

German Section of CIRIEC (Bundesverband Öffentliche Dienstleistungen), activities 2016-2018

Events

1. Events of the BVÖD

The last years were a work-intense period for the German Section of CIRIEC as BVÖD focused mainly on internal restructuring and established – next to the existing office in Berlin – a new office in Brussels to monitor and influence the activities of the European institutions on a more effective way.

Further, there was a first meeting on 6 June 2017 of the newly installed BVÖD working group about digitalization. During this meeting, Elisabeth Kotthaus, Deputy Head of the Political Department of the representation of the European Commission in Germany, gave an in-depth presentation about the challenges that lie ahead on the way to a European Digital Single Market. Also, two members of the BVÖD scientific advisory council, Prof. Robert Holländer and Prof. Christian Pielow, gave their input about the future impact of digitalization to public services and services of general interest.

After the presentation, a very interesting discussion and exchange of experience between the participants concluded the event.

2. Conferences (organized by members of the advisory council), Selection

- On 22 September 2017, a conference on infrastructure management at local government level was held at the Technische Universität-TU Berlin, which was co-organised by members of the BVÖD advisory council (Beckers, Hoffjan, Holländer, Lenk, Mühlenkamp, Rottmann, Schaefer). About 18 panel sessions were held on e.g. water, finance, public management, health, public transport, waste management, and energy. For further information see http://www.kim.tu-berlin.de/menue/archiv_2017/)
- 5. Speyer Tagung zu Public Corporate Governance ((5th Conference on Public Corporate Governance), 3./4.04.2017, DUV Speyer, Member of the advisory council in the organisation committee: Ulf Papenfuß (for further information see <http://www.uni-speyer.de/de/weiterbildung/weiterbildungsprogramm.php?seminarId=69>)

Publications

1. ***Zeitschrift für öffentliche und gemeinwirtschaftliche Unternehmen (ZögU) – Journal for Public and Nonprofit Services***

The *Journal for Public and Nonprofit Services* is a multidisciplinary scientific journal. It provides information, discussions and documentation, and is furthermore the organ of the Confederation of Public Services - German Section of CEEP e. V.

The journal offers comprehensive information on the important area of public companies and provides a forum for practitioners and researchers. It is dedicated to federal, state, and local companies, mixed-economy companies, companies of trade unions, chambers, churches, political parties, foundations and associations, publicly committed companies, cooperative companies and, in particular, enterprises of the independent welfare work. The Journal is a forum for economic, political, and social scientists and legal scholars.

The publication of papers and short contributions are examined by a scientific anonymous review process that guarantees a consistently high quality of contributions.

Four Issues in 2016 and 2017, papers in English (selection) on:

- Public governance as a dynamic concept
- Practitioner's statement – The value of public services in Europe
- The evolution of governance reforms under conditions of political business cycles
- Civic engagement and local public governance in Austria – Traditions, current challenges and possible future paths
- Citizen financial participation schemes as part of New Public Governance
- Under what conditions are ministers able to "let go" in Westminster-style political systems? Evidence from Ontario, Canada
- Still convinced by New Public Management or introducing somehow New Public Governance? How Japanese local governments are coping with these changes to deliver public services
- The impact of goal setting on the individual work performance of German civil servants – Empirical evidence from local administrations
- Performance management within the public accountability framework in Estonian local governments
- e-Health as an enabler for public governance?
- Structural defects in the health care system in Germany – A consequence analysis for hospitals
- Stakeholder accountability of Austrian and German health insurance funds
- Sustainability reporting in the higher education sector – Case study of Lithuania
- Management for public governance – The case of childcare services in Japan
- Peculiarities of performance measurement in state-owned enterprises – The case of Lithuania

- Governance of cross-border regional cooperation by the EGTC – An explorative analysis with a focus on Hungarian EGTCs.

2. For publications of the members of the advisory council see the websites of their affiliations (Universities etc.)

3. Work in progress

“Handbuch Öffentliche Wirtschaft” (Handbook on municipally determined infrastructure undertakings and public enterprises, still in progress, publication foreseen in 2018)

Study groups on digitalization, water, and sustainability.