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**"South-Eastern European developments on the administrative convergence and enlargement of the European Administrative Space in Balkan states"**

**Workshop**

## **European Administrative Space – Balkan realities**

**The Faculty of Economics of the University of Rijeka, Croatia**

**in collaboration with the**

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**February 18-19, 2011  
Grand Hotel Bonavia, Dolac 4  
Rijeka, Republic of Croatia**



## WORKSHOP PROGRAM

### Friday, February 18

#### 09:15 -10:45 Opening session

Dean's welcome

(Prof. Heri Bezić, Dean of the Faculty of Economics)

Introductory Address by Prof. Nevenka Ožanić,

(Vice-rector for science and development, University of Rijeka, Croatia)

Introductory Address by Prof. Lucica Matei

(Academic coordinator of Jean Monnet project, National School of Political Studies and Public Administration, Bucharest, Romania)

Introductory Address by Prof. Vinko Kandžija

(Chair JM in European Integration, JM project coordinator for Faculty of Economics, University of Rijeka)

#### 09:45 -10:45 Keynote Speeches

1. Address by Mr. Zlatko Komadina, Prefect of Primorsko-goranska County, Croatia
2. **Civil Society as a stakeholder in the Development of Welfare Mix in Croatia**, Prof. Gojko Beževan, Faculty of Law, University of Zagreb, Croatia
3. **Public Administration Europeanization. South-Eastern European Trends and Comparative Analysis**, Prof.Dr. Lucica Matei, Dean of the Faculty of Public Administration, National School of Political Studies and Public Administration, Bucharest, Romania

#### 10:45 – 11:00 Coffee Break

#### 11:00 – 12:30 Session 1: EAS – from Concept to Reality

**Chair:** Prof. Dr. Lucica Matei, JM Chair, Dean of the Faculty of Public Administration, National School of Political Studies and Public Administration, Bucharest, Romania

**Co-Chair:** Prof.Dr. Nicholas Baltas, JM Chair, Athens University of Economics and Business, Greece

1. **Regional Convergence and European Structural Funds**, Prof. Vinko Kandžija, Alen Host and I. Cvečić, Ph. D. candidate; University of Rijeka, Croatia
2. **Relevance of 'Western European public administration reforms' on Transition countries - 'who learns what from whom?'**, Meneguzzo M., Fiorani G., Mititelu C., Matei L., Matei A., Cipolletta G., University of Rome 'Tor Vergata' , Italy and Faculty of Public Administration, NSPSA Bucharest, Romania

3. **A theoretical inquiry: Is the European administration consensual?**, D.C. Iancu and D.M. Ungureanu, National School of Political Studies and Public Administration, Bucharest, Romania
4. **Understanding the European Administrative**, Dr Nikolaos Lymouris, Director of the Centre for European Governance, Athens, Greece
5. **European perspective on public administration quality: rules, goals and instruments**, Dr Anamarija Musa, assistant professor, Faculty of Law, University of Zagreb, Croatia
6. **Strengthening the Practice of Good Governance in Croatia –Are Civil Society Organizations Co-Governors in Policy Making?**, Jelena Matančević, junior researcher, Faculty of Law, University of Zagreb, Croatia

### 12:30 – 14:00 Lunch

### 14:00 – 16:00 Session 2: Legal, Administrative and Institutional Pillars of EAS – National Experiences

**Chair:** Prof.Dr. Panagiotis Grigoriou, JM Chair, University of the Aegean, Greece

**Co-Chair:** Prof. Dr. Migena Leskoviku, Dean of Law Faculty, European University of Tirana, Albania

1. **Towards shared rules for European Government Policy**, Francesco Velo, Interregional Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence - University of Pavia, Italy
2. **Access to environmental information: a best practice scenario for achieving transparency**, Vera Theofilaktou, EPLO Head of Education and Research I, LL.M., PhD candidate; Athens, Greece
3. **Innovative Decisions of the European Administrative Space Governance**, Roumiana Tsankova, Lyubina Doneva, Technical University, Sofia, Bulgaria
4. **Developments of the Common Agricultural Policy and their impact on Greek Agriculture**, Prof. Nicholas Baltas, Jean Monnet Chair, Athens University of Economics and Business, Greece
5. **The application of the principle of transparency in the decision-making process of public institutions - Case study: Romanian Ombudsman, Public Prosecutor's Office and the Committee on Petitions of the Parliament of Romania**, Assist. Dr. Crina Ramona Radulescu, Faculty of Public Administration, National School of Political Studies and Public Administration, Bucharest, Romania
6. **New developments in Public Administration; strengthening EAS**, Prof. Dr. Migena Leskoviku, Dean of Law Faculty, European University of Tirana, Albania
7. **Convergence of policies for promoting total quality management in the public administration of Balkan states – European Union member states**, Prof.Dr. Ani Matei, assist. Carmen Savulescu, Faculty of Public Administration, National School of Political Studies and Public Administration, Bucharest, Romania
8. **The reform of the Croatian Administrative procedure and administrative dispute**, Dario Đerđa; Faculty of Law, University of Rijeka; Croatia

## 16:00-16:15 Coffee Break

### 16:15 - 18:30 Session 3: Convergence and Europeanization of Public Administration - Premises for Strengthening EAS Enlargement

**Chair:** Prof.Dr. Margarita Shivergueva, Jean Monnet Chair, New Bulgarian University, Bulgaria

**Co-Chair:** Prof. Vinko Kandzija, Jean Monnet Chair, Faculty of Economics, University of Rijeka, Croatia

1. **Life long learning and mobility for the creation of European Identity in local governments - Experiences and perspectives**, Prof. Massimo Bianchi; Bologna, Italy
2. **Convergence of Local Administration in Croatia**, Prof. Marija Kaštelan Mrak; Faculty of Economics; University of Rijeka and Morena Mičetić, M. Sc., City of Rijeka, Croatia
3. **A pilot factor analysis model for the estimation of the indicators of administrative convergence in Greece**, Dr. Eleni Kitrinou, University of the Aegean, Greece
4. **Socio-statistical research on the internalization of the European Administrative Space principles in the Romanian Public Administration** Prof. Dr. Ani Matei, Prof. Dr. Lucica Matei, Dr. Diana – Camelia Iancu, Faculty of Public Administration, National School of Political Studies and Public Administration, Bucharest, Romania
5. **Civil society and Europeanization of the actual administration system**, Prof. Panagiotis Grigoriou, University of the Aegean, Greece
6. **Bulgarian administration under the conditions of joining the European Administration Space (EAS)**, Dr. Ivan Nachev, New Bulgarian University, Sofia, Bulgaria
7. **Questioning Financial Indicators of Civil Society Development**, Prof. Davor Vašiček, University of Rijeka, Croatia

## Saturday, February 19

### 08:30 - 10:00 Session 4

#### Part 1: Integrating Balkan Traditional Administrative Values in the EAS Concept and Practice

**Chair:** Prof. Gojko Bežovan, Faculty of Law, University of Zagreb, Croatia

**Co-Chair:** Prof. Massimo Bianchi, Bologna University, Italy

1. **EAS and the Development of Civil society in Croatia**, Prof. Gojko Bežovan, Faculty of Law, University of Zagreb, Croatia

2. **The transformation of Bulgarian Post-Socialist Administration**, Prof. Gueorgui Peev, Center of Public Administration – NBU, Bulgaria
3. **Reforms in the system of financial management as a support to the europeisation process of public administration**, Ivana Maletić, prof. Davor Vašiček, Zagreb, Croatia
4. **Making public policy work: between responsiveness and convergence of the public agenda The Romanian case**, Associated Prof.Dr. Luminița Gabriela Popescu, Faculty of Public Administration, National School of Political Studies and Public Administration, Bucharest, Romania

10:00 - 11:00 Session 4

Part 2: Integrating Balkan Traditional  
Administrative Values in the EAS Concept and Practice

**Chair:** Prof. Ivan Koprić, Head of Croatian Institute for Public Administration and Professor at Faculty of Law, University of Zagreb, Croatia

**Co-Chair:** Dr Nikolaos Lymouris, Director of the Centre for European Governance, Athens, Greece

1. **Fiscal rules and sub-national governments - experiences of Slovenia, Slovakia and Croatia**, Uros Pintaric, Slovenia, Daniel Klimovsky, Slovakia i Sasa Drezgic, University of Rijeka, Croatia
2. **Organizing for Efficiency – the Case of Croatian Customs Services**, Alen Benazić, Ph.D., Croatia
3. **Public Sector Modernization – Balkan Realities and Current Trends**, Prof. Dr. Margarita Shivergueva, Jean Monnet Chair in European Economy, New Bulgarian University
4. **Administrative Europeanization and institutional change: the case of Croatia**, prof. Nenad Smokrović, Ivana Ilijašić-Veršić, University of Rijeka, Croatia

11:00 - 11:15 Coffee Break

11:15 – 11:45 Closing ceremony

**What is good administration in European terms? Institutional adjustments as a ticket to European administrative space**, prof. Ivan Koprić, professor, Faculty of Law, University of Zagreb, Croatia, Goranka Lalić-Novak, lecturer, Social Polytechnics Zagreb, Croatia, Prof. Anamarija Musa, Faculty of Law, University of Zagreb

12:00 – 13:30 Lunch