masaryk University, Czech Republic
Topic: E-government and the freedom of information legislation
- 14.20 - 14.40 Aleksandar Ugrinoski, Civil Servants' Agency, Macedonia
Topic: The e-learning as a paradigm
- 14.40 - 15.00 Lucica Matei, National School of Political Studies and PA, Romania
Topic: Impact of new technologies on public organizations
- 15.00 - 15.20 Mariusz Dmochowski, Bialystok School of PA, Poland
Topic: Civil servants' responsibilities in context of implementation, use and abuse of international communication technologies in PA
- 15.20 - 15.40 Wolfgang Drechsler, Professor, Chair of Public Administration and Government, The University of Tartu.
Topic: The Estonian e-voting Laws Discourse: Paradigmatic Benchmarking for multi-level e-Governance in Central and Eastern Europe.
- 15.40-16.00 Jan Morovic, Dipl. Ing PhD.
*Topic: Strategy of e-government development
Knowledge – management and e-learning*

Panel No. 4: E-Government decision-making and evaluation

- 16.00 - 16.20 Martin Gramatikov, Sofia University, Bulgaria
Topic: Data mining techniques and the process of decision-making in the Bulgarian PA
- 16.20 - 16.40 Marcin Sakowicz, Warsaw School of Economics, Poland
Topic: How to evaluate e-Government? Different methodologies and methods
- 16.40 - 17.00 Coffee break
- 17.00 - 17.20 Mirko Vintar, Mitja Decman, Mateja Kunstelj, Anamarija Leben, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia
Topic: Integral e-Government development indicators
- 17.20 - 17.40 Ani Matei, Diana-Camelia Iancu, National School of Political Studies and PA, Romania
Topic: E-Administration as a way of increasing the managerial capacity in public sector
- 17.40 - 18.00 Nina Belyaeva, Chair of Public Policy Department, Higher School of Economics, Moscow
Topic: E-Government on the Computer-Desk of active citizens: "Challenges and Opportunities"
- 18.00 - 18.15 Questions and answers
- 18.15 - 19.00 Discussion

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09.00 - 10.30 Conclusions: 2003-2004 Working plan

11.00 - 13.00 **Closing Plenary Session**

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WG 7 Working Group on Public Health Management and Policy

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The principal goal of the working group is to research and document the degree to which public health (PH) administration, management, and policy knowledge, skills and competencies are imparted by existing public administration (PA) education and training programs in Central and Eastern Europe (CEE), and to develop recommendations with respect to the desirability, feasibility and modalities for a greater integration between PA and PH administration, management and policy education.

The WG meeting will focus on the presentation and group discussion of research results by WG members, with main emphasis on country studies prepared under the research guidelines. The WG will also discuss plans for future activities: the publication of research results, definition of the research agenda for the following year and discussion of future activities.

Friday, April 11, 2003

- 9.00 - 10.30 Public Health Management and Policy: Main trends
James Bjorkman, Institute of Social Studies, The Netherlands
Topic: Health sector reforms: Measures, muddles and mire
Gloria Deckard, Florida International University, USA and Judith Rosenbaum,
Agency for Health Care Administration, USA
*Topic: Integrating Public and Health Administration Education: Multiple
Models of Accredited Programs in the United States*
- 11.00 - 12.30 Presentation of country studies (Bulgaria, Czech
Republic, Lithuania, Romania, Slovakia)
- 14.00 - 15.30 Presentation of country studies (Albania, Armenia,
Georgia, Russia – Moscow region, Russia – Tatarstan, Ukraine)
- 16.00 - 17.15 Round table on Public Health Management and
Policy

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9.00 - 10.30 Conclusions, recommendations, next steps

11.00 - 13.00 **Closing Plenary Session**

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