



Good Governance Through Participative Democracy and Client Oriented Public Administration 19-20 April 2012

<u>ReSPA 6 Annual Conference: Good Governance through Participative Democracy and Client</u> <u>Oriented Public Administration</u>

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The Regional School of Public Administration (ReSPA) is organizing its 6th Annual Conference, with the theme "Good Governance through Participative Democracy and Client Oriented Public Administration, on 19-20th of April, in Danilovgrad, Montenegro.

On the occasion, Ministers from Croatia, Montenegro and Macedonia, in charge of the ministries of public administration reform implementation as well as high officials from DG Enlargement and the European Commission will be present and deliver opening remarks. The event will be attended by the Public Administration Institution representatives of Western Balkan countries, European Union, representatives of foreign missions accredited in Montenegro, international organizations, and civil society dealing with issues related to the Public Administration Reform and Good Governance.

The main objective of this conference is to raise awareness on the changing mode of the Governance over the last decades in the Western Balkans influenced by globalization and the need to adjust to international economic, social and technological development. It will also discuss the increasing lack of confidence among the citizens with regards to the functions of the government and the quality of the services that Public Administration provides.

The Programme on Client Oriented Public Administration will be promoted and a platform with discussions dedicated to the basic principles of Democracy and Good Governance (participation, openness, transparency, accountability) will be initiated.

6th ReSPA Annual Conference with its holistic approach in the sphere of PA thematic areas will try to tackle different national *(WB countries)* and EU public administration systems and division of problems which occur out of it as a consequence of non adequate communication and lack of interconnection with the different target audiences. It will also try to underpin the best practices evolved in the European Union and in ReSPA member countries and 'Kosovo*', as a response to latter mentioned problems in PA institutions.

The conference will have a plenary session devoted to high-level speakers and Panel discussions with the opportunity to exchange opinions between the speakers and the Conference audience.

In addition to opening remarks, ministers will be available for press point statements from 10.30-11.00 am. We kindly invite all the media to follow the event.

ReSPA is a joint Initiative of European Union and the Western Balkan countries working towards fostering and strengthening the regional cooperation in the field of public administration among its Member States. It





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seeks to offer excellent innovative and creative training events, networking activities, capacity building and consulting services to ensure that the shared values of respect, tolerance, collaboration and integration are reaffirmed and implemented throughout the public administrations in the region.

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