

CENTER FOR PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

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The Center for Public Administration (former Department of Public Administration) is one of the first five departments that New Bulgarian University established in 1992. The department initiated Public Administration training in Bulgaria. It developed the first Bulgarian educational program in Public Administration with the support of foreign experts, originally on master's level. Ever since it has been in the forefront developing modern bachelor and master programs in the field of public administration. The department is one of the founders and member of the Network of Institutions and Schools of Public Administration in Central and Eastern Europe (NISPAcee), Bratislava, Slovak Republic. In the beginning of 1997 the department became National section for Bulgaria of the International Institute of Administrative Sciences (Brussels, Belgium).

The educational philosophy of the Center is oriented to provision and support of untraditional teaching methods, through active student participation in the educational process. The students in Public Administration attend practical trainings during their studies, including at CPA and NBU. The priorities in CPA's activity are the provision of continuous and sustainable academic and professional cooperation with the citizens and with the public institutions in the country, allowing for identification of the changes in the public needs and requirements; establishment of a network, uniting institutes, schools and centers, providing Public Administration training in Bulgaria and its joining the already existing international networks in this sphere, in particular those from the region of the Balkan peninsula, for the effective organization of the educational process.

The research and consultancy work of CPA is in the fields of:

- Public sector management,
- Regional development,
- Local self-government and division of responsibilities among levels of government,
- Urban studies,
- Corruption and anti-corruption
- Crisis management and security policy and administration

The CPA at NBU places a special thematic focus on the joint work with the Centre for the Study of Risk and Security (CSRS) in research on: crisis management, organized crime, anti-terrorism, police administration, etc.

Recent projects implemented by the Centre for Public Administration

Period	Name of the Project	Financed by/Assigned by	Partners
2007 – 2009	<i>Capacity Development of Enterprises in the Area of Corporative Social Responsibility</i>	Life Long Learning "Leonardo da Vinci" Program of EU	SCEM – Tours, FR; MAC-Team, Bruxelles, BE, Balkan Institute for Labor and Social Policy, Sofia, BG; RH SansFrontieres, Paris, FR; Escola de Gestao e Negocios da Universidade Autonoma de Lisboa, PT; APG, Lisboa, PT; University of Craiova, Craiova, RO.
July – November 2007	<i>"Elaboration of Variants of Services which could be Provided Most Efficiently at the Second Level of Self Government in Bulgaria" – analytical report</i>	Administration of the Council of Ministers	Institute for Economic Policy and Foundation for Local Government Reform
2007	<i>International Conference "European City: Urbanization and Architecture, Security and Finance"</i>	Sofia City Municipality	European Commission, EU Forum for Security, Paris; National Association of Municipal Clerks in Bulgaria; International Association for Sustainable Development of Mediterranean Region, Athens; Representatives from public and private sector from Belgium, Great Britain, Greece, Macedonia, Hungary,

			France, Bulgaria etc.
2006 - 2008	<i>Training of Civil Servants in:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Organization of Administrative Activities and the Processes</i> • <i>Management of Administration</i> • <i>EU Administrative Practice</i> 	Ministry of State Administration and Administrative Reform	Sofia University "St. Kliment Ochridski"
2006	Translation, publishing and dissemination of EIPA surveys: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>"Are Civil Servants Different Because They Are Civil Servants? Who Are the Civil Servants and How?" by Christoph Demmke</i> • <i>"Public Administrations and Services of General Interest: What Kind of Europeanisation?"</i>, ed. Michel Mangenot 	NISPAcee	NISPAcee, EIPA
2004 – 2006	<i>"Europeanisation of Public Administration Competences through Training II" (e-pact)</i>	"Leonardo da Vinci" Program, EC	Vilnius University, LT; Institute of Public Administration, Kielce PL; National School of Political Studies and Public Administration, Bucharest RO; Universidad Rey Juan Carlos, Madrid ES; University of Iceland, Reykjavik IS
2003 – 2006	<i>Capacity Building at New Bulgarian University</i>	US State Department	California State Polytechnic University, Pomona & California State University, San Bernardino, NAMRB
2003	Translation, publishing and dissemination of EIPA survey <i>"Civil Services in the Accession States: New Trends and the Impact of the Integration Process"</i> by Danielle Bossaert and Christoph Demmke	NISPAcee	NISPAcee, EIPA

Below are links to some of our partners:

NISPAcee (Network of Institutions and Schools of Public Administration in Central and Eastern Europe)

EIPA (European Institute of Public Administration)

RSA (Regional Studies Association)

California State Polytechnic University, Pomona

California State University, San Bernardino

IIAS (International Institute of Administrative Science)

National Association of Municipalities in Republic of Bulgaria (NAMRB)

Ministry of State Administration and Administrative Reform

National Association of Municipal Clerks in Bulgaria