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## Administrative Resilience

**CALL-FOR-PAPERS**

## EUROPEAN ASSOCIATION OF PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS (EAPPP) PANEL

### PPP: Governing Complexity through Public-private Cooperation

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#### Context

In the face of increasing economic constraints and ever evolving public needs, new and dynamic forms of public-private partnership have emerged in recent years. These new forms of public-private partnership represent an opportunity and a challenge for public administrations, the latter required to adapt fast to new technologies and new needs while maintaining intact the principles of economy, transparency and good governance. In other words, in a changing world and changing form of financing, public administrators need to learn to be resilient – so-called phenomenon of “Administrative resilience”.

The proposed Panel will explore the question of how, in light of increasingly more sophisticated social needs, can cooperation between public and private subjects represent a tool of flexibility and progress.

In order to keep pace with the new and fast changing needs of private actors and with their widespread leading role, public entities' functions need to change form, mutating into what can be properly defined as "strategic regulation". This new form of governance requires changes both in the norms – which should no longer be intended as commands and prohibitions but as suggestions that induce to spontaneous compliance through behavioral and cognitive analyses – and in contracts, that should be standardized and crafted in order to inspire cooperation among the public and private subjects (see for example, the model proposed by the Framework Alliance Contract, drafted by the Centre of Construction Law at King's College London).

Our Panel will look, from both a theoretical and practical perspective, at the dynamics of partnership between public and private subjects as seeds of development for societies' sustainable and responsible growth. In particular the Panel would explore how the concept of 'public interest' is transformed by the presence of private subjects in the management of communal needs and how such presence helps innovate public administrations leading to new form of regulation and contracting.

### **Panel's Discussion**

The Panel encourages the submission of papers that respond to the following research questions:

- How is the notion of 'public interest' changing, considering that private subjects (citizens, enterprises, association or others), participate in different forms of governance and of the promotion of public good (e.g. public-private cooperation or private initiative subject to public control)?
- How is the public governance changing in view of the no longer realistic idea of an "Entrepreneurial State"? Which is the most appropriate notion to define a new form of State (no longer an entrepreneur, nor a mere regulator)?
- Which are the elements of flexibility that the spreading of PPP requires?
- How could the flexibility linked to partnership give the public subject strength and reliability?

Other papers deepening the effects of the spreading of public-private partnership in the organizational, managing and juridical structure of government will be examined by the Committee.

## **Paper's Characteristics**

Papers should not exceed 4,000 words and could be based upon theoretical considerations and/or case studies.

Criteria used by the Panel's Committee for the selection of the papers include:

- The relevance to the themes of the Panel;
- The quality of the legal reasoning and of the writing;
- The consistency of the argumentation, from the introduction to the conclusions;
- The significance of the findings.

## **Incentive**

A select number of contributions will be considered for publications, at discretion of the Panel's Committee, in one of the Papers of the European Association of Public-Private Partnerships.



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14 January 2018	Abstract submission deadline	Date limite pour l’envoi des résumés	14 janvier 2018
28 January 2018	Authors’ notification	Notification aux auteurs	28 janvier 2018
13 May 2018	Papers deadline	Date limite pour la soumission des contributions	13 mai 2018