

Conference Schedule

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
16.30 – 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**
Chair: Barbara Kudrycka, NISPAcee President, Rector of Bialystok School of PA, Poland
Official opening (Greetings and Welcome)
Barbara Kudrycka, NISPAcee President
Lucica Matei, Scientific Secretary, National School of Political Studies and Public Administration, Romania
Vasile Secares, Rector of the National School of Political Studies and Public Administration, Romania
Adrian Nastase, Prime Minister, Romania
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 Brunovská Award for Teaching Excellence in PA**
Presentation of the award by **Barbara Kudrycka**, NISPAcee President and **Ludmila Gajdošová**, NISPAcee Executive Director to the recipient: **Emilia Spiridonova-Kandeva**, Burgas Free University, Bulgaria
Topic: *Enhancing the Governance Capacities for Poverty in Transitioning Countries (emphasis on the experience of Bulgaria)*

- 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 Meetings of **Working groups: WG I, WG III, WG IV, WG V, WG VI, WG VII**
17.30 Departure for the Parliament Palace, Str. Izvor, no. 2 – 4, sector 5 (Please, take your passports for entering the Parliament)
18:00 – 19:00 **Romanian panel** in the Parliament Palace
Chair: Lucica Matei, Scientific Secretary, National School of Political Studies and Public Administration, Romania
Valer Dorneanu, President of Chamber of Deputies
Topic: *Legislative Support for Romanian Public Administration Reform*
Vasile Secares, Rector of National School of Political Studies and Public Administration
Topic: *Is there anything typical about administration reform in Southern and Eastern Europe?*
Ioan Alexandru – Dean of Faculty of Public Administration, National School of Political Studies and Public Administration
Topic: *The Crisis of Administration. The Necessity of Reform*
Ioan Oltean, Deputy, President of Committee for Public Administration, Territorial Planning and Ecological Balance, Chamber of Deputies
Topic: *The Necessity to Involve the Academic Environment in Conceiving and Achieving the Reform*
Discussion
19.30 Reception at the Parliament Palace

Friday, April 11, 2003

- 9.00 – 10.30 **Working sessions I and II** on the main conference themes
Meetings of **Working groups**
10.30 – 11.00 Coffee break

11.00 – 12.30 **Working sessions I and II** on the main conference themes
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12.30 – 14.00 Lunch

14.00 – 15.30 **Working session I** on the main conference theme
Meetings of **Working groups**

15.30 – 16.00 Coffee break

16.00 – 17.00 **Working session I** on the main conference theme
Meetings of **Working groups**

17.30 – 19.30 **NISPAcee Business Meeting**
Opening – *Barbara Kudrycka*, NISPAcee President
Annual Report of Activities – *Barbara Kudrycka*, NISPAcee President
Financial Report – *Ludmila Gajdošová*, NISPAcee Executive Director
Future Plans – *Barbara Kudrycka*, *Ludmila Gajdošová*
Informative Presentations:
– *Jan Andruch*, NISPAcee, UNPAN Consultant
Topic: *Presentation of new NISPAcee web site and e-communication system*
– *Juraj Sklenar*, NISPAcee
Topic: *E-learning Module of English + Finance for the Countries Integrating into the European Union*

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

Departure for a Romanian folk dinner

20.00

Saturday, April 12, 2003

9.00 – 10.30 **Working session I** on the main conference theme
Meetings of **Working groups**

10.30 – 11.00 Coffee break

11.00 – 13.00 **Closing Plenary Session**
Chair: Barbara Kudrycka, NISPAcee President

Reports of the coordinators of the Working Sessions/Groups

Conference conclusions by the general rapporteur **Tony Verheijen**, The World Bank, USA

13.00 – 14.00 Lunch

14:30 – 17:00 Guided tour in Bucharest

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:

- **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**, **Aidan Rose**, 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?

Working Sessions on the 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.

Friday, April 11, 2003

9.00 – 10.30 **Session 1**

Presentations:

Donald Fuller, Anglo-American College, Prague, Czech Republic
Topic: *Enhancing the Capacities of Central Governments*

Rainer Kattel, Tallinn Technical University, Estonia

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

Radoslaw Zubek, London School of Economics and Political Sciences, UK
Topic: *Developing Capacity for Effective EU Transposition*

Discussion

10.30 – 11.00 Coffee break

11.00 – 12.30 **Session 2**

Presentations:

Oleh Protsyk, University of Ottawa, Canada

Topic: *Reforming Cabinets in Post-Communist Countries*

Kim Lynge Nielsen, Aalborg university, Denmark

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

Andrei Lobatch, Grodno State University, Belarus

Topic: *Strong Governance with Weak Government: Case of Belarus*

Discussion

12.30 – 14.00 Lunch

14.00 – 15.30 **Session 3**

Presentations:

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

Topic: *Core Executive Institutions and*

Budgetary Performance in Post-Communist Europe

Martin Brusis, University of Munich, Germany

Topic: *Government Offices and Governance Capacity: A Comparison of Bulgaria, The Czech Republic, Hungary and Poland of CEE Countries*

Discussion

15.30 – 16.00 Coffee break

16.00 – 17.00

Session 4

Presentations:

Karin Hilmer 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*

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

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

Discussion

Saturday, April 12, 2003

9.00 – 10.30 **Session 5**

Presentation:

Swen Soiver, State Audit Office, Tallinn, Estonia

Topic: *Media in Lawmaking Process*

Conclusions, report for the plenary session

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.

Friday, April 11, 2003

9.00 – 10.30 **Session 1**

Presentations:

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

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

Peter Szegvari, University of Economy, Budapest, Hungary

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

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*

Discussions

10.30 – 11.00 Coffee break

11.00 – 12.30 **Session 2**

Presentations:

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

Topic: *Decentralization and Self-government*

Roberta Benini, University of Bologna, Italy

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

Discussions

Conclusions, report for the plenary session

Saturday, April 12, 2003

11.00 – 13.00 **Closing Plenary Session**

Reports of the coordinators of the Working Session/Groups

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 Pittsburgh, USA*

“Bureaucrats and Politics: Expanding the Analysis in the Framework of Modern Governance”

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.

The study of the traditional dichotomy of politico-administrative relations in CEEC will be widened to incorporate and analyse the process of modern 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.

Sessions will be organised with problem focus and discussions, relied on papers prepared by country representatives. Framework of discussion was distributed among members of WG a week before the conference.

It should be emphasized that selected papers actually presented for discussions will be published in NISPAcee proceedings. Sessions will be held as discussions based on individual papers but it is strongly recommended that presentations will not be simply as short summaries of papers.

Thursday, April 10, 2003

- 16.00 – 17.00 Introductory meeting of the Working group
- Information about the two year project of WG by the coordinators
 - Introduction of the group members
 - Aims and objectives of the meeting in Bucharest

Friday, April 11, 2003

9.00 – 10.30 **Session 1: Developing a Theoretical Framework for the Study of Decision-making arenas in Balancing State-society Relations in the Policy Process**

Chair: **B. Guy Peters**, University of Pittsburgh, USA

Discussants: **Georg Sootla**, Tallinn University of Educational Sciences, Estonia; **Donald Fuller**, Anglo-American College, Prague, Czech Republic; **Ole Norgaard** and **Sally Cummings**, University of Aarhus, Denmark

“Bureaucrats and Politics – Expanding the Analysis from governance perspective”

- rationale and goals of the working group sessions
- introduction to the concept of governance, policy communities and networks
- introduction and discussion on the research protocol
- indicators for the analysis of decision-making and implementation arenas in the policy process

10.30 – 11.00 Coffee break

11.00 – 12.30 **Session 2: Civil Service : In the Core/Periphery or Policy Networks**

Chair: **I. Lazareviciute**

- **Changing perceptions of civil servants and professionals of their roles in various decision-making arenas** (**I. Reinholde**, University of Latvia, Latvia; **I. Lazareviciute**, Kaunas University of Technology, Lithuania)
- **Research theories and methods in analysing of roles of civil servants in decision-making process** (**L. Drensgaard**, Aarhus University, Denmark; **P. Ovseiko**, Centre for Policy Studies, Budapest, Hungary; **B. Guy Peters**, USA)
- **National variations of roles of civil servants in decision-making process** (**P. Gray**, London Metropolitan University, UK;

A. Dukenbajev, American University in Kyrgyzstan, Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan

Discussion

12.30 – 14.00 Lunch

14.00 – 15.30 **Session 3: Decision Making Arenas in Specific Policy Sectors**

Chair: **B. Connaughton** (**A. Velthut**)

- **Decision-making arenas in the welfare sectors** (**Anu Toots**, Tallinn University of Educational Sciences, Estonia; **Pavel Ovseiko**, Centre for Policy Studies, Budapest, Hungary)
- **Decision-making arenas in agricultural administration** (**Jochen Franzke**, **Astrid Strohbach** and **Stephanie Tragl**, University of Potsdam, Germany)
- **Decision-making arenas at the development of secondary legislations** (**A. Velthut**)

Discussion

15.30 – 16.00 Coffee break

16.00 – 17.00 **Session 4: Policy Arenas as Interaction of Levels of Governance**

Chair: **G. Sootla**

- **The role of regional administration as arena for mediating central-local decision networks** (**T. Majcherkiewicz**, University of Mining and Metallurgy, Cracow, Poland; **Anna Volkova**, Russian State Pedagogical University, Saint-Petersburg, Russia; **Tania Malyarenko**, Donetsk State Academy of Management, Ukraine)
- **Local policy-networks in EU perspective** (**Magdalena Sapala**, Poznan University of Economics, Poland)

Discussion

Saturday, April 12, 2003

9.00 – 10.30 **Conclusions**

Chair: **B. Guy Peters**

- Summing up of debate
- Proposals for the research protocol (chairmen of WG sessions)
- Feedback and evaluation of proceedings
- Agenda setting for activities in 2004

Discussion

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

Katarina Staroňová, Slovakia

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

“Measuring the quality of life and governance processes”

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 public governance processes (first session)
- Measuring the quality of life at local and regional levels (second session)
- Assessing the effects of decentralising powers to local levels of government on the quality of public governance (third session)
- Assessing what we can learn from international experiences with the measurement of good governance (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.

Friday, 11 April 2003

09.00 – 10.30 **Session 1: Measuring the Quality of Public Governance Processes**

Barbara Coe, United States

Topic: *Measuring the Success of Citizen Participation in Public Decision-making Process – Results from Empirical Research in Albania*

Discussant: **Hindrek Lootus**, Estonia
Sorin Ionita, Romania

Topic: *Perceptions of the Implementation of Good Governance Principles in the Romanian Public Sector – Results from a Public Opinion Poll*

Discussant: **Kristiina Tonnisson**, Estonia

Plenary discussion moderated by **Elke Löffler**, UK

11.00 – 12.30 **Session 2: Measuring the Quality of Life at Local and Regional Levels**

Luigi De Bernardis, Italy

Topic: *A Balanced Scorecard Approach for Quality of Life Measurement in Italian local Government*

Discussant: **Sergei Pushkarev**, Russia
Gloria J. Deckard and **Judy Rosenbaum**, USA

Topic: *Measuring Health-related Quality of Life: Health Care Measures and Responses at a Local Level in Miami-Dade County, Florida*

Discussant: **Claudia Novac**, Romania
Plenary discussion moderated by **Katarina Staronova**, Slovak Republic

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, Latvia

Topic: *The Creation of Public Agencies in Latvia and their Effects on Public Governance*

Discussant: **Katarzyna Kuć**, Poland
Group exercise: *Constructing a governance balanced scorecard*, moderated by **Elke Löffler**, UK and **Katarina Staronova**, Slovak Republic

16.00 – 17.00 **Session 4: Panel with invited speakers**
Topic: **Improving the Quality of Life in CEE Countries – lessons from international experience**
Ovidiu Bujorean, President of LEAD-ERS, Romania
Karin Narep, Ministry of Finance, Estonia

Viola Zentai, LGI, Hungary (invited)
Representative of Transparency International, Romania (invited) 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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16.00 – 17.00 Introductory meeting of the Working group

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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

Anetta Jurczuk, Bialystok School of Public Administration, Poland

Ludmila Voltchkova, St. Petersburg University, Faculty of Sociology, Russia

Natasa Tomic, University of Belgrade, Serbia & Montenegro

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

Vadim Barko, Ministry of Internal affairs of Ukraine

16:00 – 17:00 **Session 4:** Presentation of draft studies, comments on review and discussions

Daniel Serban, Research Triangle Institute, Romania

Habit Hajredini, Kosovo Government, Kosovo

Krzysztof Witkowski, University of Informatics, Poland

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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, schedule for the future

11.00 – 13.00 **Closing Plenary Session**

Reports of the coordinators of the Working Session/Groups

IV. Working Group on Democratic Governance of Multiethnic Communities

Coordinators:

Petra Kovacs, LGI/OSI, Hungary

Jana Krimpe, Tallinn University of Educational Sciences, Estonia

Michael Brintnall, American Political Science Association, Washington D.C., USA

The topic of this year WG “Enhancing the capacity of local government to provide equitable access to minorities” is based on research of the working group. The aim of the working group, which work is based on previous studies, is to provide suggestions by which local governments and their agencies or institutions might regularly assess their performance or demonstrate progress. Using case study methodology, working group papers analysing key factors of successful practices in providing equitable access to public services for minorities, in promoting of 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.

Thursday, April 10, 2003

16.00 – 17.00 Introductory meeting of the Working group

Academy of Public Administration, Ukraine

Topic: The Access of Crimean Tatars to Public Services on Regional and Local Level in the Context of Elections of 2002 in Ukraine

Andrea Naphegyi, Bucharest, Romania
Ekaterina Sokirianskaja, Ingushetia, Dagestan, Russian Federation

Topic: *Governing Fragmented Societies: Institution-Building and Political Integration in Chechnya*

Discussion

Friday, April 11, 2003

9.00 – 10.30 **Session I**

Presentations:

Jana Krimpe, Tallinn Pedagogical University, Estonia

Topic: *Conclusions on previous results of IV WG (Prepared by Petra Kovacs, LGI/OSI, Hungary)*

Michael Brintnall, American Political Science Association, USA

Topic: *Introduction to the main topic of WG*

Questions and remarks

10.30 – 11.00 Coffee break

11.00 – 12.30 **Session 2**

Presentations:

Andrey Makarychev, Nizhny Novgorod, Linguistic University, Russia
Topic: *Governance in Multiethnic Political Communities: The Case of Volga Federal District Regions in Russia*

Jana Krimpe & Maksim Golovko, Tallinn Pedagogical University, Estonia
Topic: *Enhancing the Capacity of Local Government to Provide Equitable Access to Minorities: the Case of Tallinn city*
Discussion

12.30 – 14.00 Lunch

14.00 – 15.30 **Session 3**

Presentations:

Rustem Ablyatfov, Ukrainian

15.30 – 16.00 Coffee break

16.00 – 17.00 **Session 3:** To be continued

Michael Brintnall, American Political Science Association, USA

Topic: *The Role of Professional Association in Enhancing the Capacity to Provide Equitable Access to Public Services for Minorities*

Discussions

Session 4: Next IV WG meeting agenda activities and scheduling

Discussions

Saturday, April 12, 2003

9.00 – 10.30 **Session 5:** Conclusions; Completing of the WG report for closing plenary session

10.30 – 11.00 Coffee break

11.00 – 13.00 **Closing Plenary Session**

Reports of the coordinators of the Working Session/Groups

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.

Thursday, April 10, 2003

16.00 – 17.00 **Session 1: Zeljko Sevic, Introductory Meeting**

Friday, April 11, 2003

9.00 – 10.30 **Session 2: Zeljko Sevic, Introduction to the Main Topic**

Presentations:

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

Topic: *Institutional Capacity Building in Albania: A Case Study*

Adrian Miroiu, National School of Political Studies and Public Administration, Bucharest, Romania and **Paul-Dragos Aligica**, National School of Political Studies and Public Administration, Bucharest, Romania

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

Mark Chandler, Vilnius University, Vilnius, Lithuania

Topic: *Revenue Raising and Accountability of Local Governments in Lithuania*

Viktor Trasberg, University of Tartu, Estonia

Topic: *Intergovernmental Fiscal Relations in the Baltic Municipalities*

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 Poland. Base for Local Accountability?*

11.00 – 12.30 **Session 3:**

Presentations:

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” University, Iasi, Romania and **Silviu-Gabriel Ursu**, “Al. I. Cuza” University, 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: *Ukraine: Enchanting Local Government Revenue Raising Capacity: A Way of reaching More Accountable Local Government*

Ildar Zoukarnaev, The State University of Bashkortostan, Ufa, Bashkortostan, Russian Federation

Topic: *Budget Incentives for Local Governments in the Republic of Bashkortostan to Develop Economy and to Improve Providing of Public Goods*

Sergii Slukhai, Taras Shevchenko National Kyiv University, Kiev, Ukraine
Topic: *Building-up Fiscally Strong Local Governments: A Challenge for Ukraine*

14.00 – 15.30 **Session 4:**
Presentations:

Karel Vit, University of Economics,
Prague, Czech Republic
Topic: *The Possibilities of Budget Deficit
Financing*

Jitka Pekova, University of Economics,
Prague, Czech Republic and **Jan**

Selesovsky, Masaryk University Brno,
Czech Republic and **Robert Jahoda**,
Masaryk University Brno, Czech
Republic

Topic: *Capacity Building in the Czech
Republic*

Bartłomiej Gurba, University of Bonn,
Bonn, Germany

Topic: *Vertical Imbalance and Bailout
– The Case of Polish Local Governments
Borrowing*

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

Topic: *Enhancing Local Government Rev-
enue Raising Capacity in Hungary*

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

Topic: *Local Public Borrowing in Serbia:
How May Local Authorities Raise Finan-
ces for their Priority Investments?*

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

Topic: *Local Government Capacity Build-
ing in a Highly Centralised Country: The
Case of Belarus*

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

Topic: *Unanticipated Budgetary Conse-
quences of Devolution: Capacity Enhanc-
ing Potentials within the Current Russian
Constitutional Framework*

16.00 – 17.00 **Session 5:** Panel Discussion

Saturday, April 12, 2003

9.00 – 10.30 **Session 6:** Discussion: Plans for the
next year

11.00 – 13.00 **Closing Plenary Session**

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Working Session/Groups

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-learned 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-learned and best practices.

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

Thursday, April 10, 2003

16.00 – 17.00 **Introductory Meeting**

Friday, April 11, 2003

09.00 – 09.20 **Introductory report: Towards Inte-
grated Public Policy for e-Govern-
ment Development**

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

09.20 – 09.40

Panel No. 1: National Strategies and Policies for e-Government

Andrej Kovačič, University of Ljublja-
na, Slovenia

Topic: *Managing Change towards e-Gov-
ernment*

09.40 – 10.00

Salih Murzaev, Academy of Manage-
ment, Kyrgyzstan

Topic: *National Strategy for e-Govern-
ment in Kyrgyzstan*

- 10.20 – 10.30 **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*
- 10.30 – 11.00 Coffee break
Panel No. 2: National Strategies and Policies for e-Government
- 11.00 – 11.20 **Sergei Perov**, International Market Institute, Samara, Russia
Topic: *Foundation of e-Government Concept in the Samara Oblast, Russia*
- 11.20 – 11.40 **Gheorghe Filip, Ovidiu Stoica**, University “Al. I. Cuza” Iasi, Faculty of Economics & Business Administration, Romania
Topic: *The Romanian e-Government Strategy and the eEurope*
Panel No. 3: Facets of e-Governance Policies
- 11.40 – 12.00 **Ljubomir Trajkovski**, Management Consulting Association MCA2000, Macedonia
Topic: *Are We Ready for e-Democracy? The Lessons Learned in Macedonia*
- 12.00 – 12.20 **David Spacek**, Masaryk University, Czech Republic
Topic: *E-government and the Freedom of Information Legislation*
- 12.20 – 12.30 Questions and answers
- 12.30 – 14.00 Lunch
Panel No. 3: Facets of e-Governance Policies (continuing)
- 14.00 – 14.20 **Aleksandar Ugrinoski**, Civil Servants’ Agency, Macedonia
Topic: *The e-learning as a Paradigm*
- 14.20 – 14.40 **Lucica Matei**, National School of Political Studies and PA, Romania
Topic: *Impact of New Technologies on Public Organizations*
- 14.40 – 15.00 **Mariusz Dmochowski**, Bialystok School of PA, Poland
Topic: *Civil Servants’ Responsibilities in Context of Implementation, Use and Abuse of International Communication technologies in PA*
- 15.00 – 15.20 **Wolfgang Drechsler**, University of Tartu, Estonia
Topic: *The Estonian e-voting Laws Discourse: Paradigmatic Benchmarking for Multi-level e-Governance in Central and Eastern Europe*
Panel No. 4: E-Government Decision-making and Evaluation
- 15.20 – 15.40 **Martin Gramatikov**, Sofia University, Bulgaria
Topic: *Data Mining Techniques and the Process of Decision-making in the Bulgarian PA*
- 15.40 – 16.00 Coffee break
- 16.00 – 16.20 **Marcin Sakowicz**, Warsaw School of Economics, Poland
Topic: *How to Evaluate e-Government? Different Methodologies and Methods*
- 16.20 – 16.40 **Mirko Vintar, Mitja Decman, Mateja Kunstelj, Anamarija Leben**, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia
Topic: *Integral e-Government Development Indicators*
- 16.40 – 17.00 **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*
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- 09.00 – 09.20 **Nina Belyaeva**, Higher School of Economics, Moscow, Russia
Topic: *E-Government on the Computer-Desk of Active citizens: Challenges and Opportunities*
- 09.20 – 10.30 **Conclusions: 2003 – 2004 Working plan**
- 11.00 – 13.00 **Closing Plenary Session**
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VII. Working Group on Public Health Management and Policy

Coordinators:

Allan Rosenbaum, Florida International University, USA

Juraj Nemec, Matej Bel University, Slovakia

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.

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16.00 – 17.00 **Introductory Meeting**

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 Mires*

Gloria Deckard, Florida International University, USA and Judith Rosenbaum, Agency for Health Care Administration, USA

Topic: *Preparing Managers for the U.S. Health Care System: Models for Designing and Accrediting Quality Curriculum*

10.30 – 11.00 Coffee break

11.00 – 12.30 Presentation of country studies I

Nikolay Gavrilov, Medical University Sofia, Sofia, Bulgaria, **Martin Gramatikov**, Sofia University, Sofia, Bulgaria

Topic: *Country Study of Bulgaria*

Ivan Maly, Masaryk University, Brno, Czech Republic

Topic: *Country Study of Czech Republic*

Ramune Kalediene, Kaunas University of Medicine, Kaunas, Lithuania,

Leonardas Rinkevicius, Kaunas University of Technology, Kaunas, Lithuania

Topic: *Country Study of Lithuania*

Dana Farcasanu, Institute of Health Services Management, Bucharest, Romania, **Cristian Vladescu**, University of Bucharest, Romania

Topic: *Public Health and Management Education in Romania – a Decade of Evolution*

Juraj Nemec, Matej Bel University, Banska Bystrica, Slovakia

Topic: *Country Study of Slovak Republic*

12.30 – 14.00 Lunch

14.00 – 15.30 Presentation of country studies II

Albana Ahmeti, Institute of Public Health, Tirana, Albania

Topic: *Public Health Administration and Management in Albania*

Gayane Selimyan, Lucig H.

Danielian, American University, Yerevan, Armenia

Topic: *Public Health Administration, Management and Policy in the Republic of Armenia*

Nana Sumbadze, Institute for Policy Studies, Tbilisi, Georgia

Topic: *Understanding Health-related Behavior of the Population: Pre-condition for Designing Effective Health Policy*

Tatiana Chubarova, Institute of International Economic and Political Studies, Russian Academy of Sciences, Moscow, Russia

Topic: *Health Management Education in Russia in the Context of Health Care Policy and Reforms*

Ioulia Chtchelkova, Kazan State Technical University, Kazan, Russia, **Leysan Shaydullina**, Kazan State Medical

University, Kazan, Russia

Topic: *Health Care System in Tatarstan: Present Moment, Problems and Future Perspectives*

Svitlana Khadzhyradeva, Natalya

Kolisnichenko, Odessa Regional Institute of Public Administration, Ukrainian Academy of Public Administration, Odessa, Ukraine

Topic: *Public Health Administration, Management and Policy in Ukraine*

15.30 – 16.00 Coffee break

16.00 – 17.00 Round table on Public Health Management and Policy

Bogdan M. Chiritoiu, Faculty of Political Science, Bucharest University, Bucharest, Romania

Topic: *Administrative Capacity for Acquis Implementation. Case Study on Health Social Insurance*

Saturday, April 12, 2003

9.00 – 10.30 Conclusions, recommendations, next steps

11.00 – 13.00 **Closing Plenary Session**

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