

JCP srl and EIPA ECR – European Institute of Public Administration - are pleased to announce that a newly developed training course on *Programme Estimate Management* is going to be launched next January 2010, foreseen in the period from 18th to the 22nd, in Barcelona.

Details and subscription modules will be available upon request at the following address: training@jcpsrl.eu



Training Course on Programme Estimate Management in the context of decentralized EC External Aid

The European Union is the largest donor in the world. It is therefore hardly surprising that Development assistance constitutes an important pillar in the external policy of the EU. Enhancing the quality and the impacts of European development assistance has been a recurring concern by the different European institutions. Notably, the Commission has taken, in the past few years, different steps to further strengthen aid effectiveness of its funded initiatives (reference to European Consensus on Development, Paris Declaration and Accra Agenda for Action – AAA).

To make aid more effective, new partnerships have been established and a new working philosophy put in practice – sector and budget support mechanisms are an example - using national systems to empower local governments, with Budget support as one of the selected instruments.

An extended use of budget support to Partner(s) Governments and of country systems as preferred delivery tools will further increase the sense of local ownership of development agendas and raise the level of transparency and predictability. Predictability in the provision of aid flows enables Beneficiary countries to plan and manage their development programmes over short and mid terms. It is important then to ensure the right expertise exists and continues to exist in house so that knowledge, skills and experience are in place to respond to upcoming priorities and needs.

This training course, designed and built by making reference to the Practical Guide to Procedures for Programme Estimates', aims at strengthening knowledge and abilities of all the actors operating in the frame of decentralized EC external aid and at covering all the cycle from programming to management, monitoring, evaluating and auditing.

Target Group

This training is designed for all the actors and beneficiaries of EC External Aid who are involved in the management of the EC projects and programmes under decentralized operations context. Namely, staff in the entrusted authorities of the beneficiary countries, ministerial staff, Imprest Administrators, Imprest Accounting Officers, project managers, individual experts etc. aiming to participate to technical assistance project to EC funded initiatives are also targeted.

Training techniques

Traditional training methods (lectures and presentations, including concrete examples) will be combined with an interactive and participatory approach through discussions, exchange of experiences and round tables. In order to ensure the maximum interactivity and the highest learning curve, the audience will be up to a maximum of 25 participants.

Training kit

Each participant will be provided with a kit composed of:

Laptop with preinstalled electronic copy of the presentations in EN and FR (delivered in the language of the lecturer) including the following:

- Web-based Management Tool, includes:
 - Pre-built Visibility component (web site)
 - PE Financial and Technical Management
 - Grants monitoring system
- Software applications for services and grants decentralised evaluation procedures

Working language:

English and French with simultaneous translation (English and Spanish are also planned for future sessions)

Programme

Training will cover the following areas:

- Overview of the EC external Aid and role of the Beneficiary Countries
- Programming the measures to be carried out and the human and material resources to be used
- Management and implementation
- Results Oriented Monitoring and Evaluation processes
- Book-keeping, auditing
- Visibility

Expression of Interest

Any interested person(s) are invited to submit their request for a copy of *Programme Estimate Management Training Course* brochure to the following address training@icpsrl.eu

Training cost

The 5 day training course will cost 5.000 €. Training tuition fee includes training tool kit, coffee breaks and lunches.