

MODERNISING ACCOUNTING IN THE PUBLIC SECTOR

EXCHANGE OF EXPERIENCE

JOINT EUROPEAN COMMISSION/FEE CONFERENCE

THURSDAY 28th
SEPTEMBER 2006

European Parliament,
Brussels

Programme

We have great pleasure in inviting you...

Dalia Grybauskaitė, Commissioner for Financial Programming and Budget, together with David Devlin, President of FEE (the European Federation of Accountants), Brian Gray, EC Deputy Director General, DG Budget and Caroline Mawhood, Chair of the FEE Public Sector Committee, have pleasure in inviting you to attend a one-day conference on *Modernising Accounting in the Public Sector: Exchange and Experience* at the European Parliament, 60 rue Wiertz, 1047 Brussels.

The European Commission has delivered its first accrual accounts and its Member States are at different stages of implementation. The purpose of the conference is to exchange experience in implementing accrual accounting and reporting; share ways of overcoming potential problems; and review the progress achieved in different Member States. The programme includes workshops on "Accounting Principles: Issues and Challenges in Transposition of IPSAS into national and international Public Sector Accounting"; "Empowering the Organisation to Ensure the Reliability of the Accounting Data" and "Lessons Learned and Added Value of Modernisation of the Public Accounting for Public Sector Management".

Please register on the EC website by 15 September.



- 09:15** Coffee
- 09:45** Introduction from Chair Caroline Mawhood,
Chair FEE Public Sector Committee
- 09:50** Keynote Speech: **Dalia Grybauskaitė**,
Commissioner for Financial Programming and Budget
- 10:00** Welcome from David Devlin,
President of FEE, European Federation of Accountants
- 10:10** Implementation of Accrual Accounting
Presentations followed by discussion
- Principles of Accrual Accounting in National Governments:
Prof. Rowan Jones, Chairman of the CIGAR Network
 - Experience of the European Commission:
Brian Gray, Deputy Director General, EC-DG Budget
 - Experience of France: Nathalie Morin, Head of Services of the
Public Accounting General Directory of the French Ministry of
Economy, Finance and Industry
 - Accounting reform in German Governments:
Prof. Klaus Lueder, Germany
- 11:30** Coffee
- 12:00** International Public Sector Accounting Standards Setting:
Philippe Adhémar, Chair of IFAC IPSASB
- 12:40** Results of FEE Survey:
Bryan Ingleby, Member FEE Public Sector Committee
- 13:00** Lunch Buffet

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14:30 – 16:15 Workshops

A: Accounting Principles: Issues and Challenges in Transposition of IPSAS into national and international Public Sector Accounting

Chair of Workshop: Thomas Mueller-
Marques Berger, Member of FEE Public Sector
Committee

Speakers:

- Derek Dunphy, Accounting Administrator, EC-DG Budget
- Lionel Vareille, Deputy Head of the Accounting Standards Department, General Directorate for State Modernisation, French Ministry of Economy, Finance and Industry
- Jayantilal M. Karia, Chairman of the United Nations Inter-Agency Task Force on Accounting Standards and Director of the Accounts Division, United Nations
- John Stanford, Senior Technical Manager, IPSASB, IFAC

Issues for discussion:

- Practical Challenges in Applying Specific IPSAS to Specific Public Sector Environments
- Heritage Assets
- Pensions
- Service Concessions

B: Empowering the Organisation to Ensure the Reliability of the Accounting Data

Chair of Workshop: Rea Georgiou, member of
FEE Public Sector Committee

Speakers:

- Rosa Aldea, Head of Unit, EC-DG Budget
- Martin Sinclair, Assistant Auditor General National Audit Office, UK
- Nathalie Morin, France
- Gunta Medne, Deputy Treasurer, Treasury of Republic of Latvia

Issues for discussion:

- Practical Implementation and Experience
- Responsibility for the Quality of Data and Signing-off the Accounts
- Internal Control
- IT, Training, Communication
- Auditing

C: Lessons Learned and Added Value of Modernisation of the Public Accounting for Public Sector Management

Chair of Workshop: Ciaran Spillane, Designated
Director, EC- DG Budget

Speakers:

- Jim Libbey, Executive Director, Financial Systems Authority, Office of the Comptroller General, Treasury Board of Canada Secretariat
- Ludo Goubert, Financial Controller, NATO Communication and Information Systems Services Agency
- Prof. Stefano Zambon, Director, International Research Center on the Management of Public Administrations (CIRAMAP), University of Ferrara, Italy
- David Watkins, Head, Financial Reporting Policy, HM Treasury, UK

Issues for discussion:

- Added Value of Accrual Accounting for Public Management
- Benefits of Accrual Budgeting
- Different Bases of Budgeting and Accounting
- Differences between Public Sector Accounting and Private Sector Accounting

16:15 Break

16:30 Introduction from Chair
Brian Gray

16:35 Feedback from workshops

17:00 Summary by Chairs
Brian Gray/
Caroline Mawhood

17:15 Closing Speech
Jacques Potdevin incoming
FEE President

Conference close

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