

# EGPA 2023 CONFERENCE

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## CALL FOR PAPERS

PSG II: Performance in the Public Sector

## Public Sector Performance and its Future Challenges

The ability of the public sector to formulate goals and deliver on these ambitions remains a crucial issue in the study of public administration. However, much has changed in how these goals are formulated (involving more actors and continuously evolving priorities), how public ambitions and policies are achieved (requiring the collaboration between public, private, and community actors), and how public performance and policy outcomes are measured and scrutinized (involving multiple actors holding the government to account).

This permanent study group seeks to understand the challenges of public sector performance and the use of performance information, data and evidence in these shifting circumstances, and to explore the potential of both traditional and innovative approaches to address these challenges.

We capitalize on the lessons of decades of research into performance management and the use of performance information, accountability, and public management, but we also need fresh insights into the mechanisms and effects of 'new' approaches such as collaborative performance management or evidence-based policy making to assess and improve public sector performance.

In recent years, there has been a significant effort to improve government performance by developing capacity in evidence-based policy making and policy analysis worldwide. However, the impact of these efforts is still unclear and we see issues both on the demand side (how much governments genuinely want evidence information to support their policy making) and on the supply side (e.g. the type of evidence needed and the experts who will provide this evidence).

We invite contributions offering theoretical or empirical explorations of these themes, expressly welcoming a diversity of methodologies, policy contexts, and geographic settings. Please contact the co-chairs if you are unsure if your paper would fit the scope of the panel, we are happy to discuss the various options.

Contributions may intersect with the themes of other permanent study groups, such as the performance of networks, the role of professions and certified experts, the governance structure of performance management systems, the performance of government digitalization or behavioural insights into performance information use. We actively seek collaborations with other study groups.

## Joint session on performance and public professionals

We want to specifically explore the performance of professionals in public sectors organizations, working together with the **Permanent Study group on Welfare State Governance and Professionalism**. We seek to have a broad discussion on the performance of individual professionals, professional organizations, and collaborations between professionals. We invite researchers to submit both theoretical and empirical papers.

Papers may typically address the following issues:

- Review of the literature on public professionals and evidence-based policy to improve public sector performance
- Case studies, statistical analysis of the determinants of public professional performance
- Innovative research designs experimenting novel ways for assessing, explaining or even boosting the performance of public professionals
- Critical analysis of the relation between performance demands and public professionalism
- Assessing and explaining the performance of interprofessional networks.

## Practicalities

### *Important dates:*

- ✓ Deadline for submission of abstracts: May 17, 2023
- ✓ Deadline for notification to the authors: May 31, 2023
- ✓ Deadline for online submission of full papers: August 17, 2023
- ✓ EGPA PhD Symposium 5-6 September 2023
- ✓ EGPA 2023 Conference: 6-8 September 2023

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