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THURSDAY 24 September 2026

**Venue: Crowne Plaza Maastricht
Ruiterij 1, 6221 EW**

09.00 Registration of participants

09.30 Welcome and introduction

Cecilia Wikström; Chair Governing Board, EIPA

Emile Roemer, King's Commissioner of Limburg

09.45 Keynote

Marie Donnay, Director, Reform and Investment Task Force (SG REFORM), European Commission

10.00 Panel 1: Driving Competitiveness through Reforms and Investments

Marie Donnay, Director, Reform and Investment Task Force (SG REFORM), European Commission

Daniel Gerson, Senior Advisor, Office of the Director of Public Governance, OECD

Judit Rozsa, Director, Reform and Investment Task Force (SG REFORM), European Commission

Trevor Vaughn, EPJA Jury Member, Transformation Policy Design Lead, Ireland's Department of Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation

Thomas Wobben, Director for Legislative Works, European Committee of the Regions

Moderator: Claudio Matera, Deputy-Director General, EIPA

10.45 Coffee break

11.15 Panel 2: Governing by the Numbers: Areas and Challenges of Data-driven Administration

Kjartan Björnsson, Head of Unit, Governance and Public Administration, SG REFORM, European Commission

Aristeidis Meletiou, Director General of General Directorate of Informatics and Communications Infrastructure at Ministry of Digital Governance, Greece

Gianluca Misuraca, CEO & Founder, Inspiring Futures Europe / Scientific Director, AI4Gov-X / Coordinator of the European AI Skills Academy (AISHA)

Kathleen Torrance, EPJA Jury Member, Programme Manager, Rijks Innovatie Community

Moderator: Tihana Puzic, Head of the European CAF Resource Centre, EIPA

12.00 Lunch break

14.00 EPSA 2025-26 Award Sessions

14.10 Special Recognitions: Honouring Long-Term Impact and Adaptability

Danielle Bossaert, EPSA Steering Committee Member, Head of International Relations in the Ministry of the Civil Service, Luxembourg

Kjartan Björnsson, Head of Unit, Governance and Public Administration, SG REFORM, European Commission

Giulietta Marani, EPSA Evaluator, Programme Director and Manager, ICTU

14.40 Good Practice Certificates: Trends and Achievements

Pavlina Stoykova, Head of Resource Mobilisation, Deputy Programme Director, EIPA

Menno Spaan, EPSA Evaluator, Public Administration Expert, Haagse Beek organisatieadvies

Christoph Klika, Expert EU Policy Making, EPSA Project Manager, EIPA

Eva Sejrek-Tunke, EPSA Evaluator, Member of Executive Group for Organisation and Security, City of Vienna

Marco Lopriore, Senior Expert, EIPA

Alessandro Valenza, EPSA Evaluator, Senior Policy Analyst, Evaluation Expert & Lecturer Italian National School of Public Administration (SNA)

15.20 Winners: Excellence in Public Sector Innovation

Judit Rozsa, Director, Reform and Investment Task Force (SG REFORM), European Commission

Claudio Matera, Deputy-Director General, EIPA

Frans van Dongen, EPSA Jury Member, Advisor Innovation and Public Performance

16.00 Celebratory reception & Photo session

17.00 End of event