

Call for participation

**6th Trans-European Dialogue (TED6)
Education and Training in the European Public Sector
6-8 February 2013, Potsdam, Germany**



The Potsdam Center for Policy and Management (PCPM) in collaboration with the German Federal Academy of Public Administration (BAKÖV) on behalf of EGPA and NISPAcee cordially invite you to the next Trans-European Dialogue on 6-8 February 2013 in Potsdam. TED6 will focus on issues of education and training in public administration throughout Europe. Education and training is one of the core issues for ensuring the future institutional capacity of public administration and for stabilizing the future availability of qualified human resources. Although the Bologna reforms have achieved some streamlining of formal educational structures, there is still a high degree of diversity between educational programs and concepts in the field of public administration education. The conference will serve as an opportunity to explore current trends in both academic and professional education and training and to discuss different educational approaches. Participants are invited to debate about curriculum development, teaching methods and new experiences with quality assurance.

TED6 generally aims to offer a platform for exchanging ideas, opinions and experiences about teaching and training in public administration between experts from various European countries. It is also an excellent opportunity for the study groups on PA education of EGPA and NISPAcee and for EAPAA as the joint quality assurance body of EGPA and NISPAcee to intensify the exchange of views and experiences.

We invite participants to particularly discuss the following issues at TED6:

- How did core areas of PA programs in Europe develop over time? Is there still a dominance of law in Germanic, southern and eastern European countries? How relevant compared to Law are Public Policy or Public Management nowadays?
- Development of the contents of PA programs in various European countries (convergence, new contents, e.g. ethical or value issues), future of MPAs and of competing programmes etc)
- Recent didactical approaches and developments (e.g. focus on competences, eLearning, internships)
- Issues of quality assurance and accreditation in our field (e.g. role of national vs European accreditation)

Participants – including, especially, young researchers – who are interested to give a presentation on any of these topics or on other issues related to the theme of the conference, are invited to submit a short proposal with an overview reflecting their own research interests and activities. See below for more details.

Venue of the conference:

TED6 is organized by the Potsdam Center for Policy and Management and will be held at the Faculty of Economics and Social Sciences of the University of Potsdam (Campus Griebnitzsee). The venue is close to Berlin and can easily be reached by public transport. Hotel capacity will be provided close by.

Format of the conference:

TED6, like the previous Trans-European Dialogues, is a focused, mainly but not exclusively by-invitation meeting of 40-50 participants from various European countries. Rather than formally presenting all attendees' papers, the format centers around intense dialogue and discussions between the participants. The discussions will be structured into several sessions, each of which starting with a keynote presentation, followed by participants' oral contributions reflecting on the key elements of their research or teaching experience.

By sending this Invitation we ask each invitee to develop and submit one of the following alternatives. Apart from our invitation, this "Call for Participation" is also addressed to other experts who think that they could contribute to the theme of this TED.

- a) A proposal (abstract) for a full paper to be presented for the TED6 event.
- b) Apart from "normal" scientific papers we also appreciate "slimmer" formats, for example "empirical notes" (as a short paper summarizing and reporting on interesting empirical evidence) or short statements/comments by the participants.
- c) A brief proposition (100-300 words long) related to the key conference themes, along with an explanation of how these propositions reflect the interests and activities of the proponent in the field of PA teaching. These propositions may then be the basis of a brief presentation at the TED6 event.

After the TED6 event, a selected set of participants will be asked to submit their paper for publication in the *NISPAcee Journal of Public Administration and Public Policy* or in the newly established journal *Teaching Public Administration* (SAGE).

Proposals as well as any inquiries should be sent to the local organizer:

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Important deadlines:

- *August 31st, 2012*: Invitees' acceptance of the invitation by submitting their proposals / abstracts; deadline for open proposal submission
- *October 1, 2012*: The Organizing Committee notifies invitees and authors about its decision regarding the submitted proposals
- *January 15, 2013*: Submission of papers for the TED event
- *January 31, 2013*: Finalization of program, circulation of attendees' propositions among participants

Organizing Committee:

- Prof Isabella Proeller as hosting institution's chairperson
- Prof Christoph Reichard as co-chair of the Permanent Study Group Public Administration and Teaching of EGPA
- Prof Jean-Loup Chappelet as co-chair of the Permanent Study Group Public Administration and Teaching of EGPA
- Prof Patrycja Joanna Suwaj, nominated by NISPAcee
- Prof Juraj Nemec, nominated by NISPAcee