



ReSPA

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Preliminary Agenda

**EtoOpen Government in WB countries Comparative Study
and ReSPA PoW 2016-17**

PPP & eGov WGs

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Danilovgrad, Montenegro

Background

In 2013 ReSPA has published Regional Comparative eGovernment Study¹ to support the current process and trends in Europe to learn about eGovernment, especially about its potentials, weaknesses/bottlenecks and future development in the Western Balkan region. Two years later, in 2015 ReSPA has just finalised another comparative study of lessons learned from recent developments in implementation of Public Private Partnership (hereinafter referred to as the “PPP”) projects in Western Balkans region. Both eGovernment and PPP have been very important thematic areas of ReSPA work during the last few years.

ReSPA objective which has been tackled with the work in eGovernment thematic area is to strengthen regional co-operation in deploying eGovernment to build trust and collaboration across government and with end users. An effective cooperation and collaboration across national, regional and local institutions is the crucial precondition to develop sound and transparent national PPP systems in each Western Balkan country where ReSPA is providing contribution with its work in PPP thematic area.

The entire eGovernment thematic area with the proposed ReSPA activities is linked with the SEE 2020 (5th pillar) and EU PAR principles i.e. SIGMA (more precisely, 4 Accountability principles which are related to anti-corruption efforts and 5.3 Mechanism for ensuring the quality of public service are in place) and SEE 2020 (2.3 Combating corruption through eGovernment in SEE, 2.4 e-Governance Model for SEE Local Governments, 4.4 e-Academy for Local Governments and PAR exchange platform).

The ReSPA activities in the domain of PPP are closely linked with the PAR Principles (Public Financial Management) and with the SEE 2020 strategy (1.3 Reinforcing consultations and public private dialogue in SEE).

Objectives

The meeting is designed to facilitate both eGovernment and PPP working groups in identification of common topics and training needs as well as future activities to be addressed by ReSPA during upcoming years 2016-2017.

Content

The structure of the meeting is designed as cooperation platform for both working groups to share with opportunities of common interventions and activities to be planned for upcoming

¹ Available on internet at <http://www.respaweb.eu/download/doc/Regional+comparative+eGov+study+-+web.pdf/dfab3d5a78e0d10e9a6a80827e36a277.pdf>

years 2016-2017 as well as to increase awareness of the PPP practicalities in the Western Balkans.

The target group

Working group of eGovernment is a mature network of professionals what has emerged from the eGovernment network more than three years ago. It is composed of senior professionals and decision makers who have exceptional experience and knowledge therefore it is envisaged to sustain a group of core members who may during consultative meetings with the PAR network and EU Programming Committee conclude and design strategic objectives of the eGovernment working group. The members of the Working Group are composed of senior practitioners.

Working group of PPP was founded in 2014 from the practitioners working in public administration responsible for investments planning and policy of public service delivery, for development and implementation of PPP projects. The majority of representatives are employed in PPP Units, responsible for promotion and implementation of PPP in their respective countries.

Both working groups have had successful joint activities during the last ReSPA activities and continue their cooperation while preparing for the upcoming activities of the year 2016.

DRAFT AGENDA

Thursday, 22nd October 2015

- 9.00 - 9.15 Introductory words
ReSPA - Goran Pastrovic, Programme Manager
- 9.15 – 10:30 **I)** Review of ReSPA Programme of work for 2016 – 2017

Brainstorming on interventions and activities for the next ReSPA programming period based on the PPP comparative study and SIGMA recommendations.

Goran Pastrovic and Nand Shani, Programme Managers
- 10.30 – 11:15 **II)** Joint meeting with the eGovernment group discussing about future cooperation and joint activities

Goran Pastrovic and Nand Shani, Programme Managers with the support of Dalia Dubovske, *PPP expert and Jeremy Millard eGovernment expert.*
- 11.15 11:30 Coffee break**
- 11:30 – 12:30 **III)** Recent developments in implementation of PPP projects in Western Balkans region

Presentation of the summary and the main conclusions of the PPP comparative study of WB countries.

Presenter: Dalia Dubovske, lead review expert of the PPP comparative study
- 12.30 -13.30 Lunch break**
- 13.30 – 14.00 **IV)** Presentation – Study findings and recommendations in regard to EU PAR principles

Presentation of the findings of the study in regard to country alignment to EU PAR principles and how study findings can support related processes

Presenter: Dalia Dubovske, lead review expert of the PPP comparative study
- 14:00 – 14:15 *Discussion*
- 15.00 *Discussion and wrap – up of the meeting*
- 15.15 End of the meeting