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## The municipality's project with municipal guidance of businesses could win prize within the EU

**Hultsfred Municipality's work with municipal guidance of businesses is nominated to an EPSA, European Public Sector Awards prize, and is already now rewarded as a "Best Practice" within the EU. A representative of EPSA visited Hultsfred this Wednesday to evaluate if the project can continue in the competition.**

EPSA is a competition organized by the Maastricht-based European Institute of Public Administration, EIPA, within the public sector in Europe. More than 40 projects within the European Union have already been awarded "Best Practice"-certificates. These projects can then be awarded on a local, supra local, regional, national and international level. The evaluation criteria are among others innovation, sustainability and results reached

"Hultsfred are very committed to improving service to local businesses", says Michael Burnett, Expert, European Public Management and EPSA 2013 Theme Leader. "And the project is backed by the local stakeholders, whom it aims to serve".

The aim of the EPSA visit is to evaluate the Hultsfred project. After the visit, an independent jury of high level experts will decide whether the project will be a nominee to win a prize in the local government sector.

For several years, Hultsfred Municipality has worked to develop a method for municipal guidance of businesses. The aim is to make it easier for companies when they are in contact with the municipality. Hultsfred Municipality is also the chairman of the national Swedish Standards Institute committee, which in January 2013 published a new Swedish standard for municipal guidance of businesses.

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