

Short-Term-Scientific-Mission

(report)

Term: September 13-25, 2015

Venue: Leuven, Belgium

Sending institution: Comenius University in Bratislava, Slovakia

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Hosting institution: Catholic University Leuven, Belgium

Supervisor: Prof. Dr. Geert Bouckaert

I spent the period of September 13-25, 2015 at the Catholic University Leuven, Belgium, Faculty of Social Sciences, Public Governance Institute, where I took part in various academic activities within the frame of the Short-Term-Scientific-Mission linked to the COST IS 1207 LocRef. My supervisor was Prof. Dr. Geert Bouckaert, and a main topic of my scientific mission was performance budgeting.

Several activities were organized during my scientific mission, namely:

- 1) I presented the data on performance budgeting which had been gathered in both the Czech Republic and Slovakia;
- 2) I presented a use of performance budgeting in the Czech Republic and Slovakia (two city cases had been selected for this purpose);
- 3) I discussed (especially with Prof. Dr. Geert Bouckaert, as well as with his PhD candidate, Mr. Pieter Bleyen) the performance budgeting and its implementation in Belgium, Slovakia, and other countries, and we analyzed the presented data;
- 4) Together with other colleagues from Italy, Germany, the Netherlands and Lithuania we completed a preparation of international comparison of performance budgeting use in selected cities, and we submitted it in the Public Management Review;

5) Together with Prof. Dr. Geert Bouckaert and Mr. Pieter Bleyen we started to prepare another joint paper which will be focused on other aspects of a use of performance budgeting in the selected countries (our intention is to submit it in some relevant scientific journal);

6) Together with Prof. Dr. Geert Bouckaert we prepared a first draft of project idea which will be used within the frame of Erasmus + Jean Monnet Networks, and we will try to apply for a grant in cooperation with other colleagues from different European countries.

I consider my scientific mission useful not only for me and my further academic development, but also for my institution, as well as for the hosting institution. Interesting research issues were discussed during my stay in Leuven, and I was intensively working together with my Belgian colleagues on joint publications. In addition, the new joint project idea was developed, and we want to continue in the cooperation also after termination of the COST IS 1207 LocRef.

Last but not least, the performance budgeting is one of the research topics of the working group which is co-coordinated by Prof. Dr. Geert Bouckaert, and the abovementioned activities and their outputs will directly contribute to both discussion and work of the mentioned working group. The performance budgeting belongs to innovative measures which had been introduced in several European countries within implementation of various local public sector reforms, and therefore our research activities organized during my stay in Leuven were directly linked also to general topic of the COST IS 1207 LocRef.