



3rd General COST-LocRef MC and WG Meeting
Local Public Sector Reforms: An International Comparison (LocRef IS 1207)
Potsdam, 15-16 May 2014

**“Local Public Sector Reforms in Times of Crisis:
 National Trajectories and International Comparisons”**

Meeting of the Management Committee (MC) and the Working Groups (WGs)

Location: University of Potsdam, Germany, Campus Griebnitzsee

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Objectives of the Potsdam Conference:

- State of the art assessment concerning Local Public Sector Reforms in the participating countries and from comparative/crosscutting perspectives
 - Provide an overview on the *state of research/knowledge* (existing data bases, research findings, replicable studies/surveys etc.)
 - Assessment of the *state of reforms* in the participating countries
 - identify *gaps in knowledge/research*
- Consolidation of Working Group (WG) research agendas;
- Publication projects (WG- and Action-level): book outlines/schedules; special issues; working agreements on book chapters/ Special Issues (teams of authors; team leaders)
- Work- and budget plan for the second grant period (2014-2015)
- Preparation of the next meetings and activities (Speyer, Siena, Dubrovnik, Bern)

Time Schedule

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Conference Programme

		Room	
<i>WGI External (Post) NPM: Pre-Conference Meeting (14 May)</i>			
13.00-14.00	Registration	House 7, Nr. 2.27 (second floor)	
14.00-16.00	WGI Workshop Part a.): Introduction, Country Reports I (Chairs: Wollmann/Marcou)	House 7, Nr. 2.27 (second floor)	
16.00-16.30	Coffee Break	House 7, Nr. 2.27 (second floor)	
16.30-18.00	WGI Workshop Part b.): Country Reports II (Chairs: Wollmann/Marcou)	House 7, Nr. 2.27 (second floor)	
<i>First Day (May 15)</i>			
08.00-09.00	Registration	House 6, H.02 (ground floor)	
09.00-09.30	Welcome Speeches Prof. Dr. Robert Seckler, Vice-President of the University of Potsdam Prof. Dr. Maik Heinemann, Dean of the Department of Economic and Social Sciences Prof. Dr. Sabine Kuhlmann, Chair of the COST Action 'Local Public Sector Reforms (LocRef)'	House 6, H.02 (ground floor)	
09.30-11.00	Opening Plenary Session	House 6, H.02 (ground floor)	
09.30-10.00	Keynote Speech "Public Governance of Local Government" Prof. Dr. Geert Bouckaert, IIAS President and Vice-Chair of the COST Action, KU Leuven		
10.00-10.20	Local Public Sector Reforms from a European Perspective: Progress and Challenges of the COST-Action LocRef (Prof. Dr. Sabine Kuhlmann, Potsdam)		
10.20-10.40	A Young Researchers' Platform: 'LocRef' PhD-Training Schools (Baldersheim/Mussari)		
10.40-11.00	Discussion		
11.00-11.30	Coffee Break	House 6, Mensa (in front of entrance)	
11.30-13.30	Working Group (WG) Meetings (Parallel Sessions 1)		
	WGI External (Post) NPM: Country and Policy Reports (Chairs: Wollmann/Marcou)	WGII Internal (Post) NPM: State of the Art-Presentations, Country-Reports (Chairs: Mussari/Bjørnå)	WGI: House 7, Nr. 2.27 (second floor) WGII: House 1, Nr. 207 (second floor)
	WGIII Territorial/Functional Re-Scaling: Results of the Internal Experts Survey (Chair: Hlepas)	WGIV Democratic Renewal: Cross National and International Themes (Chair: Copus)	WGIII: House 7, R39 (ground floor) WGIV: House 6, S.14 (first floor)
13.30-14.30	Lunch	House 6, Mensa	
14.30-16.00	Working Group (WG) Meetings (Parallel Sessions 2)		
	WGI External (Post) NPM: Policy Reports (Chairs: Wollmann/Marcou)	WGII Internal (Post) NPM: State of the Art-Presentations, Country-Reports (Chair: Turc)	WGI: House 7, Nr. 2.27 (second floor) WGII: House 7, R38 (ground floor)
	WGIII Territorial/Functional Re-Scaling: Reformability: Framing, Strategies, Conflicts of Amalgamation (Chair: Wayenberg)	WGIV Democratic Renewal: Cross National and International Themes (Chair: Lidström)	WGIII: House 7, R39 (ground floor) WGIV: House 6, S.14 (first floor)
14.30-16.00	'LocRef' Steering Committee (Closed Meeting, Parallel to WG Sessions)	House 7, Nr. 314 (third floor)	
16.00-16.15	Coffee Break	at your rooms	
16.15-17.45	Working Group (WG) Meetings (Parallel Sessions 3)		
	WGI External (Post) NPM: Cross-cutting Reports (Chairs: Wollmann/Marcou)	WGII Internal (Post) NPM: Presentations of Short-Term Research Proposals (Chairs: Mussari/Bjørnå/Turc)	WGI: House 7, Nr. 2.27 (second floor) WGII: House 7, R38 (ground floor)
	WGIII Territorial/Functional Re-Scaling: Functional Re-Scaling (Chair: Kuhlmann)	WGIV Democratic Renewal: Methods, Mechanisms or Culture and the Democratic Renewal Agenda (Chair: Copus)	WGIII: House 7, R39 (ground floor) WGIV: House 6, S.14 (first floor)
17.45-18.00	Coffee Break	at your rooms	
18.00-19.00	MC Meeting (Closed Session) Work- and Budgetplan for Year 2 (Christian Schwab, Potsdam) Presentation of New Website (Christian Schwab & Marcel Blank, Potsdam)	House 6, H.04 (ground floor)	
20.00	Joined COST Dinner (COST Co-sponsored)	Avendi Hotel am Griebnitzsee	

Second Day (16 May)		
09.30-11.00	Working Group (WG) Meetings (Parallel Sessions 4)	
	WGI External (Post) NPM: Comparative Conclusions and Perspectives; Future Focus on Comparative Co-authored Papers; Towards Phase 2: The "Evaluative" Dimension ("Does it Make a Difference") (Chairs: Wollmann/Marcou)	WGII Internal (Post) NPM: Presentation of Short-Term Research Proposals & Outlook Long-Term Research Collaborations (Chairs: Mussari/Bjørnå/Turc)
	WGIII Territorial/Functional Re-Scaling: Creating Additional Levels: Inter-municipal Cooperation, Sub-municipal Divisions (Chair: Steiner)	WGIV Democratic Renewal: Top Down or Bottom Up Democratic Renewal (Chair: Denters)
		WGI: House 7, Nr. 2.27 (second floor) WGII: House 7, R38 (ground floor)
11.00-11.30	Coffee Break	
		House 7 (in front of entrance)
11.30-13.00	Working Group (WG) Meetings (Parallel Sessions 5)	
	WGI: Publications, Working/Writing Agreements, Projects & Next Steps (Chairs: Wollmann/Marcou)	WGII: Joint Session WGIII + WG II to Present Survey Projects (Steiner/Ladner; Richter/Schwab/Proeller/Kuhlmann); (Chairs: Hlepas/Steiner/Wayenberg/ Mussari)
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		WGI: House 7, Nr. 2.27 (second floor) WGII: House 6, S.25 (second floor)
		WGIII: House 6, S.25 (second floor) WGIV: House 2, Multiraum (second floor)
13.00-14.00	Lunch	
		House 6, Mensa
14.00-15.30	Working Group (WG) Meetings (Parallel Sessions 6)	
	WGI: Publications, Working/Writing Agreements, Projects & Next Steps (Chairs: Wollmann/Marcou)	WGII: Publications, Working/Writing Agreements, Projects & Next Steps (Chairs: Bouckaert)
	WGIII: Publications, Working/Writing Agreements, Projects & Next Steps (Chairs: Hlepas/Steiner/Wayenberg)	WGIV: Publications, Working/Writing Agreements, Projects & Next Steps (Chairs: Copus/Lidström/Denters)
		WGI: House 7, Nr. 2.27 (second floor) WGII: House 7, R. 38 (ground floor)
		WGIII: House 7, R. 39 (ground floor) WGIV: House 2, Multiraum (second floor)
15.30-16.00	Coffee Break	
		House 6, Mensa (in front of entrance)
16.00-18.15	Closing Plenary Session	
	Working Group Summaries: Interim Results, Challenges and Future Prospects	
16.00-16.20	WGI External (Post) NPM (Prof. Dr. Hellmut Wollmann, Berlin)	
16.20-16.40	WGII Internal (Post) NPM (Prof. Dr. Riccardo Mussari, Siena)	
16.40-17.00	WGIII Territorial/Functional Re-Scaling (Prof. Dr. Nikos Hlepas, Athens)	
17.00-17.20	WGIV Democratic Renewal (Prof. Dr. Bas Denters, Twente / Anders Lidström, Umeå)	
17.20-17.45	Final Plenary Discussion	
17.45-18.15	Outlook 2015 (Joint MC-& WG Meeting in Dubrovnik, Croatia) and Closing (Prof. Dr. Sabine Kuhlmann, Potsdam)	

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