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PRESS RELEASE

European Public Sector Award – EPISA 2015

“264 inspiring cases of working in partnership gathered by EPISA 2015 from across Europe”

After the closure of the call for applications on 24 April 2015, the EPISA Team at EIPA is pleased to announce yet another successful edition with 264 projects received from 36 European countries and EU institutions under the overarching theme ***‘The Public Sector as Partner for a Better Society’***. This rich harvest shows that working in partnership is a necessity if the public sector wants to contribute to and take the lead towards a better society for all.

For this 2015 EPISA edition, public administrations could submit their projects under two different administrative categories, i.e. European/National/Regional or Supra-local/Local. 158 entries were received in the category European/National/Regional and 106 in the category Supra-local and Local. The top submitters were Spain, Lithuania, Austria, Italy, Portugal, Poland and the Netherlands respectively.

All eligible applications will now be assessed online by independent experts, who will then meet mid-June in Maastricht for a consensus meeting to agree on a shortlist of projects and the best practice certificate recipients. All applicants who are among this group will be notified at the end of June. Then a number of onsite visits will take place from July to early September to verify the evaluation results and, at the end of September, a high-level international jury will take the final decision on the nominees and the award winners.

The prize winners, nominees and best practice certificate recipients will be presented during a two-day high-level final event and award ceremony in Maastricht (NL) on 17 and 18 November 2015. It should be noted that this event is also open to all other submitters who are most welcome to attend.

The EPISA 2015 is an award for outstanding administrative performance across all levels of the public sector. For more information, forthcoming news and updates, please visit www.episa2015.eu

Note for the editors

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