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Project title:

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

Programme:

Lifelong Learning Programme

Sub-programme:

Jean Monnet Programme, Key Activity 1

Action type:

Multilateral Research Group

Duration:

01 September 2009 – 31 August 2011

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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Workshop in the framework of the Project

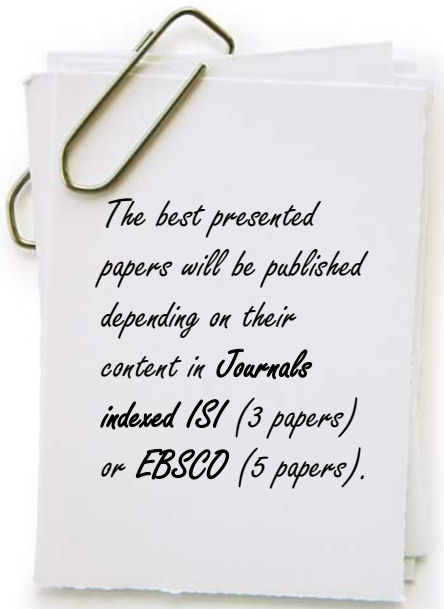
“Public Administration in the Balkans – from Weberian bureaucracy to New Public Management”

5-6 February 2010

Athens, Greece

Prof.Dr. Spyridon Flogaitis, the EPLO Director, and Prof. Dr. Lucica Matei, the Academic coordinator of the Project, invite you to the Workshop, having the following sessions and topics:

- Session 1* Balkan public administrations between transition and modernity
- Session 2* Impact of reforms on public administration in the Balkan states. National experiences
- Session 3* A Balkan model of public administration – myth or reality?
- Session 4* Administrative convergence between Weberian model and New Public Management
- Session 5* Evaluating a case study relevant for NPM application in local government
- Session 6* Discussions with representatives of the national authority coordinating the public administration reform in Greece



Deadline for submission of paper title and abstract: **18 December 2009**

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Cooperation between the Project's Partners

27 November 2009
„European Union
Fundamental Rights
System”
Professor Helena
RAULUS
Erasmus University,
The Netherlands

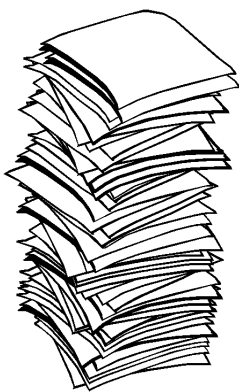


The National School of Political Studies
and Public Administration,

The Faculty of Public Administration,
and

Bucharest Regional Office of the
European Public Law Organization

present
this event as part of the Conferences'
cycle “EPLO's Dialogues at NSPSA”



Dr. Helena Raulus is a Professor of European Law at Erasmus University. Her lecture at NSPSA referred to the Constitutional System of Fundamental Rights of the European Union.





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University of the Aegean
School of Social Sciences
Department of Sociology

Launch January 2009
Central Offices: Mytilene

New Innovative MA Program
bringing together inputs from
European countries to explore the
new issues in a changing
European Union

International MA Program 'European Societies and European Integration'

Partners in the Program

University of the Aegean
Free University, Amsterdam
University Robert Schuman Strasburg
University Montpellier I
National School of Political Studies and
Public Administration
University of Athens
University UQAM, Montreal
Institut de Relations Internationales et
Stratégiques, Paris
European Institute, Geneva University
University Queen's at Belfast
University of Macedonia at Thessaloniki



The aims of the MA Program:

- the training of new professionals, researchers and scholars able to instigate and conduct research programs tracing the social dynamics and tensions that exist among centripetal and centrifugal social forces vis-à-vis the social, economic and institutional integration of Europe;
- the introduction of the students to interdisciplinary research concerning the European societies, and the multiple challenges citizens of the European Union face – political, institutional, cultural, and economic.

Structure of the MA program

First (Fall) Semester Modules

1. European Demography and European Immigration Patterns
2. European Law (European Institutions, European Competitive Law and European citizenship)
3. European Polities – European Administration – Factors of European Integration: European political elites, public space and economic factors
4. Systemic Approach of Local and Regional Polities in Europe
5. Civil Society and International Protection of Human Rights – Comparative Legal Systems and Human Rights

Second (Winter) Semester

1. European Economy and the International Economic Environment
2. Europe and Developing Countries
3. Global Integration and Geopolitical Balance of Power
4. European States and European Ethnicities
5. European Identities and European Cultures

Third (Fall) Semester

- MA thesis
- Preliminary seminar on MA thesis (9 hours).

Director of the MA program:
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Within the framework of the Leonardo da Vinci project
*CoMaVet – Competence Management in the European VET
Sector*

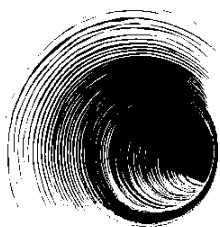
PD Consult Denmark and NSPSPA invite you to
Conference “**Competence Management**”
8-9 December 2009, NSPSPA premises.

TOPICS approached:

Key Challenges of Competence Management
The World of Competence – What are we talking about?
Competence Management Concept
Competence assessment
Professional Competence: Introduction and Best Practice
Social Competence: Introduction and Best Practice
Innovative Competence: Introduction and Best Practice

Tools and concepts developed in the project
Competence Calculator, Stand alone solution
Competence Calculator, Server solution
Human Bookkeeping, Intangible Monetary Standard

Education - Competence – Performance. Future challenges
Challenges in the Public Sector
Challenges in the Private Sector, Focus on SMEs



PARTICIPANTS

Representatives of the project partners:

PD Consult, Denmark
EUC Nord, Business and Technical College of Northern
Denmark
Central College of Commerce, Scotland, UK
NSPSPA, Romania
SIVCO Romania SA

Representatives of the central authorities, ministries, agencies, local
authorities as well as representatives of the private sector.

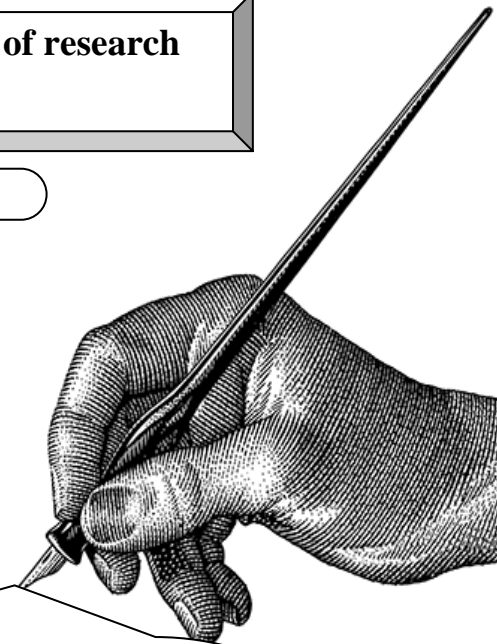


Members' academic contributions in the field of research connected to the project

Prof. Dr. Ani Matei
Prof. Dr. Lucica Matei
**Public Integrity and Performance of
Governance - A Comparative Study for
South-Eastern Europe**

Available at:

http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=1405185



Abstract

The studies concerning the impact of corruption on the effectiveness of governance are numerous, valorising profound approaches, based on criteria and standards related to good governance, organizational behaviour.

The concepts and mechanisms specific for econometrics and statistics provide the quantitative support for qualitative analyses, substantiating public policies, in view to assure effectiveness in performance measurement.

For all South-Eastern European countries, the level of development and social organization determines specific ethical behaviours.

In this context, the current paper aims a comparative economic and social evaluation of the correlations between corruption, performance and economic freedom in South-Eastern European countries, including Romania.

The working hypotheses turn into consideration the following issues: corruption holds national specific character and the statistic, econometric or sociologic analyses reveal that it is stable during the time; an effective governance leads to increasing the citizens' welfare; if a country is poor and the economic freedom is reduced than the bureaucratic and political system tends to be more corrupted; the perspective of accession into the EU has led to the perception concerning the reduction of the corruption level.

The above hypotheses will be completed and we shall achieve comparative analyses, relevant for the group of South-Eastern European countries.

The above quantitative analyses will use both own results of the researches carried out by the authors and public results of World Bank, Transparency International and Heritage Foundation, as well as results of authorities responsible for national statistics.

The comparative research is achieved on a 10 years period, comprising also the moment of accession into the European Union for some states.