

**EGPA SG ON REGIONAL AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT
PROGRAMME BUCHAREST CONFERENCE 2011**

Chairs: Martin Laffin/Sabine Kuhlmann/Ellen Wayenberg

Session 1: Switzerland (Wednesday, 16.30-18.00)

Martin Laffin

Julie Silberstein (IDHEAP, Swiss Graduate School of Public Administration), Ex-post survey on the consequences and perceptions about amalgamation: The case of two Swiss municipalities

Anna Christmann (Zurich, Switzerland), Legitimacy of Governance Structures in European Metropolitan Areas.

Caroline Jacot-Descombes (Swiss Graduate School of Public Administration (IDHEAP), Lausanne), Swiss reform of vertical distribution of power and responsibilities in security policy at local level: towards a regime a la care?

Session 2: The Anglo-Saxon Tradition: UK and Australia (Thursday, 9.30-10.30)

Chair: Sabine Kuhlmann

Martin Laffin, John Mawson and Christianne Ormston (Durham, UK), Connecting Local Communities to National Policy Systems in England.

Chris Aulich (Canberra, Australia), ‘Municipal Consolidation in Australia: A Fresh Look.’

Session 3: The “Napoleonic” Tradition: Belgium and Italy (Thursday 11.00-12.30)

Chair: Ellen Wayenberg

An Decorte and Filip De Rynck (Ghent, Belgium), The reform of the regional state in Belgium.

Koenraad De Ceuninck, Herwig Reynaert and Tony Valecke (Ghent, Belgium), Internal state reform. The Flemish case.

Benedetta Trivellato and Mattia Martini (CRISP – Interuniversity Research Centre on Public Services, Università degli Studi di Milano), Decentralising employment services at the regional level: the case of Lombardy in northern Italy.

Session 4: The North Middle and Eastern European Group: Germany, Finland, Lithuania (Thursday 14.00-15.30)

Chair: Martin Laffin

Sabine Kuhlmann and Philipp Richter (Speyer, Germany), Performance improvements through Functional Reforms? Experiences from the German Länder.

Pekka Kettune (University of Jyväskylä, Finland), Finnish Municipal Reforms

Egle Gaule (Kaunas University of Technology, Lithuania), Re-centralization during Decentralization Reforms: the Case of Lithuania.

Session 5: Review and Next Steps (Thursday 16.30-18.00)

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Session 6: Joint Meeting with Local Governance and Democracy SG (Friday 11.30-13.00)

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