

# European Public Sector Award – EPSA 2013

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## How to Apply for EPSA 2013?

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- All **European public sector institutions from all levels**, as well as public sector enterprises, agencies or public-private partnerships. The lead applicant – in any case - must be a public sector actor.
- **Application Period**  
25 January 2013 until 12 April 2013 (24hrs)



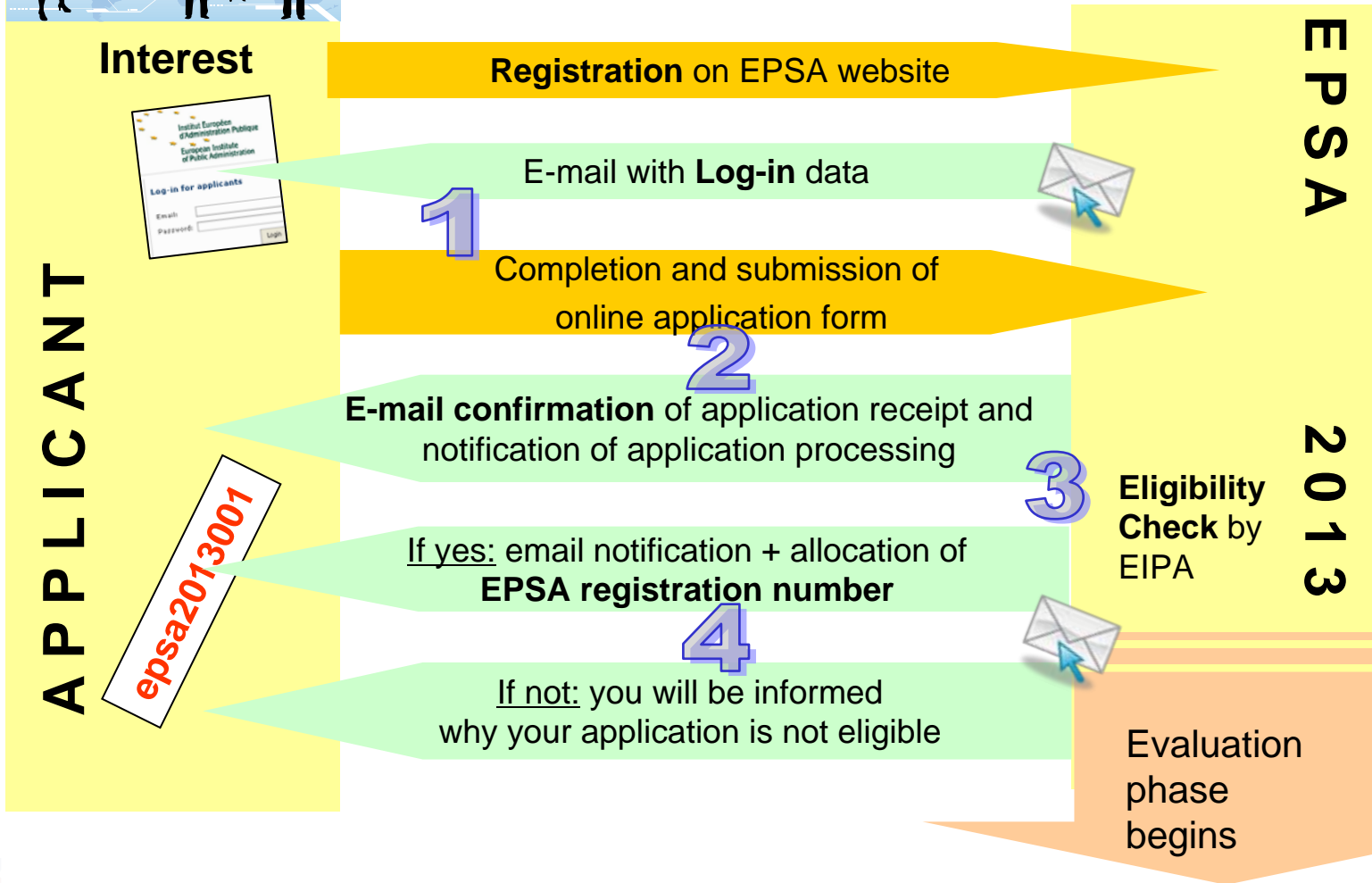
- **European geographical origin** of the application;
- **Compliance with the theme** of the EPSA 2013 competition;
- The **working language** of the EPSA 2013 is English, thus it is strongly recommended to submit projects in English;
- The lead applicant must be a **public sector institution or authority** (other applicants – in consortium for example - can be private, semi-public, NGO or academic);
- The project must have been in operation long enough to have proven **evidence of impact and tangible result**;
- **Completed application form**;
- Confirmation that the application has been submitted (i.e. notification mail) before deadline 24 CET Brussels, 12 April 2013.



- Projects submitted by applicants are encouraged to consider aspects of gender mainstreaming, the use of ICT-enabled solutions and environmental sustainability.
- Those projects benefiting from EU supportive actions such as the European Social Fund (ESF) Administrative Capacity Building priority are especially invited to submit their achievements.
- Previous EPSA participants may re-submit projects from the previous editions (2009 or 2011) on the basis that it includes an intelligent adaptation, up-date and extension of the past practice.



# How to submit an application



# The EPSA 2013 Evaluation Process



## **STEP 4: Jury meeting**

to select and decide on the group of nominees, EPSA winners (one per category) and honorary mentions.

## **STEP 3: Onsite validation visits**

to shortlisted projects for validation and verification purposes.

## **STEP 2: Consensus meeting**

to reach a commonly agreed list of ranked projects per category; to define the best practice certificate recipients; and to agree on top-ranked shortlisted projects for onsite visits.

## **STEP 1: Individual online evaluation**

by each evaluator, in isolation and remotely based. Each project evaluated by three evaluators (triple evaluation).

The *EPSA 2013* team provides a provisional ranking list based on the **total** scores.



1. **Innovation:** i.e. the novelty of the solution, the degree to which the case shows a leap of creativity in the practice of public administration and demonstrates something different that goes beyond what currently exists;
2. **Appropriateness of Actions Taken:** i.e. the extent to which the case demonstrates a serious response appropriate to the economic circumstances of applicant, the scale and nature of the challenges it faces and based on an assessment of its needs and priorities;
3. **Impact/Results:** i.e. the realisation of planned objectives and activities; the illustration of proven evidence of benefits and visible impact and tangible results;
4. **Sustainability:** i.e. that the case shows or describes elements which allow it to be sustained beyond an initial period of the realisation of its objectives and of its activities.



5. **Transferability and Learning Capacity:** i.e. that the case has potential value and lessons learnt to other entities because it provides the potential for successful replication in other contexts; that is stimulates a learning, innovation and self-improvement culture within the entity;
6. **Stakeholder Support:** e.g. evidence of intelligent engagement with civil society, evidence of public consultation, response to consultation, evidence of political support;
7. **Social Equity:** i.e. evidence of consideration and application of social equity issues, e.g. decisions of gender, age, geographical impact;
8. **Effect on economic growth:** i.e. that the case is based on an assessment of the effect of decisions made on future economic recovery: ideally positive but at least not damaging to growth in the medium term.





# Why should you participate in the EPSA 2013?



- Projects showcased, rewarded and benefited from an increased **visibility** at European level;
- Efficient **networking**, practice **exchange** and knowledge **transfer** across Europe;
- External **assessment** of project's potential by an internationally acknowledged pool of experts;
- Show **appreciation** to your employees and partners;
- The online application process is **simple and straightforward** and participation in the competition is **free of charge**;
- The travel and hotel accommodation for the participation of the **EPSA 2013 nominees** in the final event will be **at the expense of EPSA/EIPA**.



# The EPSA Trophy

