

EPSA 2015 Result - Best Practice Certificate recipients

The EPSA 2015 edition received **266 projects** 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 EPSA edition, public administrations submitted their applications in relation to four broad areas: Effective engagement by government with stakeholders, New service delivery approaches, Innovative knowledge management and new leadership approaches and Sound public finance. The top submitters were Spain, Lithuania, Austria, Italy, Portugal, Poland and the Netherlands respectively.

Out of the 266 submitted applications submitted to the EPSA 2015 **64 projects** have been identified as being **Best Practice Certificate** recipients. These 64 excellent 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.

See the **detailed list of Best Practice Certificate recipients** for the **European, national and regional administrative category** and for the **supra-local and local administrative category**. See also the **full list of EPSA 2015 best practices**.

The projects qualifying for the onsite visits, and thus the next evaluation step, have already been contacted by the EPSA Team.

EPSA is an important learning arena for knowledge transfer on how public administrations across Europe can innovate and at the same time increase their effectiveness and efficiency. The new EPSA cases will – as in previous EPSA editions – be used in EIPA's capacity building activities as inspiring examples for building innovation capacities in the public sector.

EIPA Seminar on Social Innovation in cooperation with MindLab, Denmark

Social Innovation

Improving Effectiveness and Efficiency in Public Service Delivery through Co-design and Co-creation.

EIPA Maastricht, (NL), 28 – 29 October 2015

Social innovation has evolved as the core concept relevant for provision of alternative service delivery models, designed around the needs of service users, with a more strategic focus and reduced public spending as a result. Creating new solutions with people, and not for them, holds a significant potential to improve both effectiveness and efficiency in public service delivery.

This seminar is implemented in cooperation with **MindLab**, (DK), one of Europe's leading public cross-governmental innovation units, and will focus on co-creation and human-centred design approaches to put into effect improved public service delivery. **MindLab** assists decision-makers and public officials in viewing new policy measures and services from an outside-in perspective, and through their activities **MindLab** builds co-design and co-creation competencies as a key instrument for public sector innovation.

In a first step, the seminar will set the context of social innovation in Europe illustrated by hands-on case studies and outlining available funding mechanisms. During the second day, participants will actively apply co-creation tools in the public sector context, as well as benefiting directly from the interactive workshops led by **MindLab**. The seminar applies a practice-learning perspective and this benefits from a unique combination of European best practice examples to illustrate current social innovation trends, as well as interactive workshops in which participants will directly apply co-creation and design thinking tools. The best practice examples appear from editions of the **European Public Sector Award** managed by EIPA and will showcase cutting-edge examples of public sector innovation.

Link to seminar at EIPA's website

<http://seminars.eipa.eu/en/activities09/show/&tid=5698>

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