

Slovak National Information Day

European Public Sector Award 2009

“Assess Yourself and Learn from the Best”

organised with the support of AINOVA

Bratislava (SK), 24 February 2009

INTRODUCTION

The European Public Sector Award (EPSA 2009) (www.epsa2009.eu), organised by the European Institute of Public Administration (EIPA), brings together the most innovative, efficient and best performers from the European public sector. Fifteen European countries and the European Commission are officially supporting the EPSA. Outstanding administrative performances are, after all, produced under different conditions within Europe. Against this backdrop, EPSA's aim is to make the many valuable experiences in addressing Europe's most pressing public concerns transparent, available and usable. Its vision is to create an arena in which Europe's public sector institutions can excel and become an exemplar for the rest of the world. The award contest is open to all levels of Europe's public administration. Applicants can submit, and thus showcase their innovative achievements, in four thematic fields:

- ❖ **Performance Improvement in Public Service Delivery**
- ❖ **Citizen Involvement**
- ❖ **New Forms of Partnership Working**
- ❖ **Leadership and Management for Change**

The EPSA 2009 will be awarded on the occasion of a high-level symposium on leading-edge public administration solutions, which will be held on 5 and 6 November 2009 in Maastricht (NL), under the auspices of the Swedish Presidency.

During the information day (morning) one will receive more detailed information about the award scheme, the call texts per theme and all the conditions for participation.

The information day –morning- will be conducted by Mr *Alexander Heichlinger*, EPSA Project Manager & Senior Lecturer at EIPA-European Centre for the Regions in Barcelona.

The working language will be English.

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PROGRAMME

Tuesday, 24 February 2009

Venue: Informačné centrum, AINova, Prostredná 64, 900 21 Svätý Jur

- 09.00 **Registration of participants and delivery of information kit**
- 09.30 **Opening and welcome of participants**
N.N. (representative of AINOVA)
- 09.45 **The EPSA 2009 in alignment with the Lisbon Strategy: Delivering sustainable growth and better jobs**
Alexander Heichlinger
- 10.15 **Presentation of EPSA 2009: Vision, objectives, structure & themes**
- 10.45 *Coffee Break*
- 11.15 **How to apply for EPSA 2009: Practical information on application period, eligibility criteria, evaluation procedure, criteria & methodology, online application submission and steps**
- 11.45 **Q&A**
- 12.00 **Closure**
