

Accountability, anti-corruption, and transparency policies in Public owned enterprises (POEs)

Proposal for future steps in the Research Programme (3rd February 2022)

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Foreword

Within the CIRIEC's International Scientific Commission "Public Enterprises / Public Services", a new research programme on *Accountability, anti-corruption and transparency policies in Public-Owned Enterprises (POEs)* was launched in the second half of 2019 to investigate the implementation of anti-corruption and other compliance measures in POEs. That is a relevant topic since concerns with poor governance and accountability have increasingly fueled doubts about the capacity of POEs in implementing public policy and addressing market failures.

The insight carried out by the working group framed reports by several European Countries along the same structuring topics: National approach to POEs; Impact on transparency and integrity of public intervention; Assessment of national legislation and regulation on corruption prevention mechanisms; Anti-corruption practices in POEs; Empirical findings.

A discussion webinar took place virtually on 4 June 2020 and gathered some 35 participants. Seven experts and researchers from Albania, Austria, Georgia, Italy, the Republic of North Macedonia and Spain presented their first results. Their presentations are available [online](#).

Country studies from Albania, Austria, Italy, the Republic of North Macedonia, Portugal and Spain have been gathered and finalized in spring-summer 2021, and now published in the E-book (Part 1) [Accountability, anti-corruption, and transparency policies in Public Owned Enterprises \(POEs\), Andrea ZATTI \(ed.\)](#), *Ciriec Studies Series #2*.

Possible Future Development

Reviews already included in the Study might be updated and completed by others in the coming year, contributing to a Part II of the E-book.

Future elaborations may concern mainly two directions:

1. New country reports, both within and outside the EU, following the same frame adopted for previous investigations, to extend the territorial coverage and to include new and different approaches and perspectives.

2. Update and enlargement of existing studies, focused on three main aspects:
 - new legislative acts or initiatives taken at the national level, also in the context of the pandemic crisis.
 - new or more recent empirical data on the role of POEs and on the diffusion/effectiveness of anti-corruption and transparency measures adopted in the recent years.
 - in depth case studies carried out to focusing and deepening the main findings and research question till now emerged (a shared questionnaire can be developed for this task).

Proposed Calendar

- announcement or interest: 31 March 2022 with an abstract of 500 words
- virtual workshop with a first version of papers: Late autumn 2022
- submission of revised papers: March 2023
- acceptance or second review round: May 2023
- final submission: June 2023
- Publication: End of 2023