



'Assess Yourself and Learn from the Best –
Showcasing and Rewarding European Public Excellence'



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The European Public Sector Award (EPSA) seeks to identify and award outstanding administrative performances.

Against the background of a rapidly changing social, economic and environmental context in the 21st Century, EPSA contributes to the progress of public performances by highlighting exemplary models of innovative public performance that address Europe's most pressing public concerns, whilst providing a platform for the public sector innovators behind these cases to disseminate their achievements. The EPSA's objective is to make these valuable experiences transparent, known to the public and usable.

In comparison to 2009, public administrations face an even more ambitious context in the aftermath of the financial and economic crisis, which poses a true challenge not only to the private, but also to the public sector. It is therefore even more important to highlight and reward public excellence in administrations that are finding innovative responses in times of budgetary constraints and are succeeding in delivering outstanding public services.

****EPSA 2011 Launch Event****

The EPSA 2011 edition will be officially launched on Monday 17 January 2011 in Brussels in presence of high-level representatives, direct stakeholders and other interested persons. The opening speeches will be delivered by Mr Maros Sefcovic, Vice President of the European Commission, and by Professor Dr Marga Pröhl, Director-General of EIPA. This event will be an opportunity to present the EPSA 2011 scheme, the themes addressed and the important milestones for this edition. The call for applications will be opened simultaneously and will run until Friday 25 March 2011. The exact venue and time of the launch event will be announced soon on the new EPSA website (www.epsa2011.eu)

****EPSA 2011 Themes****

The 3 themes chosen for the EPSA 2011 scheme are:

- * **Smart Public Service Delivery in a Cold Economic Climate** [Pdf](#)
- * **Opening Up the Public Sector through Collaborative Governance** [Pdf](#)
- * **Going Green: Concrete Solutions from the Public Sector** [Pdf](#)

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