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PRESS RELEASE

Opening of the Call for Applications for the European Public Sector Award 2019 – EPSA 2019 (from 25 February until 18 April 2019)

The European Institute of Public Administration – EIPA – with the institutional and financial support of 10 European public partners – has just launched the seventh edition of the European Public Sector Award – EPSA 2019, a well-established award scheme which has taken place every two years since 2007.

EPSA 2017 attracted more than 150 projects from 30 European countries and from several EU institutions and agencies in which public sector bodies at all levels across Europe had the chance to present their outstanding achievements, to learn from their peers and assess themselves against the best, and thus to become part of an **extensive European network of public sector excellence**,

EPSA 2019 has the same aims - the theme is *“New solutions to complex challenges – a public sector citizen-centric, sustainable and fit for the future”*.

The theme is broad and inclusive to make it easier for public sector bodies to enter if they have new solutions to the complex challenges facing them in a fast-moving landscape, irrespective of their function or size, such as demographic change, climate change, technological transformation, security and the maintenance of social security.

Successful projects need to show proven and concrete results over a sustained period.

EPSA 2019 will present awards in **three** categories based on the level of administration:

Category 1: Projects/cases submitted by organisations from the European and national level;

Category 2: Projects/cases submitted by organisations from the regional level;

Category 3: Projects/cases submitted by organisations from the supra-local or local level.

In case of projects that include partners from different levels of government, the administrative category will be defined by the status of the lead applicant as designated by the partners.

The EPSA 2019 awards will be presented on the occasion of a high-level event to be held on **4-6 November 2019** in Maastricht, the Netherlands, during the Finnish presidency of the Council of the EU.

As Michael Burnett (Project Leader for EPSA 2019) says “Whether you want recognition for what you have done, want to help others learn from your success or learn yourself from others, apply now for EPSA 2019”.

All necessary information (who can apply, how to apply, call text, etc.) can be found on www.epsa2019.eu where applicants can also **register and apply online**.

You can also register for the EPSA newsletter at www.epsa2019.eu for further updates about the award scheme, watch the **EPSA 2019 Launch video** to learn more about the EPSA 2019 theme and the benefits of taking part in the award scheme and follow us on Twitter @EPSAawards and the EPSA 2019 LinkedIn Group.



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