UNPAN Partners' Newsletter

April – May – June 2024

23rd Session of the Committee of Experts on Public Administration

The 23rd session of the Committee of Experts on Public Administration (CEPA) took place at the United Nations Headquarters in New York from 15 to 19 April 2024. The Committee examined a range of issues in governance and public administration that are central to ongoing efforts to implement the global 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, including:

1. Institutional aspects of the theme of the 2024 session of the Economic and Social Council and the 2024 high-level political forum on sustainable development.
2. Peer exchange with voluntary national review countries and voluntary local review cities on experiences and promising practices in implementing Sustainable Development Goals 16 and 17.
3. Institutions, climate action and environment.
4. Principles of effective governance for sustainable development.
5. Public sector workforce matters.
6. Public financial management.
7. Digital government.
8. Institution building in fragile and conflict-affected areas.
For more information, click here.

Report of the Committee for Committee of Experts on Public Administration

The Report of the Committee for Committee of Experts on Public Administration in its 23rd plenary session is available in all six official languages of the UN on the CEPA website. The report addresses the following themes discussed by the Committee during the 23rd session with the goal to advance the SDGs and eradicate poverty: (1) institutional aspects of the theme of the 2024 session of ECOSOC and the 2024 HLPF; (2) regulating and reforming the insurance industry to combat climate change-induced poverty; (3) building inclusive institutions that leave no one behind at the midpoint of the 2030 Agenda; (4) innovations in public sector workforce governance; (5) artificial intelligence governance; (6) accelerating public financial management reform; and (7) promoting sound public financial management in fragile and conflict-affected settings. For more information, click here.

SDG 16 High-Level Conference 2024

The United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA), the International Development Law Organization (IDLO) and the Permanent Mission of Italy to the United Nations organized the SDG 16 High-Level Conference 2024 – Peace, justice and inclusive societies for Sustainable Development on 6 May 2024 at the United Nations Headquarters in New York.

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The High-Level Conference came at a time when peace, justice and inclusive, effective, and accountable institutions are more needed than ever, and served as high-level platform to assess and promote SDG 16 as a key enabler of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Sustainable Development Goals. For more information, click here.

2024 UN Public Service Forum

The 2024 UN Public Service Forum and Awards Ceremony took place in Incheon, Republic of Korea, from 24 to 26 June 2024, under the theme Fostering Innovation amid Global Challenges: a Public Sector Perspective. The Forum was co-organized by the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA) through its Division for Public Institutions and Digital Government (DPIDG) and the Ministry of the Interior and Safety of the Republic of Korea (MOIS). The 2024 United Nations Public Service Forum focused on the role of fostering innovation and transformation in the public sector, with a view to enhancing the current and future capabilities of public administrations so they are readied to be more adaptive, anticipatory, agile, inclusive, and responsive in meeting development objectives amid complex global challenges. The Forum provided a platform for Ministers, senior level decision-makers, and working level public servants to reflect upon and develop the skills needed to devise tangible actions to foster innovation and transformation at the local and national levels. The Forum also provided the opportunity to highlight innovative public sector initiatives through its 2024 United Nations Public Service Awards Ceremony. For more information, click here.

Announcing the awardees of the 2024 UN Public Service Awards

Fifteen initiatives from Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, Germany, Indonesia, Jordan, Latvia, Portugal, Republic of Korea, South Africa, Tanzania and Thailand were recognized at the UN Public Service Awards Ceremony, held at the conclusion of the UN Public Service Forum on 26 June. For more information, click here.

2024 UNPAN Members Annual Meeting

The 2024 UNPAN Members Annual Meeting, organized by the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA), Division for Public Institutions and Digital Government (DPIDG), took place at the margins of the 23rd session of the UN Committee of Experts on Public Administration at the UN Headquarters in New York on 18 April 2024.

The objective of the meeting was to provide a platform for UNPAN Members to share information about their upcoming activities and innovative ways to strengthen governments' capacities to advance the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, with a focus on SDG 16 on strong institutions, peace and justice and SDG 17 on partnerships for the Goals. For more information, click here.

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Virtual Side Event on Harnessing Sustainable Ocean-Based Economy: Overcoming the Financing Challenge

Promoting an inclusive and sustainable ocean-based economy is especially critical for the sustainable development of small island developing States (SIDS). UN DESA in collaboration with the Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS) and the Permanent Mission of the Principality of Monaco to the United Nations organized a side event during the Second Preparatory Committee Meeting of the 4th International Conference on Small Island Developing States. The event took place on 2 April 2024 and featured experts from international financial institutions, UN entities and governments of SIDS and partners. The objective of this side event was to provide an opportunity for an expert-level discussion on concrete steps to support a sustainable ocean-based economy in SIDS. For more information, click here.

Global Forum on Data Governance and Digital Transformation

Data and digital data governance in the public sector have become increasingly important in Governments' modus operandi and real-world applicability. Data are now integral to every sector and function of government—as essential as physical assets and human resources. Much of the operational activity in government is now data-driven or data-centric, and many Governments would find it difficult, if not impossible, to function without data.

This Global Forum sought to address existing challenges and gaps in national digital data governance, data management and cooperation, focusing on enhancing the institutional capacities of countries to utilize, manage and govern data in a comprehensive, objective and evidence-based manner, through regional and global cooperation. The aim was to build awareness and develop institutional capacities in building national data governance frameworks in developing countries, especially those in Africa and the Asia Pacific region. For more information, click here.

Digital Government Transformation Webinar: Driving the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the African Union Agenda 2063
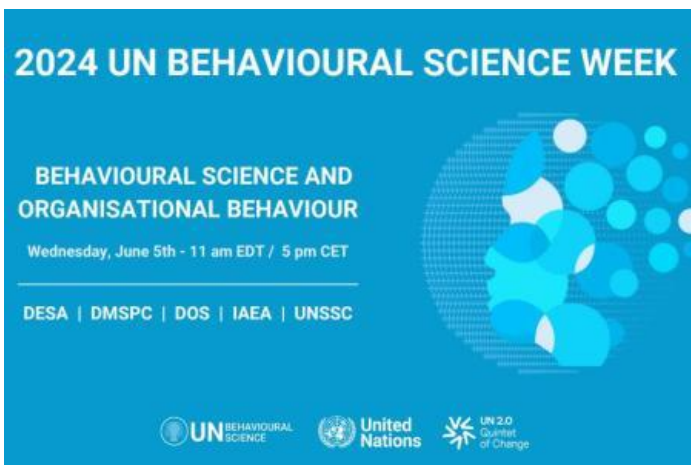
In recognising the significance of digital government transformation, the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA), through the Division for Public Institutions and Digital Government (DPIDG) and its Project Office on Governance (UNPOG), and the African Association for Public Administration and Management (AAPAM), co-organized a Webinar on Digital Government Transformation Webinar: Driving the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the African Union Agenda 2063 on 30 April 2024. The objective of the Webinar was to explore concrete action-oriented steps towards Digital Government Transformation for effective implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals.
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United Nations E-Government Survey Local Online Service Index (LOSI) Webinar Series Episode 5 – India

The fifth episode of the LOSI webinar series organized by UN DESA/DPIDG focused on the application of LOSI methodology in India. The webinar hosted researchers who conducted the study in 34 most populous cities across various states and union territories within India and shared the assessment findings. The webinar provided an opportunity for city officials to gain insights into and engaged in discussions about the forthcoming UN E-Government Survey 2024, which was slated to launch in the fall of this year. For more information, click here.

Session on Behavioural Science and Organisational Behaviour, United Nations Behavioural Science Week 2024

Within the framework of the UN Behavioural Science Week, a session on Behavioural Science and

Organisational Behaviour was organized by UN DESA, DOS, DMSPC, IAEA and UNSSC on 5 June. The session highlighted experiences from UN DESA, DOS, DMSPC, IAEA and UNSSC applying behavioural science to change the way organisations work. It included discussion about the application of BeSci in operations, changing mindsets in public institutions, fostering UN values and behaviours, and organisational culture in the area of atomic energy. This session was structured around four lightning talks to illustrate how behavioural sciences is being applied in the UN to promote changes in the way organizations perform. Each UN entity highlighted its initiative by focusing on key dimensions, who it partnered with and main results. These presentations were followed by a Q&A session to spark a conversation about broad take-aways, including successes, challenges and lessons learned. For more information, click here.
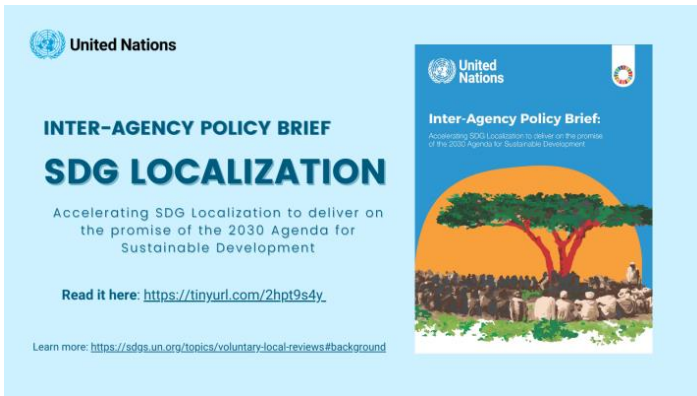

Webinar Series on Effective Governance and the Quintet of Change for the Implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals

The 2024 Webinar Series on Effective Governance and the Quintet of Change for the Implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals is organized by the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs, Division for Public Institutions and Digital Government (UN DESA/DPIDG). The Webinar Series aims at addressing contemporary challenges and opportunities in public administration, including around the key thematic areas of the UN 2.0 Quintet of Change. Through a series of six dynamic webinars, spread out throughout 2024, this series explores topics such as changing mindsets in public institutions, innovation and digital government, strategic foresight, transparency and accountability, leaving

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no one behind and localization of the Sustainable Development Goals. For more information, click here.

New publication – Inter-Agency Policy Brief – Accelerating SDG localization to deliver on the promise of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

The Inter-Agency Policy Brief on Accelerating SDG Localization to deliver on the promise of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development is now available here. The policy brief was prepared by UN DESA, UN Habitat and UNDP in close collaboration with the Global Taskforce of Local and Regional Governments and United Cities and Local Governments, with input from the United Nations Regional Commissions: UNECA, UNECE, UNECLAC, UNESCAP, and UNESCWA. The policy brief examines critical issues pertaining to local implementation of SDG action to achieve the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. For more information, click here.

IGF 2024 in the Spotlight at Geneva Meetings

In preparation for the 19th annual Internet Governance Forum (IGF), to take place in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in December 2024, open consultations with stakeholders and a meeting of the IGF's Multistakeholder Advisory Group (MAG) were convened on 26-28 June at the UN Office in Geneva.

Over the course of three-day deliberations, the MAG – a regionally diverse, forty-member body which is co-chaired by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia this year – took a final decision on the workshop sessions that will be included in the IGF 2024 programme, selecting 90 out of more than 200 proposals. The workshops will be on the themes of Harnessing innovation and balancing risks in the digital space; Enhancing the digital contribution to peace, development, and sustainability; Advancing human rights and inclusion in the digital age; and Improving digital governance for the Internet We Want. Main sessions will focus on protecting the public core of the Internet, bridging digital divides, Internet and election integrity, and the IGF role in digital governance.

During open consultations, representatives from ITU, the Office of the Secretary-General's Envoy on Technology, UN ECA, UNESCO, UNIDIR and UNJSPF, among other international organizations like OECD and the Council of Europe, gave updates on their digital work and areas of synergy with IGF.

The WSIS Forum at the end of May 2024, also in Geneva, hosted two IGF sessions and an exhibition stand promoting the 2024 annual IGF and the rich array of activities the Forum coordinates year-round. Participants learned about IGF youth and parliamentary capacity development, as well as the more than 170-strong network of grassroots National, Regional and

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Subregional IGF Initiatives that has continued to grow year on year.

Activities from UNPAN Members

Side Event: A Climate Action-oriented State: new tools and capacities for transformative public management

As stated in ECLAC's 2023 Public Management Outlook, it is imperative to incorporate actions to address the climate challenge in all stages of public management. This includes actions to improve and align public planning with medium and long-term climate goals; allocate and ensure adequate budgets; advance in the development of resilient public infrastructure and investment that avoids technological lock-ins; carry out proper monitoring and evaluation mechanisms for public policies related to climate objectives and create or improve some public functions to achieve this. All this must be implemented within a framework of transparency and collaboration among the various actors in society so that interventions adequately address the challenges of all people, particularly those in vulnerable situations, and future generations.

This event is part of the activities of the project "Resilient and Inclusive Public Management Systems for Sustainable Development in Latin America and the Caribbean" of the United Nations Development Account. For more information, click here.

IPAC's Webinar: Immigrant Health in Canada: Exploring Challenges and Opportunities for Collective Action

Canada relies on immigration for economic development and growth. Recent immigrants in Canada are generally healthier than the Canadian-born population, a phenomenon known as the Healthy Immigrant Effect. However, the health advantage of immigrants diminishes over time, with studies showing that after 10 years in Canada, immigrants have similar or poorer health than the Canadian born population. Ensuring the long-term health and well-being of immigrants is crucial for Canada's health system and economic development. This panel explored factors impacting immigrant health and identified opportunities for collective action to improve long-term health outcomes. For more information, click here.

Addressing Canada's Housing Supply Challenges: Skilled Trades Workforce Shortage

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On 12 June, IPAC and Deloitte Canada cohosted a panel on key topics and concepts surrounding Canada's housing supply challenges. Governments have announced new programs, policies, and funding over the last twelve months to accelerate the supply of housing. With a growing pipeline of approved housing units to be constructed across the country and a ten-year target of 3.87 million net new homes, Canada's current and impending gap in skilled trades becomes more real. For more information, click here.

Navigating AI in the Public Sector – In Collaboration with Microsoft

On June 28, 2024, the Institute of Public Administration of Canada (IPAC), in collaboration with Microsoft, hosted an event titled Navigating AI in the Public Sector. Over 2400 participants joined us for this session.
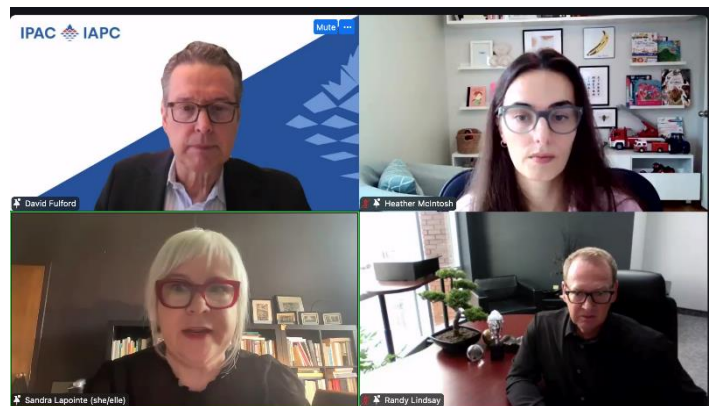
The event focused on the transformative potential of Generative AI in enhancing productivity, efficiency, and streamlining processes within the public sector. The panelists included Christiane Fox (Deputy Clerk of the Privy Council), Dominic Rochon (Deputy Minister and Chief Information Officer of Canada), Catherine Fortin LeFaivre (Canadian Chamber of Commerce), and Marlene Floyd (Microsoft Canada). They provided invaluable insights into the economic opportunities and real-world applications of AI.

Key Messages from the event:

- Economic Opportunities of AI: Panelists highlighted that embracing AI can lead to significant economic benefits, including cost savings, improved efficiency, and enhanced decision-making capabilities. Leveraging AI tools can help the public sector drive innovation and improve service delivery.

- Public Service's Role in AI Leadership: It was emphasized that the public service will play a crucial role in positioning Canada as a global leader in AI. By adopting AI technologies and fostering a culture of innovation, the public sector can set a precedent for other industries and countries.

- Real-World Applications and Use Cases: The event showcased several real-world applications of AI within the public sector, from improving workflow efficiency to enhancing citizen engagement. These examples demonstrated the practical benefits of AI and inspired participants to explore AI solutions within their own organizations.

The session also featured a live demonstration of current AI tools like Microsoft's Co-Pilot tool. An interactive Q&A segment allowed participants to engage directly with the panelists, resulting in a dynamic and informative discussion. For more information, click here.

Social and Emotional Skills: Building a Resilient Workforce

The recent event hosted by IPAC and The Conference Board of Canada underscored the importance of social and emotional skills (SES) in creating high-functioning teams. With workplaces increasingly digitized, the demand for skills like active listening, empathy, communication, collaboration, and resilience remains strong. Drawing from extensive research, the conference provided valuable insights and practical recommendations for leveraging SES to enhance workplace resilience and productivity.

Three key messages from the event discussions:

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1. Aligning SES with Organizational Values: Experts emphasized that integrating SES with organizational values is crucial for building stronger, more cohesive teams. When SES are aligned with core values, teams function more effectively, fostering a positive work environment and enhancing overall productivity. This alignment helps in creating a culture of trust and mutual respect, essential for high performance.

2. Effective Recruiting Practices: The importance of strategic recruiting practices to attract candidates with strong SES was a major focus. Attendees learned how to identify and recruit individuals who not only have the necessary technical skills but also possess the social and emotional skills that drive team collaboration and success. Techniques for evaluating SES during the hiring process were discussed, providing attendees with actionable strategies to improve their recruitment efforts.

3. Measurable Assessment and Support Tools for SES: The event highlighted the need for measurable assessment tools to evaluate and support SES among employees. Participants discovered various methods and tools to assess SES, ensuring employees can thrive in their roles. These tools are vital for ongoing development and support, helping organizations maintain a resilient and productive workforce.

The event offered participants a wealth of knowledge on the critical role of SES in today's workplace. By focusing on these skills, organizations can build resilient, high-performing teams that drive productivity and success in an increasingly digital world.

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Call for AAPAM Innovative Management Award 2024

The African Association for Public Administration and Management (AAPAM) announced a call for submissions for the AAPAM 15th Innovative Management Award. The AAPAM Innovative Management Award is a continental wide award to honor public sector institutions, organizations and ministries which have made exceptional and longstanding contributions to public service delivery.

The Awards will be presented at the 43rd AAPAM Roundtable Conference. Winners and other leading entries will be publicized and featured in the AAPAM Newsletter. Please note submission must be done _online by filling in the form ([CLICK HERE](#)) by Wednesday, 31st July 2024. For more information, click [here](#).

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43RD ROUNDTABLECONFERENCE, 26TH TO 29TH NOVEMBER 2024, KAMPALA UGANDA.

Call for Papers AAPAM 43rd Roundtable Conference

The 43rd AAPAM annual Roundtable Conference theme, "Agile and Resilient Public Administration for Sustainable Development in Africa," challenges us to rethink traditional governance frameworks, advocating for systems that are not only responsive to immediate crises but also adaptive to future uncertainties with the aim of building robust administrative capacities that can sustain developmental momentum and harness innovations to meet the diverse needs of a growing population. AAPAM welcomes papers from experienced practitioners, scholars and researchers.

On the 43rd roundtable conference sub-themes that ignite conversations on how to actualize continental and global development goals.

Roundtable Sub-themes:

- Strengthening Leadership and Management Capacity in Public Administration
- Building Resilient Institutions
- Inclusive and Participatory Governance
- Public-Private Partnerships for Sustainable Development
- Enhancing Public Service Delivery
- Harnessing Technology for Public Administration
- Ethical Foundations and Accountability

For more information, click here.

Call for Papers: Asian Review of Public Administration (ARPA)

Established in 1989, the Asian Review of Public Administration (ARPA) is the flagship journal of the Eastern Regional Organization for Public Administration (EROPA), and it has since become an avenue to promote public administration and tackle issues in the discipline and related fields. The ARPA will consider manuscripts that draw attention to and discuss significant developments and trends in public administration, governance, and public management with broad international relevance. Please click here to learn how to submit manuscripts, the review process, and all other information.

EROPA Bulletin Call-for-Inputs (July – September 2024)

Launched in 1976, the EROPA Bulletin is the official newsletter of the Eastern Regional Organization for Public Administration (EROPA). It provides its readers a glimpse of what has transpired and the activities of EROPA over the past months. The latest news on EROPA and snippets of promising events of our partner institutions are likewise presented in the quarterly issues of the EROPA Bulletin. We welcome inputs and submissions from the public administration community for the July to September 2024 issue. Please click here to learn more about submission guidelines and where to submit.

128th Forum of the National Council of Secretaries of Administration

Bahia hosted the 128th Forum of the National Council of Secretaries of Administration (Consad), on 18 to 10 April.

Held for the first time in Salvador, Bahia's capital, the event brought together 400 public servants from all over the country, including secretaries of administration from 23 states and the Federal District, the governor of Bahia, Jerônimo Rodrigues, and the host of this edition of the event, the secretary of administration of Bahia, Edelvino Góes.

The main challenges of public management in Brazil – in areas such as hiring and managing people, controlling expenses, innovation and partnership models with the society – were discussed at the event's discussion table.

During the meeting, an electronic platform containing a collection of 2,500 scientific papers from the 12 editions of the Consad Congress on Public Management was launched. The tool will be accessible on the Consad website (www.consad.org.br). It will function as a repository of scientific works, containing strategic knowledge for strengthening public administration, as well as innovations and efficient practices.

Initiatives such as the launch of a Good Practices Platform were also announced, allowing the sharing between the public agencies of successful initiatives in the most diverse areas.

Another resolution was the technical cooperation agreement between Consad and the Secretariat of Administration through the International Center for Innovation and Exchange in Public Administration (CIIIAP).

The objective of the technical agreement between CIIIAP and Consad is exchanging initiatives and projects aimed at encouraging innovation and improving public management that is anchored in the Sustainable Development Goals.

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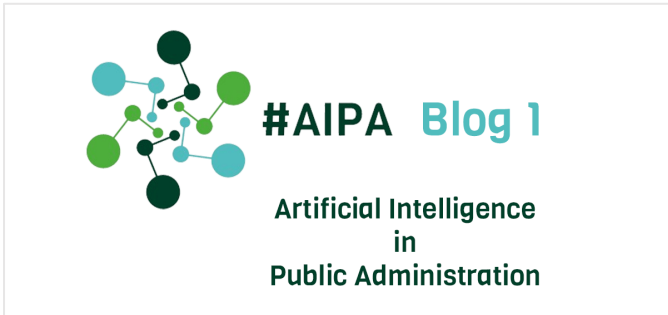You can also access the French, German, Italian and Spanish version of the catalogue.

The European Court of Auditors (ECA) has recently published the special report 28/2023, on public procurement in the EU. In it, the Court makes a wide-ranging critique of the state of competition for public procurements in the EU and its perceived lack of achievement of the 2014 reform objectives during the period from 2011 to 2021.

In this blog we summarise the main conclusions, the answer by the Commission so far, and the potential impacts it may have according to the most recently published academic articles.

The Crucial Role of Leaders in Successful Knowledge Sharing for Public Administrations

In the intricate web of organisational dynamics, knowledge sharing serves as the lifeblood that fuels growth and innovation. It transcends hierarchical boundaries, fostering both horizontal collaboration among peers and vertical exchange across different levels. Notably, in the public sector, effective knowledge sharing extends beyond the organisation's confines, reaching out to citizens, the final beneficiaries of public servants' work, to enhance service delivery and elevate administrative performance. Furthermore, with the advent of Artificial Intelligence (AI), new opportunities and challenges arise in leveraging technology to facilitate knowledge sharing and collaboration.

At the heart of this knowledge-sharing ecosystem lie leaders, wielding considerable influence over the organisational climate. Their actions and decisions mold

The Future of Public Procurement: The Impact of the ECA's special report 28/2023

the environment either to encourage or stifle the flow of information.

This blog delves into the pivotal role of leaders in shaping a culture of open communication and transparency conducive to effective knowledge sharing within public administrations.

#AIPA Blog 1

Artificial Intelligence in Public Administration

Why AI Literacy is Essential for Public Administration?

Keeping up to date on advancements in Artificial Intelligence (AI) is no easy task. In the span of six months, AI can evolve more rapidly than many other sectors do in decades. The need for key stakeholders to keep a close eye on advancements in this field is crucial to ensure AI developments are aligned with the interests and safety of humans.

This blog highlights the importance of AI literacy for public officials, noting that their role in policy-making, public service delivery, and regulatory compliance requires a thorough understanding of AI. The blog also addresses the challenges and strategies for increasing AI literacy, including upskilling existing officials and attracting AI talent to the public sector.
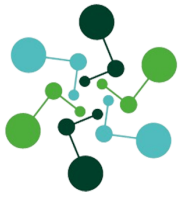
The Long Delay in the Application of the 2018 Reform of the European Electoral Act: Is it all about the thresholds?

In 2018, the Council approved Decision 2018/994 to reform the European Electoral Act (the '2018 reform'), which had to be subsequently approved by Member States observing 'their respective constitutional requirements' (Article 223(1) Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union). This reform brought changes concerning the electoral thresholds that political parties have to reach to obtain Members of the European Parliament (MEPs) in some Member States.

To the present day, the 2018 reform remains unapplied because one Member State, Spain, has not yet ratified it. Germany did so only in March 2024. This delay in ratifying the reform derives from the challenges that these two Member States encountered when implementing the new threshold regime. This post aims to provide an overview of the difficulties in approving the 2018 reform, focusing on the controversies surrounding the new electoral thresholds regime.

This blog discusses the 2018 reform of the European Electoral Act and the challenges in its implementation, focusing on the mandatory electoral thresholds for the allocation of seats in the European Parliament.

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Negotiating Smarter: How AI might Change the Game

The rapid advent of artificial intelligence (AI) has sparked profound transformations in various facets of work, also in the area of negotiations. With the gradual integration of AI technologies into professional processes worldwide, a paradigm shift is affecting the way institutions and businesses are conceiving their strategy and their ability to access new opportunities through negotiations.

This blog discusses the transformative impact of artificial intelligence (AI) on negotiation processes. With AI increasingly integrated into professional settings worldwide, institutions and businesses are redefining their strategic approaches to negotiations.

EU Funds and Best Practices of Projects in Urban Areas

In recent years, cities and local authorities have showcased remarkable resilience and adaptability. The COVID-19 pandemic, despite its disruptions, highlighted the vital role of urban areas in fostering community

spirit and innovation. Post-pandemic, many cities have emerged stronger, leveraging lessons learnt to build more robust systems and thriving communities.

Cities are also at the forefront of addressing significant challenges such as climate change, energy prices, the ageing population, and the integration of migrants. A proactive approach is needed to transform challenges into avenues for growth and improvement.

The European Union is supporting the efforts of cities and local authorities via various funding instruments. In a series of blogs, we will provide an overview of the European funds available for cities and local authorities in the current programming period 2021–2027.

In this first blog we will focus on EU funds under the Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF): the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) of €226 billion, which finances the European Urban Initiative, the European Social Fund Plus (ESF+) of €98.5 billion, and the Cohesion Fund (€48 billion). We will also present inspiring examples and best practices of EU-funded projects in urban areas, including testimonials from government officials.

Fostering Innovation in the Public Sector: Key Learnings from EPSA 2023-24

The blog explores the outcomes and insights from the EPSA 2023-24 edition, which showcased exemplary public sector projects across three main categories: Innovation in Public Administration, Green Transition and Sustainability, and Digital Transformation. It highlights the award-winning projects such as Dublin's NEIC MDT, the Netherlands' PHA2USE, and the Netherlands Forensic Institute's Hansken platform, emphasising their contributions to innovation,

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sustainability, and digital advancement in Europe's public sector. The blog further delves into the challenges faced by innovators, including financial constraints, legal complexities, and political influences, while also identifying key success factors such as stakeholder engagement, co-creation, and resilient leadership. The insights gathered aim to guide future public sector initiatives in achieving effective and sustainable outcomes amidst evolving challenges and opportunities.

Inspiring Excellence: European Public Sector Award (EPSA) 2023-24 General Report

The European Public Sector Award (EPSA) 2023-24 promotes best practices in public administration, fostering mutual learning and innovation. Under the theme Boosting Innovation Through Learning, EPSA received over 150 applications from 27 countries, spanning three categories: Innovation in Public Administration, Green Transition and Sustainability, and Digital Transformation.

The highest number of applications were for Innovation in Public Administration (79), followed by Digital Transformation (54), and Green Transition and Sustainability (18). The majority of submissions came from national level entities, with significant participation from Western and Southern Europe.
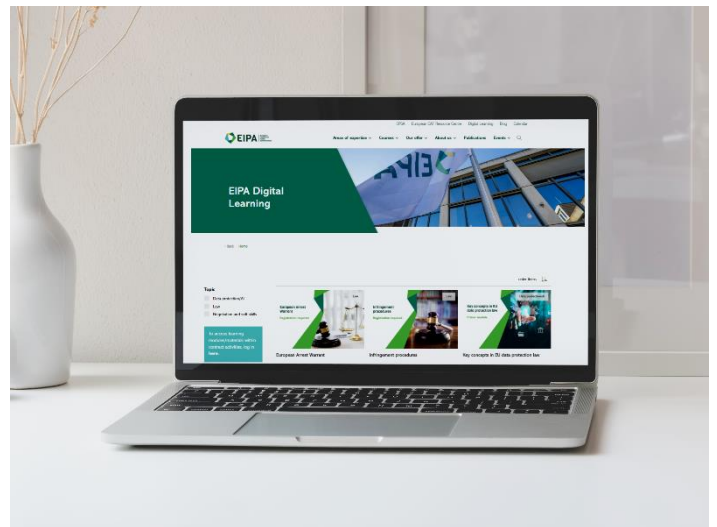
The European Institute of Public Administration proudly presents the EPSA 2023-24 General Report, highlighting these exemplary projects and reinforcing our mission of knowledge sharing and public excellence. All projects are available in our Projects Database for inspiration.

Full article: EPSA 2023-24 General Report - EIPA

European Institute of Public Administration (EIPA) – Monthly newsletter

In its Monthly newsletter, EIPA informs its readers about recently held events, news, new publications and blogs and upcoming events. Have a read on the newsletters of April, and May.

To receive the EIPA Monthly newsletter as well as regular updates about upcoming courses, you can subscribe here.

European Institute of Public Administration (EIPA) Digital Learning Hub

The EIPA Digital Learning Hub, developed by the European Institute of Public Administration (EIPA), offers a range of online modules that can be accessed free of charge. The modules are designed to provide individuals with skills in various areas related to public administration and governance such as AI & EU Law: definition and developments and Key concepts in EU data protection law.

The modules offered are built upon real-life case studies, ensuring that learners gain insights into the challenges and best practices encountered in the field.

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Empowering the Public Sector: the European Institute of Public Administration (EPSA) and BAköV Discuss AI Adoption and Capacity-Building

In April, BAköV delegates visited EIPA's headquarters in Maastricht to discuss capacity-building and ethical AI adoption in German public administration, addressing challenges like demographic shifts and budget constraints. This ongoing partnership aims to enhance essential skills and knowledge in the public sector.

Full article: EIPA and BAköV Discuss AI Adoption and Capacity Building - Eipa

The European Institute of Public Administration (EIPA) Starts Technical Assistance Talks for Montenegrin Public Administration

In May, EIPA conducted high-level meetings to bolster cooperation and support Montenegro's EU accession. Discussions focused on capacity-building in public administration and strategic integration into EU norms. The initiative aims to enhance administrative capacities crucial for reforms and economic growth in the Western Balkans.

Full article: EIPA supports the public administration in Montenegro- EIPA

Benchmarking Social Security Systems: Key Learnings and Best Practices

The European Institute of Public Administration (EIPA), in collaboration with the Dutch Ministry of the Interior, presented findings from the 10th chapter of the 2022-2025 benchmarking study on International Best Practices in Social Security Systems. This chapter analyses public sector performance in social security, revealing international best practices in areas like social assistance, housing benefits, and healthcare.

Full article and key learnings: Best Practices in Social Security - EIPA

Benchmarking Study: Public Sector Education Performance: Study Results and Dashboard Launch

In April the European Institute of Public Administration (EIPA) hosted an online conference to present the key findings and the interactive dashboard on the third chapter of our multiannual benchmarking study. The chapter is dedicated to the performance of public services in education. It offers a comprehensive benchmarking analysis of educational systems, highlighting similarities, differences, and changes over time. The study also evaluates the effectiveness of public policy interventions in the education sector, aiming to inform decision-makers and stimulate informed decisions. More information: Education Dashboard - Public Sector Performance Programme (eipa.eu).

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BENCHMARKING
Public Sector Housing Performance:
Study Results and Dashboard Launch

📅 20 June
📍 Online
🕐 12.30 - 13.30 CET

Benchmarking Study: Public Sector Housing Performance: Study Results and Dashboard Launch

In June, EIPA held a similar event for the fourth chapter of the study, which evaluates the performance of public services in the area of housing. This chapter provides a comprehensive analysis of housing policy through three main lenses: availability, affordability, and housing quality. It includes national case studies that highlight challenges such as private rental regulation and opportunities for first-time homebuyers, significant issues in today's housing market landscape. More information: Housing Dashboard - Public Sector Performance Programme (eipa.eu)

EPSA WEBINAR
Pathways to Sustainability: Innovative Solutions in Urban and Rural Areas

📅 18 June
📍 Online
🕐 9.30 - 12.30

The European Institute of Public Administration (EIPA) hosted three successful European Public Sector Award (EPSA) webinars on three different topics:

• Innovation for Digital Transformation: Key Trends and Developments
• Social Innovation: Mental Health and Well-Being
• Pathways to Sustainability: Innovative Solutions in Urban and Rural Areas

The webinars, designed to foster audience engagement and knowledge sharing among public servants from diverse government levels, were free and featured live presentations, panel discussions, and interactive Q&A sessions.

Upcoming webinars: Knowledge sharing - Eipa

OECD's Network of Schools of Government (NSG) Annual Meeting 2024

The Mohammed Bin Rashid School of Government (MBRSG), in partnership with the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), hosted the 2024 annual meeting of the OECD Network of Schools of Government, held under the theme Public Sector Transformation.

The meeting, hosted at MBRSG's headquarters from 28-29 May, was attended by Her Excellency Ohood bint Khalfan Al Roumi, Minister of State for Government Development and the Future; His Excellency Dr. Ali bin Sebaa Al Marri, Executive President of the Mohammed bin Rashid School of Government; Naheed Nenshi, former Mayor of Calgary; Professor Geert Bouckaert from KU Leuven Public Governance Institute; and Mr. Jón Blondal, Head of Public Management and Budgeting Division of OECD, along with a group of leading experts from 33 countries and 41 Schools of Government worldwide.

The annual meeting addressed the transformation of workforces, the modernization of learning technologies and techniques, and strategies for promoting positive transformations in work culture in the government sector. It also analyzed the challenges and changes shaping the public sector with an emphasis on the role of innovation, artificial intelligence, learning and the workforce.

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Press Release Link:

https://wam.ae/en/article/b3ew7st-mbrsg-hosts-oecd-network-schools-government-annual

Artificial Intelligence Ethics in the Age of Generative AI: Certified AI Ethics Executive Education

The Mohammed Bin Rashid School of Government (MBRSG) in partnership with the IEEE Standards Association (IEEE SA) and the UAE Artificial Intelligence, Digital Economy, and Remote Work Applications Office, organized the second batch of the Artificial Intelligence Ethics in the Age of Generative AI: Certified AI Ethics training course on 6-10 May at the MBRSG premises in Dubai.

This course has been developed for individuals interested in learning how to assess autonomous and Intelligent Systems (AIS) for their conformity to ethical privacy, transparency, accountability, and algorithmic bias criteria required by the IEEE CertifAIEd Program. Completing this course is an integral first step towards becoming recognized as an IEEE CertifAIEd Authorized Assessor.

A group of 24 AI experts from across 11 leading government and private sector entities in the UAE completed the second batch as a necessary step to becoming IEEE CertifAIEd AI Ethics assessors.

The School is now working on future batches of the course open to all from around the MENA region and beyond. For further information on future batches on the AI Ethics Assessor Training Course, please contact the MBRSG on futuregov.research@mbrsg.ac.ae

1st Global Conference on Economic Diversification

MBR School of Government

The 1st Global Conference on Economic Diversification is seeking policy and scientific papers that can inform a new research series with a focus on comparative policy analysis of economic diversification. Submissions will be reviewed by members of the program committee and accepted authors will be invited to present their work at the conference in Dubai. Further, accepted papers will be published by Springer as part of an open access conference proceedings publication.

One aim of the conference and the policy series are to conduct in-depth analysis of the policies and determinants of economic diversification within a group of countries (regional, sub-regional, level of natural resource endowment), while using and making sense of the 2024 EDI findings and underlying data made available to researchers. We invite researchers to explicate and contextualize the factors that contribute to both temporary changes and structural transformations related to economic diversification. By bringing scholars and policy practitioners together through this conference, the program committee aims to build a pioneering global repository of practice-relevant research around this essential topic. This would serve as an important contribution to the literature and policy around economic diversification at regional and global levels.

Contact:

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EDI Website: **https://economicdiversification.com/**

Conference Page:
https://economicdiversification.com/conference/

The Dubai Policy Review Volume 3: Call for contributions

The Dubai Policy Review (DPR) is published by the Mohammed bin Rashid School of Government with the aim of contributing to the advancement of future governance and public policy, through rigorous, accessible and actionable thought-leadership and practice-oriented knowledge. The journal targets the policy and government community with the objective of contributing to higher government quality, better government practice and informing future policymaking directions. The Dubai Policy Review (DPR) offers insights on future trends in public policy and government practice from global thought leaders in diverse public policy domains. These include, but are not limited to, innovation, digital transformation, social policy, economics, political science, management, leadership, wellbeing and sustainable development.

Please access this link for the DPR's contribution guidelines: https://dubaipolicyreview.ae/guidelines/

Ibero-American School of Administration and Public Policies (EIAPP)

Within the framework of the Academic Program of the CLAD School, the following International Virtual Conference (Webinar) has been organized: Changing mindsets in Public Administration to achieve innovation and digital government (April 24, 2024. Speakers: Adriana Alberti and Cristina Rodríguez-Acosta); Challenges and opportunities to advance the New Urban Agenda in Latin America and the Caribbean (May 21, 2024. Speaker: Elkin Velásquez Monsalve); Comprehensive Strategy for the Reform and Modernization of Public Administration. The Dominican Experience (Jun 19, 2024. Speakers: Darío Castillo and Gregorio Montero); Final Class of the CLAD Course: Governance of Artificial Intelligence in Public Administration (June 27, 2024. Speakers: J. Ignacio Criado and the top five students); and Conclusions of the CLAD Course: Management of the work competencies of public servants (July 4, 2024. Speakers: Mercedes Iacoviello, Noemí Pulido and the top five students).

These virtual International Courses have been coordinated in 2024: Management of Civil Servants' Job Skills (April 15 – June 14); Governance of Artificial Intelligence in Public Administration (April 30 – June 5); Data governance and digital innovations in governments (May 13 – Jun. 17); and Sustainable Cities: project development. The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the New Urban Agenda as a framework for reference and action (May 13 – Jun. 28).

For more information, click here.

CLAD's Journal Reform and Democracy: 85th edition

It is a quarterly refereed publication dedicated to stimulating intellectual progress in the understanding of State-Society relations, as well as to disseminate proposals and alternatives to guide the transformations required in public administration.

The edition 85th has the following articles: 1) Artificial Intelligence and Budget Planning in Mexico: Promises and Challenges in Latin America for Public Spending Allocation (David Valle-Cruz, Vanessa Fernández-Cortez and J. Ramón Gil-García); 2) Europeanization of Corruption Prevention Policies in Spain (Manuel Villoria Mendieta and Fernando Jiménez Sánchez); 3) Networks in Public Action: Typology and Characterization Based on Fifteen Public Programs in Chile (Álvaro Soto Roy and Alan Valenzuela-Bustos); 4) Towards the Maturity of Open Public Data Portals in the Public Sector. A Comparative Analysis of the Local Level of Government in Spain (J. Ignacio Criado, Carlos Jiménez Cid and Laura Alcaide Muñoz); 5) Planning, Public Policies and 2030 Agenda. The Case of Costa Rica (Manuel Arenilla Sáez); 6) Limits of Evaluation in the Quality Assurance System of Chilean Education: a Case Study (Luis Felipe de la Vega Rodríguez); 7) The Quality of Democracy in America: a Comparative Analysis, 1972-2021 (Luz Dary Ramírez Franco and Antonio Sánchez Andrés); and 8) Do Public Sector Innovations Influence the State-Society Relation? Theoretical and Methodological Contributions to Evaluate Participatory Public Policies in Latin America (María Melina Guardamagna).

In order to consult these full texts and their abstracts, click here.

CLAD approves the 2024-2026 Strategic Plan at an Extraordinary Meeting of the Board of Directors

On 9 May the Board of Directors of the Latin American Center for Development Administration (CLAD) unanimously approved its Strategic Plan for the period 2024-2026.

This plan, the result of a collaborative construction process between the member countries, the CLAD team, the Board of Directors and the Scientific Council, between the months of February and May, established the vision of the future, principles, central strategic objectives and guidelines for the management of CLAD in the coming years. For more information, click here.

CLAD opens call for applications for the 2024 Technical Cooperation Program

In May, the Latin American Center for Development Administration (CLAD) launched the 2024 Horizontal Technical Cooperation Program, an initiative aimed at strengthening the institutional capacities of the organization's member countries in key areas of public management.

The priority themes for cooperation are as follows: Open Government; Climate change; Budgetary practices and procedures; Innovation in public management, data technology and Artificial Intelligence; as well as Public Sector Toolboxes.

The benefits of this CLAD Program are: institutional strengthening, exchange of experiences and good practices, and international cooperation.

For more information, click here.

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International Meeting of High Public Management held in Santiago de Chile in June 2024

This event (13-14 June) was organized by the Latin American Center for Development Administration (CLAD) in conjunction with the Civil Service of Chile, having as its main theme Recruitment, Selection and Training for the Modernization of the State, addressing the achievements, advances and challenges in public management.

The activities of the International Meeting of High Public Management included several working groups that addressed topics such as: Recruitment and Selection of High Public Managers, Training of High Public Managers, as well as Governance, scalability and replication of the model.

For more information, click here.

CLAD´s Journal Reform and Democracy begins its digitization process

The Latin American Center for Development Administration (CLAD) is promoting an ambitious project to update its journal Reform and Democracy in 2024. This effort promotes optimization, redesign and digitization, in order to promote the use and good use of advances in the technological area in the field of editorial management.

In the first stage of the project, a thorough assessment of the current state of the journal has been carried out to establish a clear starting point and define specific objectives. One of the pillars of this update is the training of staff in the use of the so-called Open Journal System (OJS), which will be the new management and digital publication platform of the journal. This change will allow its dissemination, accessibility and indexing in recognized international indexes to be expanded.

In addition, training sessions have been held from 17 to 21 June on updated markup techniques for the indexing of articles, with a view to facilitating the processes of searching for information, increasing the formats for deploying research and incorporating tools to cite documents and have metrics of published works, among other potentialities.

For more information, click here.

CLAD participates in the Public Administration Forum and United Nations Awards Ceremony in South Korea

From 24 to 26 June the Latin American Center for Development Administration (CLAD) participated in the 2024 United Nations Public Administration Forum and Awards Ceremony.

CLAD's presentation at Workshop 2, organized by UN DESA, on the theme ofYoung public servants: engaging

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young people for a more innovative, effective, and future ready public service on 24 June was entitled Young people to promote public innovation: a Latin American perspective for the rejuvenation of public service.

This workshop looked at how to attract and retain young talent in the public sector, as well as the barriers and opportunities that exist for their professional development. It focused on concrete actions, initiatives and strategies for this purpose, from improving hiring processes to using digital platforms to reach a wider and more diverse audience. It explored examples of good practice and addressed ways to implement these strategies effectively.

For more information, click here.

Upcoming Activities

IPAC Annual Conference 2024

Join the Institute of Public Administration of Canada's (IPAC's) 76th conference on 2-4 October.The annual National Conference, IPAC 2024, is taking place in-person and virtually from the RBC Convention Centre Winnipeg.

IPAC's Annual Conference in Winnipeg will center on the pivotal themes of Climate Change and Housing, addressing the essential role of public administration amid changing realities.

The conference will delve into critical issues such as AI, housing, and Indigenous topics. These discussions will provide comprehensive insights and strategies to address the challenges on a local and global level.

The conference champions include:
- Jan Forster, Deputy Minister, Advanced Education and Training, Government of Manitoba
- Diane Gray, President, Prairies Economic Development Canada (PrairiesCan), Government of Canada

The Honourable Robert Rae, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Canada to the United Nations in New York will speak at the conference, providing valuable insights on global issues and their local impacts.

Date:
In-person - Wednesday, October 2nd - Registration and Welcome Reception - 5:30 pm CDT
In-person and Virtually - Thursday, October 3rd - 8:30 am - 5:00 pm CDT
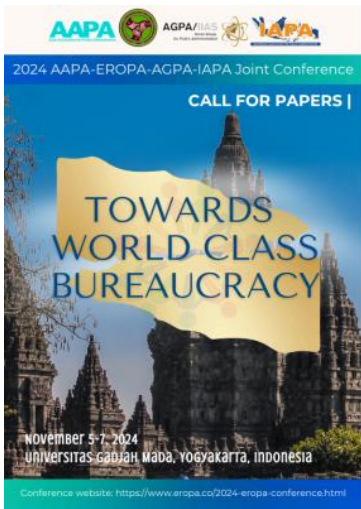Friday, October 4th - 8:30 am - 1:00 pm CDT

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2024 AAPA-EROPA-AGPA-IAPA Joint International Conference

The year 2024 marks a historic event for the discipline of public administration in the Asian Region. It will be the first time that the umbrella organizations of public administration in Asia will jointly hold an international conference to address the most pressing issues in public administration and the bureaucracy from a global perspective. The Asian Association for Public Administration (AAPA), the Eastern Regional Organization for Public Administration (EROPA), the Asian Group of Public Administration (AGPA), and the Indonesian Association for Public Administration (IAPA), together with Indonesia's Ministry of Administrative Reform, the National Institute of Public Administration (NIPA), and the Universitas Gadjah Mada (UGM), will be holding the first 2024 Joint Conference under the theme Towards World Class Bureaucracy, to be held 5-7 November 2024 at the Universitas Gadjah Mada in Yogyakarta, Indonesia. The Organizing Committee invites scholars, academicians, practitioners, and all interested individuals to participate or submit research papers focusing on the central conference theme. Please click here for paper submission guidelines, due dates, registration, fees, and other conference details. For questions or concerns, please email id2024@eropa.co.

Introduction to EU Asylum and Migration Law
Luxembourg, 18-19 September 2024

The course addresses two complementary areas of EU law. Firstly, it explains the policy considerations and legal concepts related to asylum law as developed in the EU's Common European Asylum System (CEAS). Secondly, the course addresses other aspects of the European Union's Area of Freedom, Security and Justice relevant for understanding EU migration law in the broader sense (Schengen, human smuggling, regular migration of third country nationals).

The training will explain the challenges of policy formulation and regulation of asylum matters, and it is within this context that the course will address the EU's challenges in responding to the large-scale movements of 2015-2016, as well as the EU's approach to tackling the recent Ukrainian refugee crisis. A look at the New Pact on Migration and Asylum will reveal if it can serve as a new start. The much broader questions about the EU's future, identity and responsibility will also be addressed.

What will you learn:

At the end of this course you will have a good understanding of:

- EU legal and policy concepts related to asylum and migration.
- The challenges of balancing fundamental rights protection of individuals with the principle of solidarity among Member States and the policy, legal and jurisprudential responses to these challenges.

The course will combine presentations by experts and group discussions of concrete examples from the case law.

Data Protection in the Healthcare Sector: Challenges and Opportunities

Maastricht (NL) & Online, 24-25 September 2024

This course aims to provide an overview of how personal data protection affects the healthcare sector, from legal frameworks to current challenges.

Module I will provide the basic principles of personal data protection under the GDPR in the healthcare environment and the key insights of the Clinical Trials Regulation, which came into force in 2022.

Module II will provide a deep dive into the upcoming new European Health Data Space regulation, and all the challenges and opportunities facing the healthcare sector with regards to data protection. In particular, the recent challenges faced, the complexities of data protection in clinical trials and research, the ways protecting patients' privacy. Furthermore, all the open questions that remains with the implementation of the Artificial Intelligence in the Healthcare sector will be open to discussion.

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What you will learn

Module I:

- A refresher of the basic GDPR principles of data protection in relation to the healthcare sector.
- GDPR obligations – transparency, records of processing activities and documentation system, international data flows in EU and global multi-centre trials.
- Clinical Trials Regulation and the GDPR – the relations and prevalence between the two disciplines, with a focus on consent to treatment and to data processing.
- Risk assessments and the DPIA – methodology and operational phases, data protection by design and default in the health research process, interactions with individuals e.g. data protection notice and consent, data subjects' rights.
- Interactions with third parties – roles of actors in the GDPR and healthcare sector: data controllers, data processors, data subjects, DPOs, sponsors, CROs, CRAs, investigators, monitors, laboratory, ethical committee.

Module II:

- Regulation on the European Health Data Space – explanation of the proposal, how it revolutionises the potential of health data, how it will benefit citizens, how it will benefit researchers on the one side and the critique by the EDPB/EDPS on the other side. Next steps and key insights regarding its implementation.
- How the patients' rights can be protected under the new common data space.
- The right to data portability and its configuration in the European Health Data Space.
- Tools to manage health data from a technical perspective.
- Artificial Intelligence in the Healthcare Sector – state of the art of artificial intelligence and its applications in the Healthcare Sector.

Course methodology

We believe that practical know-how is the key to effective learning. This course therefore includes:

- Individual preparation for the course – you are invited to bring along any information about the mission, vision, values and data protection framework and governance within your organisation for case study.
- Group and individual assignments; including case studies.
- An interactive approach: the module's structure will give you the opportunity to ask questions and share and discuss experiences, knowledge, needs and challenges with the trainers and other participants.

Multiannual Benchmarking Study: Public Sector Economy Performance: Study Results and Dashboard Launch

The first chapter of the 2022-2025 study delves into three critical areas of society: the economy, infrastructure and transport systems, and science, technology, and innovation systems. This comprehensive analysis compares the performance of 35 countries from 2007 to the present, navigating through significant crises like the financial meltdown, Brexit, and the COVID-19 pandemic. By examining economic indicators, infrastructure development, and citizen well-being, this chapter illuminates the intricate dynamics shaping societies today.

Join the event on 26 September from 12.30 to 13.30 CET as EIPA's experts present the key findings and unveil an interactive dashboard that brings this data to life. Don't miss this opportunity to gain insights into the evolving landscape of global societies. More info and registration: Public Sector Economy Performance: Study Results and Dashboard Launch - Eipa

EPSA WEBINAR

Data-Driven Justice: Innovating
Judiciaries and Law Enforcement

📅 4 July
📍 Online
🕐 09.30 - 12.30 CEST

EPSA WORKSHOP

Leadership and Change
Management for Innovation

📅 19 September
📍 Maastricht (NL)
🕐 09.00 - 16.00 CEST

The European Public Sector Award (EPSA):

The EPSA webinar Data-Driven Justice: Innovating Judiciaries and Law Enforcement took place on 4 July.

The webinar delved into the digital transformation in these sectors, discussing how technological innovations can improve the delivery of legal services, enforcement of laws, and administration of justice. More info: Data Driven Justice– EIPA

EPSA workshop on Leadership and Change Management for Innovation

Register for Leadership and Change Management for Innovation in Maastricht on 19 September for an immersive workshop on essential leadership qualities and change management strategies needed to drive innovation within organisations. This session will empower current and aspiring leaders to inspire and guide their teams through the uncertainties of innovation projects, manage resistance to change, and foster a culture of creativity and adaptability. Register here: Leadership and Change Management – EIPA

EPSA WEBINAR

Public Sector Strategies Against
Climate Change

📅 12 September
📍 Online
🕐 09.30 - 12.30 CEST

EPSA webinar on Public Sector Strategies Against Climate Change

On 12 September you can join the webinar Public Sector Strategies Against Climate Change designed to facilitate knowledge and practice exchange among European public sector officials. Topics will include the climate policy agenda, practical applications, and innovative solutions for climate mitigation and adaptation. The session will feature EIPA experts, policymakers, and EPSA applicants, who will share key trends and strategies, analyse the role of innovation, and showcase best practices in public sector climate action. More info and registration: Strategies Against Climate Change – EIPA

Global Conference on Economic Diversification (GCED)

The Mohammed Bin Rashid School of Government (MBRSG) in Dubai, will be hosting the inaugural edition of the Global Conference on Economic Diversification (GCED) on 31 of October.

The School is the publisher of the pioneering Global Economic Diversification Index Report (EDI); an extensive dataset and analytical report that quantitatively measures the state of economic diversification in 112+ countries worldwide over a period of two decades. The report and dataset are published annually at the World Government Summit in Dubai, with the previous three editions jointly launched in partnership with global leading experts from the World Bank, the IMF, and the United Nations. EDI is already informing global policy discourse, with its data utilized by policymakers, international organizations and global experts and cited by scholars and researchers in diverse economic and policy fields.

Professors, researchers and students working on research were invited to submit a paper for this important conference by 1 August, and to share this opportunity with fellow academics and research

scholars who might be interested in submitting full length research or policy papers, abstracts, case studies or posters for presentation in the conference. You can find the more details on the conference website.

XXIX International Congress of CLAD on State and Public Administration Reform

The Latin American Center for Development Administration (CLAD) and the Government of Brazil through the Ministry of Management and Innovation in Public Services (MGI) and the National School of Public Administration (ENAP) are pleased to announce the celebration of the "XXIX International Congress of CLAD on State and Public Administration Reform" that will be held in Brasilia, Brazil, from November 26 to 29, 2024.

During the Congress, renowned specialists will present Plenary Lectures. Panels, Free Papers, Workshops, Round Tables and Free Documents will refer to one of the following thematic areas: 1) Democracy, State Transformation and Development; 2) Climate change, sustainable development policies; 3) Social, cultural and human rights policies; 4) Regulation, economic and infrastructure policies; 5) Innovation and digital transformation; 6) Equality and diversity in public administration; 7) Bureaucracy and public management; 8) Public Ethics, Open Government and Information Integrity; 9) Administrative Law, Management and Public Policy; 10) Participation and collaborative governance; and 11) Intergovernmental relations and local governments. In addition, recently edited books will be presented.

To contact the UNPAN team, click on the following icons:

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Challenge D+: Share impactful case studies and be part of this revolution in public administration

The objective of this Challenge is to stimulate the development of case studies to document and disseminate successful experiences in public administration and lessons learned for public policy makers or academia and other stakeholders that highlight and identify valuable lessons of good practice in government reforms aimed at the social and economic development of the region. Proposals may be submitted in Spanish, Portuguese and English.

The International Jury will determine the winners of three pecuniary prizes. The authors of the winning works will receive an airfare, in economy class, round trip, from their city of origin to Brazil, headquarters of the XXIX International Congress of CLAD on the Reform of the State and Public Administration, which will be hold at the end of November 2024, with the purpose of integrating a panel that will be present within the framework of this event. Additional prizes will be available.

Deadline for submission of papers was 31 July 31.For more information, click here.