

European Agencies



Seminar

Fashion or necessity?

EU agencies in between EU institutions and Member States

Maastricht, 14-15 May 2009



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GENERAL INFORMATION

Target group: The seminar is aimed at officials and experts from Member States and from EU institutions working with or at EU agencies. Experts from NGOs and law firms are also welcome to participate. Throughout the seminar there will be ample room for discussion.

Description: This seminar will provide an overview of issues related to (the establishment of) EU agencies. In many areas discussions are going on about creating or (re-)forming EU agencies. Where EU agencies – or agency-type structures – already exist, there are often debates on whether more or less “centralisation” is needed and whether their tasks should be enlarged. Those involved in (re-) negotiations about an EU agency face a range of thorny questions related to political supervision, limits of independence, the role of national authorities, network organisation, the extent of the centralisation of tasks, etc. The seminar will address some of the most pressing issues related to agencies and will cover, among other things, the reasons for creating EU agencies, the advantages of agencies, design issues (regarding efficiency and control), differences between agencies, and the difference between an EU agency and more network-type arrangements. Moreover, we will review practical experience that may be relevant for other policy fields.

Method: The seminar will be organised around presentations by leading experts, workshops to gather experiences of participants, and panel discussions. This approach will offer the possibility to discuss the latest trends and will enable experts and officials involved in different kinds of agency structures to exchange views.

Objective: The objective of our activities on EU agencies is to provide a forum for national officials, EU officials and representatives of EU agencies to discuss the operations of EU agencies and agency-type structures. We will discuss the added value of EU agencies, explore trends in their design and discuss experiences gained with this new EU policy-making instrument.

Organisation: The seminar is part of a series of activities that EIPA organises on EU agencies together with the Law Faculty of the University of Maastricht.

Language: The conference will be conducted in English.

Conference Venue: The conference will take place in the Bordeaux conference room (1.16) at the European Institute of Public Administration, O.L. Vrouweplein 22, NL-6211 HE Maastricht, tel.: +31 43 3296 222, fax: +31 43 3296 296.

Fee: The participation fee is € 900 and includes documentation, 2 lunches, 1 dinner and refreshments. Accommodation and travel costs are at the expense of the participants or their administration.

Hotel: The European Institute of Public Administration will be pleased to make reservations (at a special rate) for you at a hotel in Maastricht. We have made a block booking at hotel Beaumont**** (www.beaumont.nl), at a rate of ca. € 99,77 p.p.n., incl. breakfast and tourist tax. Should you wish to make use of this possibility, please indicate the dates of arrival and departure on the registration form. Payment is to be made directly and personally to the hotel on checking out. Please note that if you register after the closing date, hotel reservations cannot be guaranteed.

Meals: Lunches will take place at the Institute's restaurant. Dinner on Thursday evening will take place at a restaurant in town. Should you require a special menu (e.g. vegetarian, diabetic), please inform the Programme Organiser so that this can be arranged.

Registration: Kindly complete the registration form and return it before the closing date of **10 May 2009** to Ms Dorina Claessens, Programme Organiser, European Institute of Public Administration, P.O. Box 1229, NL-6201 BE Maastricht. Tel.: +31.43.3296246; fax: +31.43.3296296; e-mail: d.claessens@eipa.eu. You can also submit the online registration form: go to www.eipa.eu and scroll down to Forthcoming Seminars and Training Courses.

Confirmation: Confirmation of registration will be forwarded to participants on receipt of the completed registration form.

Payment: Prior payment is a condition for participation. Please indicate the method of payment on the registration form. For cancellations received after the closing date indicated on the registration form we will have to charge an administration fee of € 150 unless a replacement participant is found.



PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

THURSDAY 14 MAY 2009

09.00 **Welcome and Overview of Conference Aims**
Cosimo Monda , Project Leader , Senior Lecturer EIPA

Session I – ‘Agencies – an Introduction’

09.30 **The Agencification of the EU – Are Agencies Something New or ‘More of the Same’?**
Adriaan Schout, Netherlands Institute of International Relations – ‘Clingendael’, The Hague

10.15 **EU Agencies – Types and Legal Aspects**
Cosimo Monda

10.45 Coffee break

11.15 **EU Agencies: Delegation of Powers and Control**
Ellen Vos, Professor of European Union Law, University of Maastricht

12.00 Debate

12.45 Lunch

Session II - EU Agencies: Strengths, Weaknesses and Challenges’

14.15 **Human Resource Management: the Bureaucratic Constraints**
Fabian Pereyra, Head of Human Resources Management, European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drugs Addiction (EMCDDA), Lisbon

15.15. Coffee Break

15.30 **Workshop: ‘EU-agencification: Strengths, Weaknesses and Challenges’**

16.15 **Report back from the Workshop – Discussion**

17.30 End of Day one

20.00 Joint dinner at a restaurant in town

FRIDAY 15 MAY 2009

Session III - ‘Administrative and Political Control’

9.00 **Agencies and the European Commission**
Mario Tenreiro, Head of Unit – Institutional Issues, Secretariat General of the EU Commission, Brussels (invited)

10.00 Coffee Break

10.30 **Agencies and the European Parliament**
Jan Mulder, European Parliament, MEP, Questor, Committee of Budgets , Brussels (invited)

11.15 **Agencies and the European Court of Auditors**
Nadejda Sandolova , Member of European Court of Auditors, Luxembourg

12.15 **Workshop: ‘Keeping Independent Agencies Under Control’**

13.00 Lunch

14.15 **Report back from the Workshop – Discussion**

15.00 **Panel Discussion**
- Jan Mulder
- Fabian Pereyra
- Nadejda Sandolova
- Mario Tenreiro

16.30 Closing Discussion and Evaluation of the Seminar

Registration Form

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Surname: Title:
First name: M / F
Current position:
Organisation:
Department:
Work address:
Postal code & town: Country:
Tel. no. (work) : Fax no.:
E-mail address:

PAYMENTS — 0911201

**The participation fee includes participation in the seminar, documentation,
2 lunches, 1 dinner and beverages**

€ 900

Method of payment

Bank transfer

The participants or their administration will receive an invoice for the payment of the registration fee.
Invoice address (if different from the abovementioned address):

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E-mail:

Credit card

American Express Card

Eurocard/Mastercard

Visa Card

Card no.: Expiry date:/.....

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Note: Pre-payment is a condition for participation. For administrative reasons, a fee of € 150 will be charged for cancellations received after the closing date unless another participant is designated.

HOTEL RESERVATION

Please reserve hotel accommodation for me.

Date of arrival:

Date of departure:

No. of nights:

No hotel reservation required.

MEALS

To all participants 2 lunches and 1 dinner will be served. However, please indicate any special menu

Vegetarian: *yes* -> *fish allowed* *yes* *no*

Other (e.g. diabetic, glutenfree) :

As the number of places is limited, please return the completed registration form **before 24 April 2009** to:

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