Foreword

After several years of promoting the previous concept of our journal, we have redesigned its concept, starting with the first issue of our 17th volume, which is right before you. We continue to build a high quality scholarly journal in the field of public administration and governance with a strong orientation towards its internationalisation, in order to strengthen comparative, research, theoretical, and international components of the journal.

We have already reached a significant level of international visibility by publishing the majority of scientific papers in the English language. Almost three quarters of them were published in English in the 16th volume, similar to previous years, but our intention is to increase this number in the years to come to up to 85 per cent of the published papers. You may notice that we intend to retain a certain number of papers in Croatian in order to give our contribution to the promotion and protection of small European languages.

By publishing at least a small number of papers in the Croatian language, which is one of the official languages of the European Union, we try to follow the EGPA efforts proclaimed within the PA@BABEL network, simultaneously respecting the position of our main publisher, the Institute of Public Administration from Zagreb, Croatia. However, even with publishing papers in Croatian, there will be a clear editorial dedication to the papers promoting comparative and European approaches.

We firmly support the participation of colleagues from all over the world in our editorial process, which will be even more prominent and visible in the subsequent issues. In line with the redesigned editorial policy, we will increase the number of participating co-publishers, by arranging a

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1 See more at: http://egpa.iias-iisa.org/about-egpa/joint-ventures-and-partnerships/pababel