

Primo Risk-Management Award 2018 (Slide 1)

Ladies and Gentlemen,

If you don't mind I want to say something in English, due to the International Character of the EPSA award scheme, CAF (Common Assessment Framework), the EIPA organization and of course, the presence of my dear colleague Michael Burnett. (Please stand up Michael). Next to fact that he is a member of the EPSA2017 team, he is EIPA's expert on Public Private Partnerships, always tricky circumstances for Governments and expert in Quality Developments in Governments. For your information: he is from the UK and a True European and sees the risks of one the most important issues of today's Government: Brexit. So if you want to talk him afterwards, grasp your chance!

First of all I want to thank of course the PRIMO organization for awarding me for this Prize. It makes me proud to receive this recognition for the work we did all the last years to promote "good governance" in the EPSA award scheme on which I will tell you a little bit more in a couple of moments. The same we did with implementing the "Common Assessment Framework" in several European countries on all the Governmental levels. (Slide 2) With the help of the European Committee Programs we succeeded in improving the functioning of Governmental Organizations in especially the new Member States, with a change from the inside through the CAF Self Assessments. Quality Management in Optima Forma in relation to ISO. Together with PRIMO we had already some very interesting seminars in Maastricht and Barcelona about CAF and Risk Management and especially the Holistic approach of it, with participants throughout Europe. Hopefully we can make a continuation of these activities in the near future.

The EPSA Award Scheme (Slide 3) means that the projects are independent evaluated on 7 Criteria and in clear process. It is a bi-annual award scheme, since 2007 and the next edition will be held in 2019. Most important part is the Final Event in Maastricht, where the Nominees are presenting their projects and where all the participants can discuss the success factors, but above all the pitfalls. So they can learn from each other about success and failures and minimize risks in the future. If you want to learn more about EPSA, please go to the side EPSA2017.eu. There you can also download for free the publication of EPSA2017 and earlier editions.

This all I could not have done without my team (Slide 4) and on this place and this moment I want to thank them all (Michael, Claude, Julia and Jolanda) for the cooperation during the last years.

Thanks again for this recognition. It makes me proud. But now I am also in the position for a special thank to my wife and family, who allowed me to go to Maastricht, to EIPA, every week, for more than 5 years. Without them it was not possible for me to have been part of this adventure.

Thank you all again.