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European Public Sector Award – EPISA 2013

Weathering the Storm: One global challenge, 230 possible solutions!

After the closure of the call for applications on 24 April, the EPISA Team at EIPA is pleased to announce yet another successful edition with 230 projects received from 26 European countries and EU institutions under the overarching theme "***Weathering the Storm: Creative Solutions in a Time of Crisis***". Together with the cases submitted to the EPISA 2009 and 2011 editions, this represents over 800 cases that will be available in the EPISA eKnowledge Platform to be released by the end of the year.

As a novelty of this 2013 edition, public administrations could submit their projects under three different administrative categories (European/National, Regional and Supra-local and Local). Nearly half of all entries were in the category *Supra-local and Local*, followed by *European/National* and *Regional*. The top submitters were Spain, Poland, Italy, Portugal and Romania respectively.

All eligible applications will now be assessed online by independent experts, who will then meet mid-June in Maastricht for a consensus meeting to agree on a shortlist of projects and the best practice certificate recipients. All applicants who are among this group will be notified at the end of June. Then a number of onsite visits will take place from July to early September to verify the evaluation results and, at the end of September, an international jury consisting of high-level personalities will take the final decision on the nominees as well as the winner per administrative category.

The prize winners and nominees will be presented during a three-day high-level final event and award ceremony in Maastricht (NL) from 25 until 27 November 2013 and all submitters are most welcome to attend this event.

The EPISA 2013 is an award for outstanding administrative performance across all levels of the public sector. For more information, forthcoming news and updates, please consult www.epsa2013.eu

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