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Each year at the annual EGPA conference the Permanent Study Group on Strategic Management in Government (PSG XI) has a series of sessions discussing research, theory and practice. Its members have been meeting on a yearly basis since 2009, when the Study Group was set up by EGPA. If you wish to take part in the 2026 EGPA Conference, you will be very welcome. Please register for the conference, which you can do through the conference website (see below).

If you wish to present a paper in one of the Permanent Study Group's sessions at the conference, please upload an abstract outlining your proposed conference paper. This may be done through the conference website. Practical information about the conference includes the following important dates:

- Deadline for submission of abstracts: April 6, 2026
- Acceptance notification and opening of registrations: April 20, 2026
- Full paper submission deadline and registration deadline: July 19, 2026.

Possible themes for your paper and details of what to include in your abstract are presented below. Abstracts that are not aligned to these themes will also be welcomed and considered for inclusion on the basis of their likely contribution to knowledge of strategic management in the public sector, theoretical insights, and practical relevance.

The Study Group's conference sessions have eight main themes this year:

- Theme 1: The theory and practice of organization-centred strategic management in the public sector.
- Theme 2: Public value models of strategic management.
- Theme 3: Transitions from long-term development planning (e.g., Five-Year Plans) to strategic planning.
- Theme 4: Collaborations involving the public sector and the role of strategic planning and management in collaborative governance.



- Theme 5: Core governance capabilities in strategic policy making.
- Theme 6: Strategic governance.
- Theme 7: Strategic leadership.
- Theme 8: Cross-national studies in strategic management in the public sector.

### *Submitting your proposal:*

Please draft your proposal as an abstract of approximately 300-400 words to include:

- Your name and organization (university, government organization, etc.);
- The theme (s) of your proposed paper;
- The key questions, hypotheses, propositions, etc. you are considering;
- The nature of your research (e.g. case study, interview data, comparative study, experiment);
- Your data/evidence and key findings (or what you expect your key findings will be);
- A discussion of the theoretical implications of your research and/or the practical applications of your conclusions (e.g. management/policy recommendations/suggestions).

For any questions regarding EGPA 2026, please contact Paul Joyce at:  
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## 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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