



Press Release

**Call for applications is now open!
Submit your projects for the
European Public Sector Award 2009 – EP SA 2009
until 20 March 2009**

From 1 January 2009, all public sectors, from all levels and from all over Europe, are invited to submit their applications for the European Public Sector Award 2009, which is being organised by the European Institute of Public Administration (EIPA) with the official support of 15 European countries and the European Commission. Applications can be submitted within the following four themes that address Europe's pressing public concerns:

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

These themes provide an insight into the thousands of public administration "lives" that are struggling to make their way through the "stormy and muddy water" of globalisation, demographic change and a continuous shortage of money and resources. For a full description of the four themes and the detailed conditions of participation, please consult the official EP SA website at www.epsa2009.eu.

In order to promote the EP SA 2009 and to attract as many applications as possible, several information days are being organised, often in cooperation with the European countries officially supporting EP SA. On **4 February 2009**, EIPA will hold an information day in Brussels, in joint venture with the European Commission (DG Employment) and the Committee of the Regions (CoR). More information about the programme and the registration form is available on the EP SA website.

Follow our motto and "**Assess Yourself and Learn from the Best**" by participating with your administrative achievements in "**Showcasing and Rewarding European Public Excellence**".



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