

7TH EUROPEAN QUALITY CONFERENCE

“Towards Responsible Public Administration”

3-4 October 2013

Vilnius

CONTEXT OF THE 7TH EUROPEAN QUALITY CONFERENCE: The European Public Administration Network (EUPAN) established a tradition of stimulating the quality dynamic in public administrations. After previous conferences in Portugal (2000), Denmark (2002), The Netherlands (2004), Finland (2006), France (2008) and Poland (2011), the upcoming Lithuanian Presidency of the EU – together with EUPAN and the European Institute of Public Administration (EIPA) – will organise the 7th European Quality Conference in October this year.

THEME OF THE CONFERENCE: The economic crisis has affected public administrations' behaviour and has forced them to look for new ways and methods of being more efficient, whilst at the same time being able to meet the increasingly changing public needs and expectations. These challenges require public administrations to develop a responsible approach to all aspects of their functioning. ***“Responsible public administration”*** will therefore be the key message of this 7th European Conference. The topic will cover issues such as openness and transparency of public administrations, active citizens' involvement in public governance processes, participation and collaboration with social partners, efficient and smart use of resources, accountability and responsiveness of public administrations and civil servants.

PURPOSE OF THE CONFERENCE: This two-day conference will be a unique platform for European public sector organisations to share their good practices and experiences. Inspired by state-of-the-art keynote speakers presenting key issues in public administration modernisation, the discussion among the participants will be centred on how to tackle common challenges in creating a responsible public administration.

TARGET GROUP: The conference will bring together members of the European Public Administration Network (EUPAN), other representatives from the Member States, candidate countries and Lithuanian authorities, public management practitioners, researchers and members of the academic community.

WORKING LANGUAGE: The conference will be held in English and Lithuanian. Simultaneous interpretation will be available during the plenary sessions.

PARTICIPATION FEE: Participation in the conference is free of charge.

VENUE: Lithuanian Exhibition and Congress Centre, Laisvės avenue 5, Vilnius, Lithuania.

ORGANISERS OF THE CONFERENCE: The Ministry of the Interior of the Republic of Lithuania, the European Public Administration Network (EUPAN) and the European Institute of Public Administration (EIPA).

