

**Bulgarian National Information Day**

***European Public Sector Award 2009***

***“Assess Yourself and Learn from the Best”***

Organised in cooperation with the

Bulgarian Ministry of State Administration  
&  
Administrative Reform

Sofia (BG), 27 February 2009

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**INTRODUCTION**

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The European Public Sector Award (EPSA 2009) ([www.epsa2009.eu](http://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.

As Bulgarian co-financing partner in EPSA 2009, the Ministry of State Administration & Administrative Reform encourages all public administrations to participate and thus promote at a European level the good practices being implemented in Bulgaria.

In this respect, a national level public event is being organised to promote the *European Public Sector Award 2009*. This information day will present more details about the award scheme, the objectives, the call (texts per theme) and all the practical conditions for participation.

The working language will be English.

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**PROGRAMME**

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**Friday, 27 February 2009**

**Venue:** Hotel Sheraton, hall “Sredetz”

- 10.00*            **Registration of participants and delivery of information kit**
- 10.30*            **Opening address and welcome of participants**  
*Minister Vassilev, Ministry of State Administration & Administrative Reform, Sofia (BG)*
- 11.00*            **Presentation of EPSA 2009: Vision, objectives, structure & themes**  
*Marga Pröhl, Director General EIPA, Maastricht (NL)*
- 11.45*            *Coffee Break*
- 12.15*            **How to apply for EPSA 2009: Practical information on application period, eligibility criteria, evaluation procedure, criteria & methodology, online application submission and steps**  
*Marga Pröhl*
- 12.50*            **Q&A**
- 13.00*            **Closure**

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