



Press Release

Official Launch of the European Public Sector Award 2009

On 20 October 2008 the European Institute of Public Administration (EIPA) will officially launch the European Public Sector Award 2009 (EPSA 2009). This special event takes place at the 5th Quality Conference in Paris (FR), organised by the French Presidency for public administrations in the EU.

EPSA 2009 brings together the most innovative, efficient and best performers from the European public sector. Fourteen European countries, together with the European Commission, are officially supporting the EPSA. 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**

EPSA's objective is to make valuable experiences transparent, available and usable. It aims to create a network of European public excellence and thus offers a learning platform for leading-edge public administration solutions.

Following the highly successful EPSA 2007, this year the EPSA team at EIPA aims to attract a large number of applications from all over Europe. Different pools of evaluators will assess the applications and a high-level jury will have the final judgement. The prize winners will be awarded during an official ceremony in November 2009 in Maastricht (NL), under the auspices of the Swedish Presidency.

EIPA's Director-General, Professor Dr Marga Pröhl, and the EPSA Project Director, Mr Alexander Heichlinger, look forward to officially announcing the slogan: ***“Assess yourself and learn from the best – Showcasing and rewarding European public excellence”***.



Note for the editors:

Accredited press is invited to attend the official launch of the European Public Sector Award 2009 (EPSA 2009).

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Time: 17.30 hrs

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