

Permanent Practitioners Group

"Penguins can fly ?! Stimulating an innovative culture in public service organisations.

This Permanent Practitioners group aims at gathering the practitioner's experience from all over Europe and integrating this in the conference, attracting practitioners and academics, facilitating discussions and sharing views and ideas.

During the EGPA 2007 Conference in Madrid the Permanent Practitioners Group met for the first time, as an integral part of the conference and having its own conference track. Main theme of this group was: "*How to learn from good practices: bench learning on bench learning initiatives*".

This years' theme will be closely linked to the main conference theme. "**Penguins can fly ?! Stimulating an innovative culture in public service organisations**", will deal with the possibilities of public sector (organisation) to be innovative. During the conference different themes are discussed:

The Practitioner's platform is cooperating with the different conference workshops and permanent study groups

Practitioner's presentations and contributions from academicians are focused on: How do you define innovation in your professional world? Which problems may be solved with such innovation? Which approach has worked in practice? What are preconditions of success? Who might fulfill these preconditions? Specifically, what might be the role of governments versus the role of private actors? Might pre-competitive cooperation between public and private sector assist this process? Which contributions do you expect from scientists? What is the impact of all these questions on the different topics of the conference. (See Programme)

The Permanent Practitioners Group will be integrated in the conference and the different themes are linked with permanent studygroups and workshops.

Practitioners Platform Programme

Wednesday, September 3, 2008	
13.00-15.30	Opening session: - Drs. Jan Willem Oosterwijk, Chairman of the Executive Board of Erasmus University Rotterdam. - Prof.Dr. Geert Bouckaert, EGPA President, Public Management Institute K.U. Leuven. - Prof.Dr. Victor Bekkers, chairman EGPA2008 Organizing Committee. Keynote speakers: - Prof.Dr. Christopher Pollitt, Catholic University Leuven and Erasmus University Rotterdam. - Drs. Jan Willem Holtslag, former secretary-general Ministry of the Interior and Kingdom relations, now member of the Scientific Council for Government Policy (WRR).
15.30-16.00	Break
16.00-17.30	Practitioners Platform I together with workshop I "Governing Innovation; Public Innovation in-between Managerialism, Professionalism and Public Participation" <i>Key-note speaker:</i>

	<p><i>Drs. Erik Gerritsen, former executive director of the Municipality of Amsterdam on 'Smart Governments'</i></p> <p><i>Paul van Hal and Léon Sonnenschein Program managers at InAxis, Commission on Innovation of Public Administration the Netherlands: Creating conditions for Public Sector Innovation</i></p>
18.00-19.30	Reception at Town Hall Rotterdam

Thursday, September 4, 2008

08.30-10.30	<p>Practitioners Platform II together with workshop II & III</p> <p>How governments deal with the dilemma's between public and private interests</p> <p>Chair: Kees van Paridon</p> <p>Keynotes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Jeroen Bartelse (Director Interdepartmental Directorate Knowledge and Innovation): <i>A perspective from the public sector</i> - Gert Staal (Director of OV9292, a company that provides online real-time travel information): <i>A perspective from the private sector (15 + 5 min)</i> <p>Contributions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Douwe Jan Joustra (SenterNovem): <i>Transitions: systems change in close cooperation of public and private entrepreneurs – the example of cradle-to-cradle</i> - Petruschka Werther (Ministry of Transport and Water Works): <i>Mobility pricing</i> - Peter Bont (former director of Advice College Administrative Costs): <i>Deregulation as a battle between public and private in a context of societal change</i>
10.30-11.00	Break
11.00-12.30	<p>Practitioners Platform III together with workshop II & III</p> <p>Practitioner's forum (continued)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Jurgen van der Heijden (AT Osborne Consultants) <i>Participation through keeping what's been developed.</i> - Paul Diederer (Advisory Council for Science and Technology Policy) <i>Stimulating self-organization through developing quasi-markets.</i> - Linda Doctor (senior researcher of the Council for Spatial and Environmental Research RMNO), <i>Public – private cooperation in water management in Limburg</i> - Wrap-up by Jan-Peter van den Toren (invited), secretary of the innovation platform erected on the initiative of the prime minister, followed by discussion: implications for the science agenda
12.30-14.00	Lunch Break
14.00-15.30	Practitioners Platform IV together with studygroup 'Performance in Public Sector'

	<p>- <i>The search for the right (performance) indicators in the Flemish Government, Gijs Martens (B)</i></p> <p>- <i>"Organisational performance management: experience of a international organisation in decentralising of financial management, introduction of a result based budgeting system and use of Balanced score card" Mesut ÖZYAVUZ, Head of the Administrative Modernisation Division (Council of Europe)</i></p> <p>- <i>The (negative) impact of certification in the Water service delivery industry: The implications for management, Hugo Silvestre, Universidade Técnica de Lisboa and Joaquim Filipe Ferraz Esteves de Araújo, Universidade do Minho (P)</i></p> <p><i>Are invited for the scientific reflection (tbc):</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Christopher Pollitt, Performance measurement: A logic of escalation</i> - <i>Willem Trommel (NL), 'Good Governance as Self-Governance' Towards robust principles for Public Performance Assessment</i> - <i>Hermann Hill (D), Quality and Performance Management in the 21st Century - a new approach</i>
15.30-16.00	Break
16.00-18.00	Host Country Panel: Innovation in Citizenship and Integration Policies - The Dutch Experience with an Emphasis on Rotterdam (<i>Mr. Ivo Opstelten, Mayor Rotterdam</i>)
19.30-	Conference Dinner at Cruise Terminal (Rotterdam), speech Mrs. Ank Bijleveld-Schouten Msc (<i>State Secretary of the Interior and Kingdom Relations</i>)

Friday, September 5, 2008

08.30-10.30	<p>Practitioners Platform V Towards multidimensional public sector organisations Under the influence of Inter Institutional Shared Services and new organizational forms for co-operation between diverse partners public organisations are transforming into multidimensional organisations.</p> <p>Key-notes speakers: Prof. Hans Strikwerda, University of Amsterdam and CEO Nolan Norton Institute: <i>Multi dimensional organisations</i></p> <p>Arjan van Venrooy, Partner at Verdonck Klooster& Associates and Léon Sonnenschein, Program manager at InAxis, Commission on Innovation for Public Administration the Netherlands: <i>The development towards multidimensional municipalities in the Netherlands</i></p> <p>Leon Wijnen, Consuktant at Ordina: <i>about co-operation between Ordina and the Erasmus University</i></p> <p>Steven Olthof, Consultant at KPMG: <i>Co-operation between multiple actors in the law and order domain</i></p> <p><u>Discussion themes:</u> What does these developments mean for administrations on National level and on local level: what developments should they support and which not? Does their role change and in what sense? What challenges do these developments bring for scientists?</p>
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10.30-11.00	Break
11.00-12.30	<p>Practitioners Platform VI together with studygroup <i>Personnel Policies</i> “Towards an innovative based competency culture in public sector”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Transfer of managerial and leadership competencies in the Belgian federal administration Bruno Broucker (BE)</i> - <i>Outcomes of management and leadership development in public service organisations Patrick McGurk (UK)</i> - <i>Detecting and developing Innovative competences Catherine Ruys (BE)</i> - <i>training of leadership competencies. Sylvia Horton (UK)</i>
12.30-14.00	Lunch Break
14.00-15.30	EGPA Annual General Assembly and Closing Ceremony
15.30	Drinks (outside Forum Room)
Saturday, September 6, 2008	
	Excursion with SPIDO: harbor cruise during the Rotterdam harbor days (finished early afternoon)