

PSG X : Title of the PSG	<b>PSG VI: Governance of public sector organisations</b>
Date of creation	September 6th 2006 – start date of first meeting
Date of renewal	September 2 <sup>nd</sup> 2009 Malta
Names of co-chairs	Study Group chairs are Per Laegreid (University of Bergen), Werner Jann (Universität Potsdam) & Koen Verhoest (Leuven University).
Main objective	The EGPA Study Group on Governance of Public Sector Organizations examines aspects of public sector organizations. Focus is on public sector organizations of different forms (ranging from core governmental units over different kinds of agencies to state-owned companies and governmental foundations and public private partnerships, as well as agencies at supra-governmental level). Central issues under study are the autonomy and control of such organizations, their management, identities, roles, performance and accountability, and their coordination. This will lead to empirical, theoretical and methodological advances in the field.
3 years strategy –executive summary	<p>This program for the EGPA permanent Study Group on the ‘governance of public sector organizations’ is inspired by the observation that new trends and evolutions are changing the practice of the organization of the public sector internationally: specialization within large monolithic bureaucracies results in the establishment of single purpose autonomous agencies, which urge for a stricter coordination of policy sectors and also within governmental levels. The central study object is the ‘public sector organization’, by which we refer to the range of organizational forms from core governmental units - close to cabinet - over different kinds of agencies to state-owned companies and governmental foundations on the border between public and private sector. The public sector organization should be studied in its broader context which encompasses several actors and several governmental levels</p> <p>The following themes were selected for the 2006-2009 period:</p> <p>2006: <a href="#">Coordination of public sector organizations in an era of joined-up government and marketization</a></p> <p>2007: The governance, <a href="#">autonomy and control of the public sector organization in this multi-actor setting</a>.</p> <p>2008: Autonomy, control and coordination of public sector organisations: Effects on organisational and systemic <a href="#">performance</a></p> <p>2009: Reforming Governance of Public Sector Organizations: How Administrative Reforms affects Autonomy, Control and Coordination</p>
PSG Website	<a href="http://soc.kuleuven.be/io/egpa/org/">http://soc.kuleuven.be/io/egpa/org/</a>

PSG Publications

**Publication output PSG Meeting 2006 Milan:**

Jann, W., Laegreid, P., Verhoest, K. (2007). Symposium on coordination of public sector organisations in the era of marketization and joined-up government. *International Review Of Administrative Sciences*, 73(3), 323-424.

Jann, W., Laegreid, P., Verhoest, K. (2007). Numéro spécial sur la coordination des organisations du secteur public à l'ère de la marchandisation et de l'administration décloisonnée. *Revue Internationale Des Sciences Administratives*, 73(3), 355-560.

<http://ras.sagepub.com/content/vol73/issue3/>

**Including 5 articles and one introduction (based on papers presented in the PSG VI)**

Werner Jann, Per Læg Reid, and Koen Verhoest

*Introduction*

*International Review of Administrative Sciences 2007 73: 323-324.*

Koen Verhoest, Geert Bouckaert, and B. Guy Peters

*Janus-faced reorganization: specialization and coordination in four OECD countries in the period 1980—2005*

*International Review of Administrative Sciences 2007 73: 325-348.*

Silvia Olsen

*Fragmentation and coordination in the Scandinavian railway sector*

*International Review of Administrative Sciences 2007 73: 349-364.*

Paola Mattei

*Managerial and political accountability: the widening gap in the organization of welfare*

*International Review of Administrative Sciences 2007 73: 365-387.*

Tom Christensen, Anne Lise Fimreite, and Per Læg Reid

*Reform of the employment and welfare administrations — the challenges of co-coordinating diverse public organizations*

*International Review of Administrative Sciences 2007 73: 389-408.*

Jay Wiggan

*Reforming the United Kingdom's public employment and social security agencies*

*International Review of Administrative Sciences 2007 73: 409-424.*

**Publication output PSG Meeting 2007 Madrid:**

Laegreid, P., Verhoest, K., Jann, W. (2008). Special issue on The Governance, Autonomy and Coordination of Public Sector Organizations. *Public organization review*, 8(2), 93-194.  
<http://www.springerlink.com/content/knh603240543/?p=09dfde808a854ea58f3a62795d7ab658&pi=5>

**With 5 articles (based on papers presented in the PSG VI)**

*The Governance, Autonomy and Coordination of Public Sector Organizations*  
Per Læg Reid, Koen Verhoest and Werner Jann  
93-96

*The Challenge of Coordination in Central Government Organizations: The Norwegian Case*  
Tom Christensen and Per Læg Reid  
97-116

*Central State Steering of Local Collaboration: Assessing the Impact of Tools of Meta-governance in Homelessness Services in England*  
Alice Moseley and Oliver James  
117-136

*Political Influence and Bureaucratic Autonomy*  
Kutsal Yesilkagit and Sandra van Thiel  
137-153

*Autonomy and Regulation of State Agencies: Reinforcement, Indifference or Compensation?*  
Paul G. Roness, Koen Verhoest, Kristin Rubecksen and Muiris MacCarthaigh  
155-174

*Accountability in the Shadow of Hierarchy: The Horizontal Accountability of Agencies*  
Thomas Schillemans  
174-194

**Publication output PSG Meeting 2008 Rotterdam:**

Læg Reid Per and Verhoest Koen (eds), (in preparation) *Governance of Public Sector Organizations –Autonomy, Control and Performance*. (EGPA Palgrave Book Series on Public Administration, Book series Editors: Wim van de Dunk and Kenneth Keraghan). Hampshire: Palgrave Macmillan

**With 14 contributions (based on papers presented in the PSG VI and in collaboration with the Cost Action ISO601 Comparative Research into Current Trends in Public Sector Organization (CRIPO))**

Participation	2006	2007	2008	2009
Number of participants	<b>25</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>?</b>
Number of accepted papers	<b>18</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>20</b>
Number of rejected papers	<b>9</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>20</b>

	2006	2007	2008	2009
Other activities than EGPA Conferences	<p><i>Application for the Cost Action ISO601</i></p> <p><i>Comparative Research into Current Trends in Public Sector Organization (CRIPO)</i></p> <p><i>Strong links with the COBRA network 'Common Public Organisation Data Base for Research &amp; Analysis' which held separate meetings</i></p> <p><i>Updating website of PSG</i></p> <p><i>Replication of COBRA survey in The Netherlands, Hong Kong and Australia</i></p>	<p><i>Launch of the Cost Action ISO601</i></p> <p><i>Comparative Research into Current Trends in Public Sector Organization (CRIPO) in March 2007 in Leuven</i></p> <p><i>Second COST-CRIPO meeting in Madrid INAP (adjacent to the PSG meeting)</i></p> <p><i>Updating website of PSG</i></p>	<p><i>Third COST-CRIPO meeting in Utrecht June 2008</i></p> <p><i>Preparatory case study meeting of COST-CRIPO in Rotterdam in September 2008 (adjacent to the PSG meeting)</i></p> <p><i>PhD Training School of COST CRIPO in Leuven in October 2008</i></p> <p><i>Updating website of PSG</i></p> <p><i>Replication of COBRA survey in Ireland, Germany, Sweden</i></p>	<p><i>Fourth COST-CRIPO meeting in Brussels April 2009 – High Level Seminar on Agencies</i></p> <p><i>COST-CRIPO meeting in Malta (adjacent to the PSG Meeting)</i></p> <p><i>Updating website of PSG</i></p> <p><i>Replication of COBRA survey in Austria, Switzerland, Denmark, and other countries</i></p>