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Introduction

Law and Public Administration is a Permanent Study Groups of the European Group of Public Administration, established in 2005. It aims at fostering the multi- and interdisciplinary study of the practice and theory of law in public administration, administrative science and policy from national and European perspectives. The group aspires to be a meeting place for scholars and practitioners from all parts of Europe and beyond from different fields: lawyers, sociologists, policy analysts, economists, IT experts, working in academia and public institutions, as well as civil servants in national and supranational institutions and NGOs. We aim to combine academia and practice on administrative law, its functioning and its institutions in a public administration context.

Projects & publications

Papers presented and discussed at annual conferences have been peer reviewed and published in the last years in scientific monographs, e. g. *The Sound of Silence in the EU Administrative Law* (2020, Palgrave MacMillan), *The Laws of Transparency in Action* (2018, Palgrave MacMillan), *ADR in European Administrative law* (2014, Springer), as well as in special issues of international journals, e. g. *REALaw* (2026), *CEPAR* (2024), *Administrative Science* (2021), *NALL* (2016), *IPAR* (2014), *Utrecht Law Review* (2013), *TRAS* (2009). We offer publication opportunities every year and concentrate research efforts to a joint comparative study.



Focus theme of the PSG in 2026

For the 2026 EGPA Conference, scholars and practitioners are invited to explore issues concerning the **effectiveness of legal protection in administrative matters**, with particular emphasis on systems **excluding administrative appeals and the resulting impact on court workload in administrative disputes**.

As a rule, individual administrative decisions are adopted by various public authorities. However, both supranational and national principles require not only administrative but also judicial review of their legality. Administrative appeals pursue several objectives, including ensuring consistency in administrative decision-making, providing regulatory feedback for the improvement of public policies, and reducing the burden on courts. National systems differ significantly in this regard, ranging from mandatory administrative appeals as a prerequisite for access to the courts—confirmed as complaint to the Article 47 of the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights in Puškar case (C-73/19)—to optional systems allowing parties to choose the most effective form of protection, as well as mixed models.

Moreover, despite the predominance of a German-inspired model of mandatory administrative appeals, sector-specific legislation may exclude administrative appeals where special reasons justify a deviation from the general framework. This typically results in an increased judicial workload and potentially less effective protection for parties. Conversely, where an administrative appeal is merely formal in nature, imposing it on parties may prove counterproductive.

From the perspective of effectiveness, further questions arise concerning the most appropriate system, including issues related to devolutive and suspensive effects, as well as the duration of administrative and judicial proceedings in practice.

The Rome conference is dedicated to examining not only **the normative regulation within national legal orders** in this regard but also analyses of the **actual effectiveness of the systems** in place for the public interest and rights of the parties alike.

In this context, contributions analysing general administrative procedure and judicial procedural law—namely national Administrative Procedure Acts and procedural codes—are welcome, whether focusing on overall regulation, case law, empirical data, or selected subtopics and sector-specific rules.

To facilitate comparative research and support publication outcomes, potentially in a special issue of a leading European journal, authors are invited to submit their proposals.

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The study group also welcomes contributions addressing broader issues of European, comparative, and national administrative law and public administration. In particular, papers addressing one or more of the following recurring themes are encouraged:

- The development of European and national administrative law principles;
- The digital transformation of public administration and European integration trends in transnational law enforcement, including the evolving nature of administrative law through new legal instruments and emerging phenomena.



Practicalities

If you wish to present a paper in one of the Permanent Study Group's, Ad Hoc Group's, or Specialized Panel's sessions at the conference, please upload an abstract outlining your proposed conference paper. This may be done through the conference website.

Important dates

- Deadline for submission of abstracts: April 6, 2026
- Deadline for submission of EGPA Booster Grant applications: April 15, 2026
- Acceptance notification and opening of registrations: April 20, 2026
- Deadline for submission of EGPA Travel Grant applications: April 26, 2026
- Full paper submission deadline and registration deadline: July 19, 2026

Website

- <https://www.iias-iisa.org/egpa-2026-conference/>

Submission

- <https://www.conftool.org/egpa2026/>
- Unless specified otherwise, 500-words limit for abstracts

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