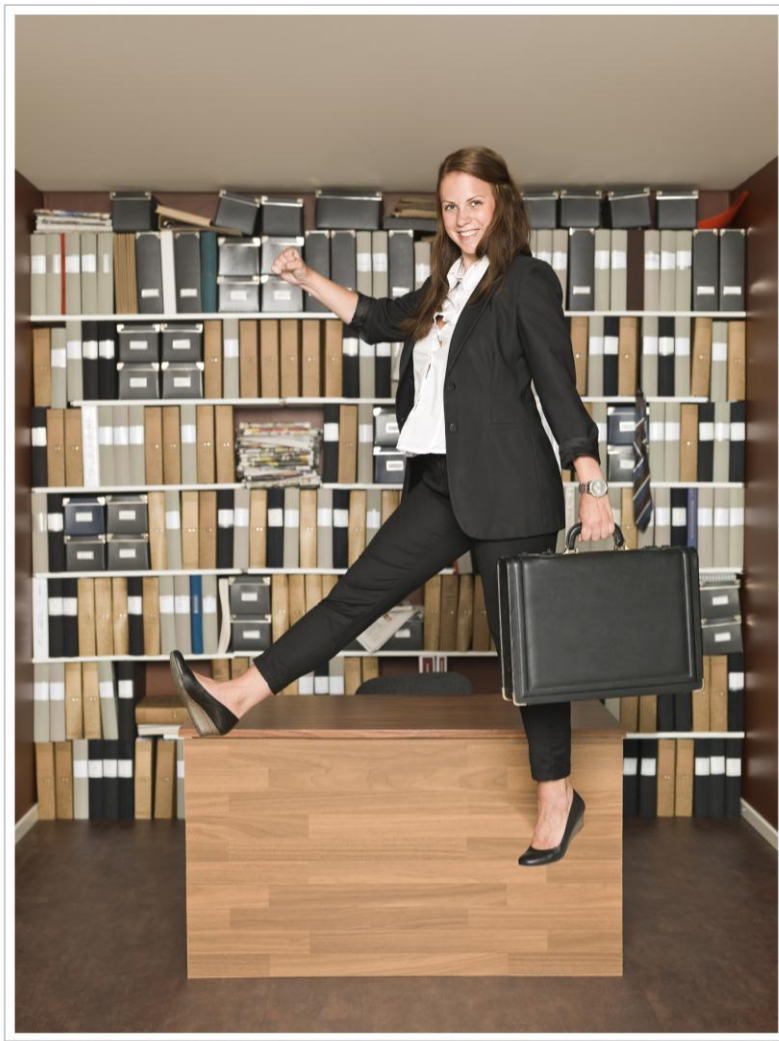


EUROPEAN PRIZE FOR INNOVATION IN PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION



**Get a €100 000 prize for
showing how you innovate
the public administration!**

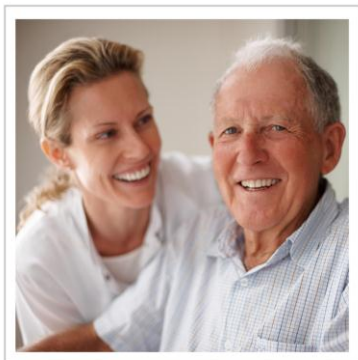
The European Commission has launched an EU-wide prize competition to encourage innovative public administrations in Europe to showcase their most dynamic, forward-looking initiatives. The purpose of the prizes is to mobilise more innovation and modernisation through recognition of achievements and the provision of role models. In total, up to nine prizes of €100 000 will be awarded to successful, already running, and innovative public initiatives that have made significant improvements in citizens' lives.

The contest is open to public administrations in an EU Member state or country associated to the EU's research framework programme.

These can be any state, regional or local authority established under national law as a public body and executing government policy, for example: ministries, regional governments, municipalities, city councils. Initiatives must have been on-going for 1-4 years, and the initiative or programme has to be owned by the contestant. Public Administrations who have already been awarded a monetary prize by an EU institution for the same initiative, cannot apply.

The deadline for applications is February 15, 2013.

You think you got what we are looking for? Then apply in one of these categories (the examples given are by no means to be regarded as complete or exhaustive. There is no pre-defined list of projects that could qualify):



Initiatives for **citizens** (e.g. special assistance for the elderly; eco-friendly public transport; participatory budgeting)



Initiatives for **firms** (e.g. providing networking platforms for start-ups; supporting rural entrepreneurs with e-trade tools)



Initiatives for **education** and research (e.g. new approaches to vocational training; fostering a better learning environment for primary schools; facilitating entrepreneurship of researchers)

In each category up to 3 winning initiative will be supported with each 100,000 EUR to scale up the most promising ideas for the future.



The applications will be evaluated by a panel of independent experts in public administration, business and academia.

The winners of the «European Prize for Innovation in Public Administration» will be selected on the basis of four criteria:

- the originality and replicability of the initiative;
- the economic relevance for the community concerned;
- the social relevance for the community concerned;
- the planned use of the prize money.

The prizes have to be used by the administrations to scale up and expand their initiatives, thereby leveraging and inducing further excellence and innovation in the public sector. The Commission will remain in close contact with the winners and ensure follow-up for the implementation of the subsequent stages of their initiatives.

Furthermore, by awarding the prizes we want to challenge the persistent negative stereotypes in regard to public spending in the public perception and raise the expectations of citizens for what can be achieved.

We are looking for feasible, effective and innovative approaches of public spending and we would like to encourage you to show that spirit in your application as well e.g. take your mobile phone and shoot a video to capture your application in motion!

The prize winners are expected to be announced during 2013.

For more information please refer to the competition website: www.ec.europa.eu/admin-innovators

Please read the contest rules to verify that you meet all eligibility criteria before starting your application.

The application process is designed to be as simple as possible. Should you need further clarification, please contact us at: rtd-admin-innovators@ec.europa.eu

Download the contest rules (in English)

http://ec.europa.eu/research/innovation-union/pdf/admin-innovators/contest_rules.pdf

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