

Dear colleagues, we are happy to share with you the **second newsletter** of the FP7 research project **LIPSE: Learning from Innovation in Public Sector Environments**. LIPSE is an EU-funded project advancing the research agenda on the drivers and barriers of successful social innovation in the public sector. With a budget of €2.5 Million—funded by the 7th Framework Programme of the European Union—it is one of the largest projects on social innovation in the public sector. The research is being conducted by EU researchers from 12 different universities in 11 countries. For more information on LIPSE, please visit our website www.lipse.org and follow us on **Facebook** and **Twitter** @eulipse.

2014 IRSPM: Several LIPSE researchers travelled to Ottawa, Canada in March to participate in the 2014 annual conference of the **International Research Society for Public Management (IRSPM)**, where many presented their work in the **permanent study group on public sector innovation and change** (chaired by Victor Bekkers and Richard Walker).

Our own **Lars Tummers** (Erasmus) and **Mila Gascó** (ESADE) also co-chaired a panel entitled “**New directions in public leadership, innovation and change research**” along with Monty Van Mart and Lotte Bøgh Andersen. Mila Gascó and **Tamyko Ysa’s** paper “**Public leadership: bridging the divide between politicians and managers for innovation**”—co-authored with Vicenta Sierra—was presented at this panel.

LIPSE coordinators **Victor Bekkers** and **Lars Tummers**, as well as **Hanna de Vries** (Erasmus) presented their **systematic review of innovations in the public sector**. They provided an overview of what we already know about public innovation and offered their take on the **future research agenda**. De Vries will present this paper again at the Public and Political Leadership conference on May 16th. Jose Nederhand, **Victor Bekkers** and **William Voorberg** (Erasmus) also presented their recent paper on “**Self-organization and the role of government: how and why does self-organization evolve in the shadow of hierarchy?**”

We are sorry to communicate that Mrs. Lucica Matei passed away on March 16th. On behalf of the LIPSE team, we extend our heartfelt condolences to her family and friends. We will remember her with fondness and admiration for her great contributions to the study of public administration in Romania.

Already showing us some of LIPSE’s progress so far, **Sanne Grotenbreg** and **Erik-Hans Klijn** (both from Erasmus) also presented their paper on “**the influence of trust on innovative outcomes in Public Private Partnerships**”. And lastly, **Jenny Lewis** (Melbourne) and **Lykke Ricard** (Roskilde) presented one paper on how **formal and informal structures** affect public sector organization’s capacity to innovate and another on the link between **leadership and innovation** as drivers of innovation. Continuing the topic of networks, **Susanna Salvador-i-Iborra**, **Angel Saz-Carranza** and **Adria Albareda Sanz** (ESADE) presented a paper entitled “**At the core of networks, collaboration and coproduction: interdependence in public management**” in the panel on *Network Theory in the Public Sector*.

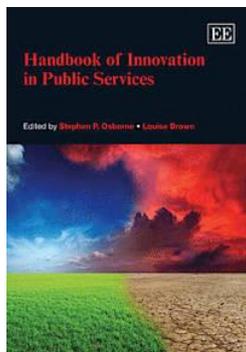
Find these papers here: www.lipse.org/downloads.

Upcoming events Keep an eye out for the following events, where you can meet some of the LIPSE partners:

- **May 22nd, 2014.** The NISPAcee Annual Conference on **Government vs. Governance in Central and Eastern Europe** will be held in Budapest, Hungary.
- **June 4th, 2014.** The 14th annual EURAM conference will take place in Valencia, Spain.
- **July 3rd, 2014.** The 30th EGOS Colloquium will be held at the Erasmus University, Rotterdam.
- **September 3rd, 2014.** The ECPR General Conference will take place at the University of Glasgow, Scotland.
- **September 10th, 2014.** The EGPA Annual Conference will be held in Speyer, Germany from 10-12 September 2014. The LIPSE team will present its first results in the study group on **public sector innovation, technology and governance**, chaired by **Rainer Kattel** (Tallinn).

Book recommendation:

Osborne, S. P., & Brown, L. (Eds.). (2013). *Handbook of Innovation in Public Services*. Edward Elgar Publishing.



We highly recommend you check out the *Handbook of Innovation in Public Services*, edited by LIPSE researcher Stephen Osborne from Edinburgh University and colleague Louise Brown from the University of Bath, UK.

In this edited book, “leading researchers from across the globe review the state-of-the-art in research on innovation in public services, providing an overview of key issues from a multi-disciplinary perspective.” Some of the topics explored in the book’s chapters are the context for innovation in public services and public service reform, the challenges of managerial change, the adoption of ICT and e-government, and how collaboration and networks can spur public innovation.

Other publications on public sector innovation by LIPSE partners:

The **Public Management Review’s** most recent volume includes three special issues on innovation and co-production in public services:

1. Public Management Review special issue on **innovation in public services**: Volume 16, Issues 1 and 2 (co-edited by Stephen Osborne, Richard Walker and Louise Brown).
2. Public Management Review special issue on **co-production and public services**: Volume 16, Issue 3.

Look these up here:

http://www.tandfonline.com/loi/rpxm20?open=16&repititon=0#vol_16

Another recent article from our colleagues in Matej Bel University is:

Orviská, M., Nemeč J., Hudson J. (2013). Standardisation and the European Standard Organisations. *Central European Journal of Public Policy*, 7(2), 36-59.

Other recent research on public and social innovation:

Fellow FP7 Project **WILCO** “Welfare Innovations at the Local Level in Favour of Cohesion” held its closing conference in January 2014. The final report, produced by LIPSE member **Taco Brandsen** (Radboud University), is now available for download here: http://www.wilcoproject.eu/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/WILCO-final-report_final.pdf. The report outlines findings with regards to emerging social welfare innovations, social exclusion and vulnerability and urban welfare governance. It draws conclusions about sustainability and diffusion of social innovations and makes recommendations for EU-funded research on social innovation.

Call for Papers

Social Innovation Research Conference (SIRC):

Innovations in public and social policy and in public services delivery - policy and management perspectives on reforming the delivery of public services

The SIRC will be hosted by the School of **International Affairs and Public Affairs, Fudan University**, Shanghai, China on **21st – 22nd May 2015**.

Abstracts should be submitted by **1st November 2014**. For the complete call for papers, contact lipse@hertie-school.org.

Progress update on the LIPSE research agenda.

The LIPSE team's is organized in seven work packages: 1. [The innovation capacity of public sector environments](#), 2. [Co-creation and citizen involvement in social innovation](#), 3. [Mapping and analyzing the recommendations of ombudsmen, audit offices and others](#), 4. [Risk-definition and risk governance in social innovation processes](#), 5. [Adoption, diffusion and up-scaling of ICT driven innovations](#), 6. [Public sector innovation indicators](#), and 7. [Future trends and scenarios](#). For more information on all work packages, visit <http://lipse.org/work-packages>.

WP1: Innovation environments and innovation capacity. The fieldwork for WP1 is progressing well; three partners have completed surveys of innovation networks within the municipalities. Two papers on the first results from Copenhagen were presented by Jenny Lewis and Lykke Ricard at the IRSPM conference in Ottawa, and Tamyko Ysa presented some early results for Barcelona. Lewis and Ricard are presenting a paper on networks in Copenhagen municipality at the TAD in Lugano in June. For more information on the WP1 research, contact Jenny Lewis (jmlewis@unimelb.edu.au).

WP 2: Co-creation and co-production during social innovation. The WP2 researchers are currently conducting case studies on the role of co-creation in welfare service provision and urban regeneration. Almost all partners have completed the interview-phase of these case studies. The first article for this work package, entitled "A Systematic Review of Co-creation & Co-production: Embarking on the Social Innovation Journey" (Voorberg, Bekkers & Tummers) has been accepted for publication in the Public Management Review. Voorberg, Bekkers and Tummers also presented the first results of two Dutch case studies at the IRSPM conference in Ottawa, Canada. For more information, please contact Lars Tummers (Tummers@fsw.eur.nl).

WP 3: Mapping and analyzing the recommendations of ombudsmen & audit offices. The WP3 researchers are currently finalizing a questionnaire to collect data on the survival and dissemination of innovations, as well as organizations' feedback, accountability and learning culture. The survey will be carried out in June 2014. In parallel, they are working on their case selection for the analysis of performance audits and ombudsman reports. Contact: Wout Frees (Wout.Frees@soc.kuleuven.be)

WP 4: Risk-definition and risk governance in social innovation processes. The WP4 team is now beginning an exploratory survey of approaches to risk and social innovation across its four national research sites. The initial analysis of this data will be presented at the EGPA conference in September and a broader analysis of the overall WP at the next LIPSE conference in February in Leuven. For more information on WP4, please contact Stephen Osborne (osborne@ed.ac.uk).

WP6: Public sector innovation indicators. The WP 6 team is currently conducting a real-time participation observation in the city of Tallinn to map both the organisational structures and informal processes connected to innovation practises in public organisations. The data will be used to select cases—retrospective and in real-time—for the measurement of public sector innovation. Beginning this autumn, different measurement forms will be tested in accordance with the case protocol finalized at the moment. For more information on WP6, contact Rainer Kattel (rainer.kattel@ttu.ee).

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