

MEDIA RELEASE

Experts to discuss public administration reforms in the EU

Riga, 19 February 2015. More efficient public administration, implementation of reforms, public involvement and digital technologies, cross-border services, leadership in public administration, organisational culture and attracting young people to work in public authorities - these are the priorities for public administration which European experts will discuss next month in Riga.

Those priorities were defined today by experts from Latvia, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands and the European Commission during their meeting at the State Chancellery of Latvia. At the meeting EU Public Administration Network (EUPAN) Troika Secretariat members also praised Latvia's achievements in analysing and strengthening the Centre of Government.

Deputy Director of the State Chancellery for Public Administration and Human Resources Development Affairs, Eva Upīte, emphasises that the successful definition and sound implementation of public administration priorities should contribute both to efficient public administration and increased trust in the work of public administrations. Therefore, it is essential that each EU Member State hears of reform success stories and failures in other Member States, and learns the most efficient way of implementing meaningful reforms. It is for this reason that the Latvian Presidency's focus is on the future.

The aim of the meeting was to prepare for the March meeting of EUPAN Innovative Public Services Working Group and Human Resources Working Group. The main objective of these working groups is to ensure customer-oriented public administrations and to promote reforms and improvements in public administration.

The groups meet on 19-20 March in Riga, bringing together public administration experts from all the EU Member States, Norway, Turkey and the European Commission, as well as representatives from the European Institute of Public Administration. The priorities defined today are included in the working agenda of the meeting scheduled for March.

The participants at the meeting also discussed the organisation of EUPAN's work during the Latvian Presidency of the Council of the EU and future plans, including those during the Luxembourg Presidency.

About the European Union Public Administration Network (EUPAN)

EUPAN's mission is to improve the performance, competitiveness and quality of European public administration institutions by developing new tools and methods in the field of public administration, based on the exchange of opinions, experiences and good practices by participants. EUPAN's members are representatives from institutions responsible for public administration issues from the EU Member States, Norway and Turkey, as well as representatives from the European Commission and the European Institute of Public Administration.

During the Latvian Presidency of the Council of the European Union, the State Chancellery chairs the EUPAN working groups, ensuring that jointly defined objectives are met. When preparing for the Presidency, Latvia, together with Italy and Luxembourg, defined the priority areas for action by the Presidency trio. A special focus will be given to revision of the future role of public administration, with a particular emphasis on two objectives - innovative and open public administration that promotes trust and honesty, and effective, uniform and transparent public services. More information [here](#):



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