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SUMMARY OF THE PROJECT

Reason for the project

European integration revealed, also for public administrations, specific processes and mechanisms, for evaluating the progresses recorded within the framework of national reforms. The most important ones refer to administrative convergence and compatibility with principles and values of the European Administrative Space (EAS). For the Balkan states, situated in different positions in the European integration process, each above concept is emphasised and it develops in a distinct and specific way.

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The Projects consists in four stages:

Stage 1 General framework of administrative convergence provided by the reforms of national public administrations in South-Eastern European states

Stage 2 Convergence and Europeanization. From Weberian bureaucracy to New Public Management

Stage 3 European Administrative Space (EAS) – non-formalised acquis concerning the developments of national public administrations

Stage 4 The economic and social impact of EAS enlargement in the Balkan states



Activities

Research activity no.1

Event no.1

Deliverable no. 1

Deliverable no. 3

Deliverable no. 4





Research activity no.1

“General framework of administrative convergence provided by the reforms of national public administrations in South-Eastern European states”

- research report – December 2009 - mid February 2010- NATIONAL SCHOOL OF POLITICAL STUDIES AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION (NSPSA), UNIVERSITY OF THE AEGEAN, NEW BULGARIAN UNIVERSITY, UNIVERSITY OF RIJEKA, EUROPEAN PUBLIC LAW ORGANIZATION (EPLO)

- 5 thematic research reports – mid-September 2009 – mid-December 2009

- NSPSA „Comparative studies on the administrative convergence revealed by national strategies of administrative reform in some states from South-Eastern Europe”

- UNIVERSITY OF THE AEGEAN

„The federal bureaucracy, a system very interesting for the administrative and organisational future of the EU”

- NEW BULGARIAN UNIVERSITY „Reforms of Bulgarian public administration”

- UNIVERSITY OF RIJEKA „General framework of administrative convergence provided by Croatian public administration reforms”

- EPLO „Global and EU Administrative Law and Justice. Contemporary Trends and Lessons to be learned”

Event no.1

“Public administration in Balkans – from Weberian bureaucracy to New Public Management “ - Workshop 1 – mid January 2010 - EPLO

Deliverable no. 1

Website - monthly - NSPSA

Deliverable no. 3

Thematic research reports - CD-Rom/DVD – mid December 2009 - February 2010 –

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Deliverable no. 4

- Newsletter – monthly – NSPSA





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On 22 October 2009, the National School of Political Studies and Public Administration has awarded the title of **Doctor Honoris Causa of NSPSA** to **Gérard Timsit**, Honorary Professor at the University Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne

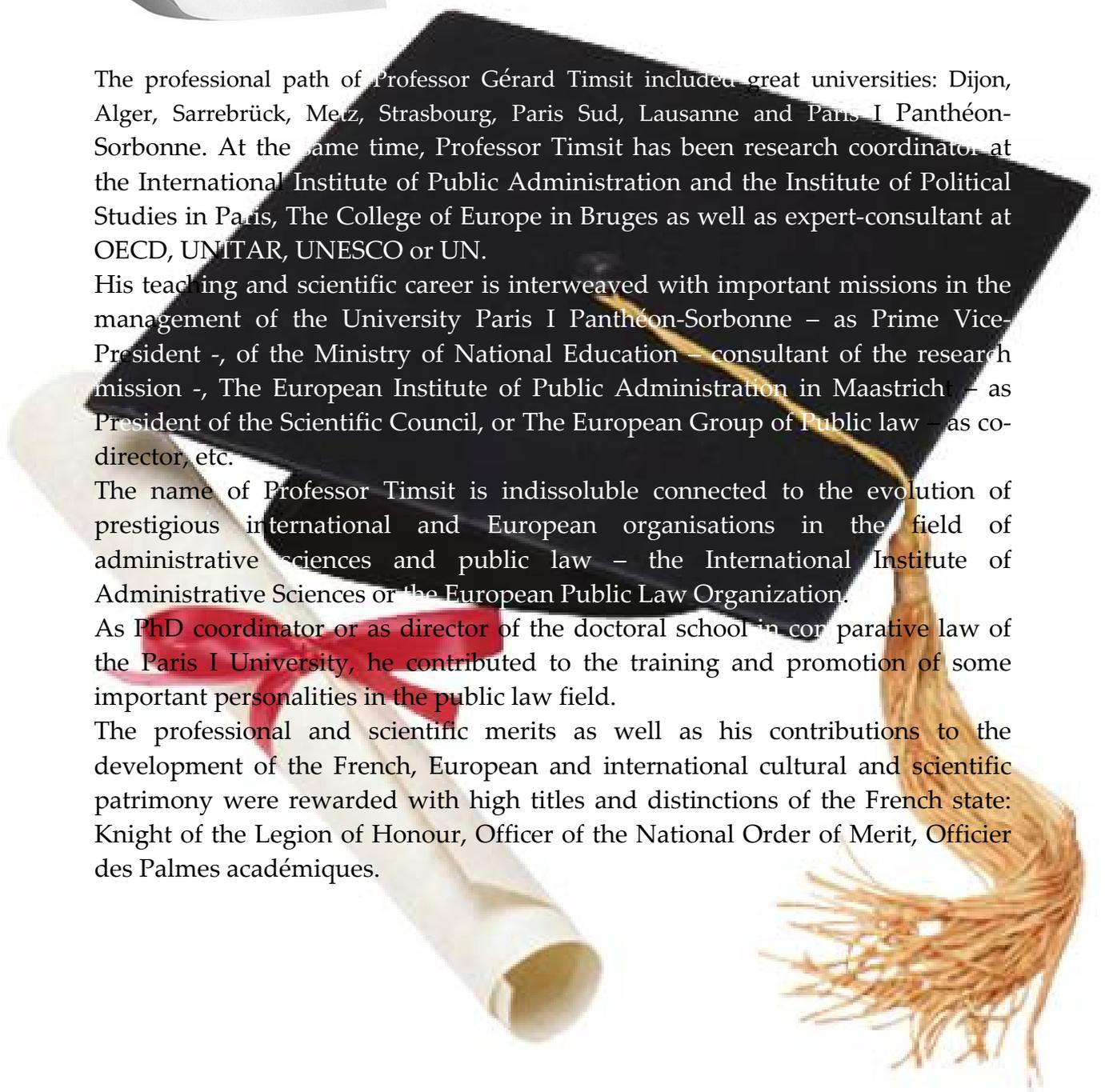
The professional path of Professor Gérard Timsit included great universities: Dijon, Alger, Sarrebrück, Metz, Strasbourg, Paris Sud, Lausanne and Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne. At the same time, Professor Timsit has been research coordinator at the International Institute of Public Administration and the Institute of Political Studies in Paris, The College of Europe in Bruges as well as expert-consultant at OECD, UNITAR, UNESCO or UN.

His teaching and scientific career is interweaved with important missions in the management of the University Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne – as Prime Vice-President -, of the Ministry of National Education – consultant of the research mission -, The European Institute of Public Administration in Maastricht – as President of the Scientific Council, or The European Group of Public law – as co-director, etc.

The name of Professor Timsit is indissoluble connected to the evolution of prestigious international and European organisations in the field of administrative sciences and public law – the International Institute of Administrative Sciences or the European Public Law Organization.

As PhD coordinator or as director of the doctoral school in comparative law of the Paris I University, he contributed to the training and promotion of some important personalities in the public law field.

The professional and scientific merits as well as his contributions to the development of the French, European and international cultural and scientific patrimony were rewarded with high titles and distinctions of the French state: Knight of the Legion of Honour, Officer of the National Order of Merit, Officier des Palmes académiques.





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**Speech of Professor Paul Dobrescu,
Rector of the National School of Political
Studies and Public Administration
(NSPSPA)**

Our decision to award the title of Doctor Honoris Causa to Professor Gérard Timsit reflects the recognition of the personal, professional and scientific contributions of Professor Timsit to the development of the law branch, social and organisational action specific for strengthening the international cooperation on a European and international level.

The research area of Prof. Timsit features complexity, diversity and present interest. The main themes aim at both approaching the administrative function issues and the administrative law, or the public administration theory.

The prestige and expertise of our distinguished guest are recognised in the international academic and scientific environments, being the author of tens of research papers published in European journals and publishing houses.

No matter how brief this speech shall be, we cannot forget to mention the international scientific activities that were organised or that Professor Timsit attended, as well as his sustained activity of promoting the international professional and scientific cooperation.

Giving all of the above mentioned, as well as the new opening of the Romanian academic environment to the international and European level dialogue, we believe that the decision of the NSPSPA Senate on greeting and honouring the personality and work of Professor Gérard Timsit is both a gesture of high personal recognition, and an expression of more profound strategic thoughts meant to determine a major role of NSPSPA in the reform of the Romanian higher education on the European space coordinates of education and research.

**Speech of Professor Lucica Matei,
Dean of the Faculty of Public
Administration, NSPSPA**

While preparing this ceremony I read again and again the speech of Mr. Etienne Picard held at the presentation of the book of homage dedicated to your work and activity in October 2004. I have succeeded in better knowing a new dimension of your personality regarding the profoundness of thought and scientific demarche, of the originality to which elegance, dignity and freedom of spirit must be added. I cannot take the liberty nor do I think it is the proper moment to go in depth of this analysis.

Nevertheless, we must emphasise certain appraisals that confirm the value of the action all of us are taking here, today.

You, Professor Gérard Timsit are an author and, hence, an actor, an authentic creator of works of free spirit, of true spirit, of the acting spirit. In this free work, the verb is at origin, namely the action comprising the word, the writing, the speech, knowledge, reason and science.

We, all of us, are supporting these appraisals, daring to hope that, at least partially, they will guide our own actions.

Inspired by the same authors, hoping that I do not dare too much, I add to all of the above the reason of such an attitude towards your work, activity and personality, which, just like Etienne Picard, I synthesise in three simple strong words: reverence, admiration and friendship that are born and mutually maintained in complete harmony.



Members' academic contributions in the field of research connected to the project

Prof. Dr. Lucica Matei



Romanian Public Management Reform. Theoretical and Empirical Studies.
Volume 1 - Administration and Public Services, Volume 2 - Civil service,
Economica Publishing House, Bucharest, Romania, 2009.

Available at: http://edecon.ro/carte/669/romanian-public-management-reform-theoretical-and-empirical-studies-volume-1-administration-and-public-services_lucica-matei/



Abstract

The contents of the current volumes focus on two important fields of research in administrative science: fundamental issues and developments of public administration and services, on one hand, and civil service, on the other hand.

Within this broad topic, several chapters aim at and relevantly present conceptual and empirical issues of the fundamental processes in national and European administration, i.e. decentralization, setting up and asserting the European Administrative Space or regional cooperation.

Romanian experiments and practices for representing the local interests in the governmental decision-making process, partnership and local governance or universal services are in line with the European trends for developing the public services. In fact, Europeanization of national public administrations represents the outcome and the engine of changes in Romanian public management in the context of the European integration.

The second volume focuses on civil servants' career and training. The Europeanization of the content and organization of higher education in the area of administrative sciences are analysed in view of the principles of European Higher Education Area.

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