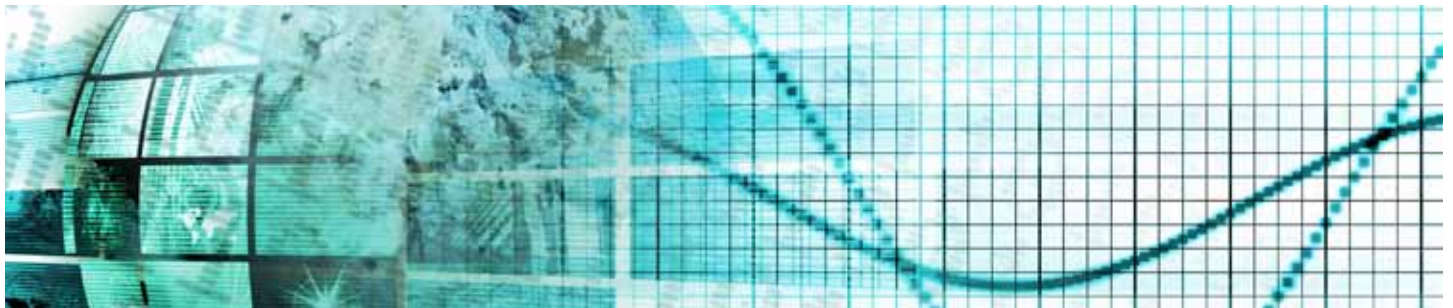
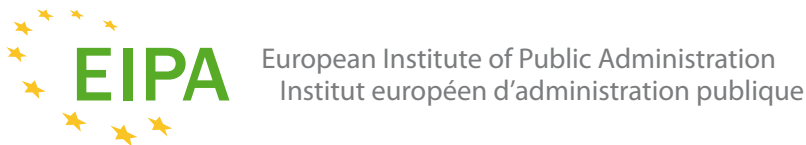


Public Sector Budget Review and Service Reform in a Challenging Economic Climate

Dublin (IE), 5-6 November 2013



Introduction

Target group

This workshop will be of interest to officials in ministries, executive agencies, regional governments, municipalities and other public sector bodies responsible for preparing or reviewing budgets and/or reviewing different means of public service delivery. It will also be of interest to academics, officials in European institutions and agencies, and international organisations.

Description

Making public sector budget choices – always complex for public authorities – continues to be particularly challenging due to the ongoing difficulties in European public finances. Choices made now will often have long-term consequences for public service delivery and the stability of public finances, choices often linked to changes in how public services are delivered. This workshop will consider current best practice regarding what to do and how to do it, using the practical experience of experts, including:

- reviewing options for public service delivery, including decision-making processes, different delivery options, and balancing fiscal sustainability and other policy challenges;
- preparing public sector budgets and making choices about prioritising public expenditure to make best use of limited resources in difficult times.

Learning methodology

The workshop will be based on presentations and case examples, with emphasis on a high level of interactivity. It thus aims to be an excellent platform to exchange experiences in preparing and reviewing budgets and service delivery options.

Objectives

At the end of the workshop participants will have a better understanding of:

- the role of budgeting in public financial management;
- public sector budget preparation processes and techniques, such as zero-based budgeting and performance-based budgeting;
- current challenges in preparing public sector budgets at organisational and activity level;
- how to review and implement options for public service delivery;
- how to conduct budget reviews and service reviews in parallel.

Programme

TUESDAY 5 NOVEMBER 2013

- 09.30 **Welcome to EIPA, the participants and introduction to the workshop**
Michael Burnett, Expert, European Public Management, EIPA, Maastricht (NL)
Tom Fitzgerald, Department of Finance, Dublin and Irish Seconded National Expert, EIPA, Maastricht (NL)
- 10.00 **The Role of Budgeting in Public Financial Management**
• Public service delivery and the role of government
• What is public financial management?
• Importance of budgeting in public financial management
Michael Burnett
- 11.30 Coffee break
- 12.00 **Building Credible Budgets in a Time of Financial Crisis**
Michael Burnett and Tom Fitzgerald
- 13.15 Lunch
- 14.15 **Building Credible Budgets in a Time of Financial Crisis (continued)**
- 15.30 Coffee break
- 16.00 **Transforming Service Delivery in Practice – the Irish Approach Response**
Teresa Leonard, Principal, Department of Social Protection, Dublin (IE)
- 17.30 **End of day 1**

WEDNESDAY 6 NOVEMBER 2013

- 09.30 **Introduction to Day 2**
Michael Burnett
- 09-30 **Setting the context for budgeting challenges in public sector budgeting – An Irish perspective**
Tom Fitzgerald
- 11.00 Coffee break
- 11.15 **Transforming Service Delivery in Practice – the Irish Approach Response**
Fiachra Kennedy, Assistant Principal, Department of Public Expenditure, Dublin (IE)
- 12.45 Lunch
- 13.45 **Practical Budgeting Exercise – Budget Review**
• Part 1 – Introduction to Budget Review (approach to review)
• Part 2 – Working groups – Budget Review
• Part 3 – Feedback from Working groups – Budget Review
Michael Burnett
- 15.00 Coffee break
- 15.15 **Practical Budgeting Exercise – Budget Review (continued)**
- 16.15 **Workshop Evaluation and Feedback**
Michael Burnett and Tom Fitzgerald
- 16.30 **End of the course**

General Information

Programme

The programme will commence on Tuesday at 09.30 and will finish on Wednesday at 16.30.

Venue

The workshop will take place in Lansdowne House, Ballsbridge in Dublin.

Working language

The workshop will be conducted in English.

Fee

The participation fee is €1050 and includes documentation, two lunches and refreshments. Accommodation and travel costs are at the expense of the participants or their administration.

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Meals

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