



# ReSPA

Regional School  
of Public Administration

## Fourth Meeting of the PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION REFORM (PAR) NETWORK

17 – 18 September 2015, Igalo (Montenegro)

Provisional Programme



## Background

The Public Administration Reform (PAR) Network assembles the senior managers for PAR in Western Balkans governments and middle management representatives involved in the various specific segments of the process of development and implementation of PAR strategies. The PAR Network is recognised a particular forum for exchange of knowledge and experience among the ReSPA members in the area of PAR. It is established in June 2014 by ReSPA and already had three meetings. The first one was in Tirana (Albania), second meeting was in January 2015 in Sarajevo (B&H), and the third meeting was in May 2015 in Ohrid (Macedonia). This fourth meeting will be held in Igalo (Montenegro).

## Objectives

ReSPA is going to complete implementation of the on-going EU Grant by the end of November 2015. Initial discussion and exchange with EU Commission (DG NEAR, A3 - Thematic Support) has been introduced earlier this year in order to ensure preparation of the new Grant timely. At the last Governing board meeting at the level of senior official representatives (July, 2015), EC partners have informed the Board on the progress in development of the Action document and consultations conducted with EU Members and National IPA Coordinators.

In order to ensure ownership and strategic guidance in ReSPA development and as a part of the decision making process at ReSPA there is a need to ensure wider stakeholders' consultation on key strategic and programming framework for the ReSPA development, more specifically on the ReSPA Strategy framework and its programming documents: EU Grant and Programme of Work, before its deliberation at the Ministerial Governing Board meeting (which is planned for 11 November 2015).

This meeting has objective:

1. To inform members of the PAR Network on the ReSPA draft Strategy framework for 2016 – 2018. In order to provide the medium term to long term planning of ReSPA activities, it seemed reasonable to prepare a strategic document covering the period of the next three years.
2. To review EU perspective on ReSPAs' focus over the next two years reflected in the EU Grant Action document and to discuss how ReSPA might respond to these expectations and support its Members in European Integration and PAR advancement over the next two years Grant period.
3. To inform members of the PAR Network on the Draft Programme of Work for EC Grant implementation and to get stakeholders' feedback in particular with reference to the priorities and Members' need.
4. To inform the PAR Network on the activities implemented in the period May – September in the thematic fields covered by ReSPA Working Groups, as well as to get inputs for the remaining activities envisaged in the Programme of Work 2015.

## Summary

In order to enable synergies between ReSPA bodies and to upgrade discussion on strategic and programming documents of ReSPA, the fourth meeting of the ReSPA PAR Network is organised back to back with the meeting of the ReSPA European Integration Programme Committee (EUI PC). Prior to the adoption of the relevant documents by the ReSPA Governing Board there is a need to enable the two bodies to provide their comments, suggestions and inputs to upgrade their quality.

During the first day of the PAR Network meeting, chaired by the Director of ReSPA, only a group of senior managers - State secretaries for Public Administration or their equivalents from the PAR Network (one per country) will have a joint meeting with EUI Committee (which is composed of one representative per country). All members of PAR Network will join them at the dinner.

Another specific feature is that for the first time the PAR Network meeting will be devoted to reporting of the work of ReSPA Working Groups, their activities and achievements in period May-September 2015 and planned activities envisaged by the end of 2015. Therefore, additional participants – representatives of ReSPA Working Groups will contribute to the meeting.

## AGENDA (Event venue: Hotel "Palmon Bay", Igalo MNE)

### I Day - Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> September 2015

#### Joint meeting of EUI Programme Committee and Higher representatives of PAR Network

- 16.00 – 16.15 **Registration**
- 16.15 – 17.00 **Key address**
- Ratio and objectives of the meeting, *Mr. Suad Music*, ReSPA Director
  - Regional cooperation through ReSPA from EU integration perspective (opportunities and challenges) *Amb. Aleksandar Andrija Pejovic*, Secretary of State - Chief Negotiator, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and European Integration of Montenegro and Chair of the EUI PC
  - Regional cooperation in PAR through ReSPA (opportunities and challenges), *Ms. Jadranka Vojinovic*, State Secretary, Ministry of Interior Montenegro and Chair of the PAR Special Group on behalf of Montenegro
- 17.00 – 17.10 **Adoption of the Agenda**
- 17.10 – 18.00 **Draft ReSPA Strategy Framework for 2016 – 2018**
- *Strategy Framework for ReSPA development 2016-2018* (draft will be circulated to the PC and PAR Network by 10 September 2015) presented by the ReSPA Secretariat
  - Discussion and inputs by the EUI PC and Higher representatives of PAR Network
- 18.00 – 18.15 **Coffee break**
- 18.15 – 19.15 **EU perspective on the ReSPA activities 2016/2017 (Action and description documents for the EU Grant to ReSPA 2016/2017 including the Draft Programme of Work)**
- *Grounds for the new EU Grant to ReSPA 2016/2017 - EU perspective on ReSPA activities 2016/2017* - Document will be circulated to the PC and PAR Network by 10 September 2015
  - Presentation by the ReSPA Secretariat
  - Discussion and inputs by the EUI PC and Higher representatives of PAR Network
- 19.15 – 19.45 **Draft ReSPA Presidency Concept and RePAN**
- Presentation by Tony Bass, QPS Team Leader
  - Discussion and inputs by the EUI PC and Higher representatives of PAR Network
- 20.00 - 21.30 **Social event – Joint diner of all members of PAR Network with EUI Committee members**

## II Day - Friday, 18 September 2015, (PAR Network members)

- 09.00 – 09.15 **Key address**
- Ratio and objectives of the meeting, ReSPA Secretariat
- 09.15 – 09.20 **Adoption of the Agenda**
- 09.20– 10.30 **Information on the results of the joint meeting of EUI Programme Committee and higher representatives of PAR Network** (PAR State Secretaries or their equivalents) held on 17<sup>th</sup> of September provided by ReSPA Secretariat and *Jadranka Vojinovic*, State Secretary of the Ministry of Interior of Montenegro
- Discussion and inputs by the PAR Network
- 10.30 – 11.00 **Coffee break**
- 11.00 – 12.00 **ReSPA activities 2016-2017 (Action and description documents for the EU Grant to ReSPA 2016-2017 including the Draft Programme of Work)**
- Grounds for the new EU Grant to ReSPA 2016-2017 and ReSPA biennial Programme of Work 2016-2017
  - Presentations of particular segments of PoW by the ReSPA Secretariat
  - Discussion and inputs by the PAR Network
- 12.00 – 13.30 **Information on the implemented activities from the Programme of Work 2015 and discussion on remaining activities**
- Presentation by the representatives of ReSPA Working Groups:**
- General Administrative Procedure and Administrative Justice – *Marija Lukic and Danijela Nedeljkovic Vukcevic*, WG representatives
  - Ethics and Integrity – *tbc*, WG representative
  - e-Government – *tbc*, WG representative
  - Human Resource Management - *tbc*, WG representative
  - Public-Private Partnerships – *tbc*, WG representative
  - Quality management - *tbc*, WG representative
  - Public procurement – *Nand Shani*, ReSPA
  - SEE 2020 Strategy– *Nand Shani*, ReSPA
  - Better Regulation– *Zorana Gajic*, ReSPA
  - Discussion and inputs by the PAR Network
- 13.30 - 13.45 **AOB and Conclusions**
- 13.45 - 15.30 **Lunch and departure of participants**