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PRESS RELEASE

European Public Sector Award – EPISA 2015

“Innovative cases from across Europe recognized as best practices in the EPISA 2015 edition”.

Following the online evaluation carried out by external and independent evaluators during the period 11-22 May and the Consensus meeting that brought together 13 expert evaluators from 10 European countries at EIPA’s headquarters in Maastricht on 18-19 June, 64 projects out of the 266 submitted to the EPISA 2015 edition have been identified as being Best Practice Certificate recipients.

These 64 brilliant public achievements have found new methods to tackle different problems in relation to a range of important societal challenges, to social care, health, youth unemployment, migration, regional development and business development by using different partnership and cooperation models with convincing results and impact for a better society. They come from 21 European countries and 1 EU agency.

For a general overview, see the detailed list of [Best Practice Certificate recipients](#).

Moreover, during this second evaluation step it was also agreed that a short-list of projects - from among the 64 best practices - will now undergo a validation process between July and September and thus are potential runners for the nominees/finalists in each administrative category, as well as for the cross-cutting award. Once the validation process is completed, the members of the EPISA Team will report the complete findings and outcomes to an international jury consisting of high-level personalities. This jury will take the final decision on 24 September next.

The best practices, nominees and prize winners will be presented during a two-day high-level final event and award ceremony in Maastricht (NL) on 17-18 November 2015 and all submitters are most welcome to attend this special event. Following a well-established tradition, the various events will take place at three different venues in Maastricht, i.e. EIPA, Town Hall and Provincial Government Buildings on the Meuse respectively.

Keep checking our website at the end of September for the next step results and for more detailed information on the 2-day final event.

The EPISA is an award for outstanding administrative performance across all levels of the public sector. For more information, forthcoming news and updates, research reports or knowledge-transfer activities, please consult www.epsa2015.eu

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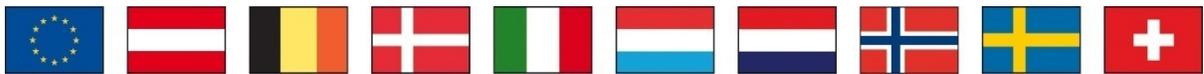
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