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Danube Governance Hub

An initiative to strengthen Public Governance

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Danube Governance Hub is

An initiative of

- ☐ **KDZ-Center for Public Administration Research with**
- ☐ **Priority Area 10 “Institutional Capacity”, EU Strategy Danube Region, City of Vienna**
- ☐ **Network to improve Public Governance based on European Values**
- ☐ **Enabling Public Sector Organisations to implement PAR & Governance**
- ☐ **Open for Partnership from Governments, international Organisations, Universities, NGOs, Companies**

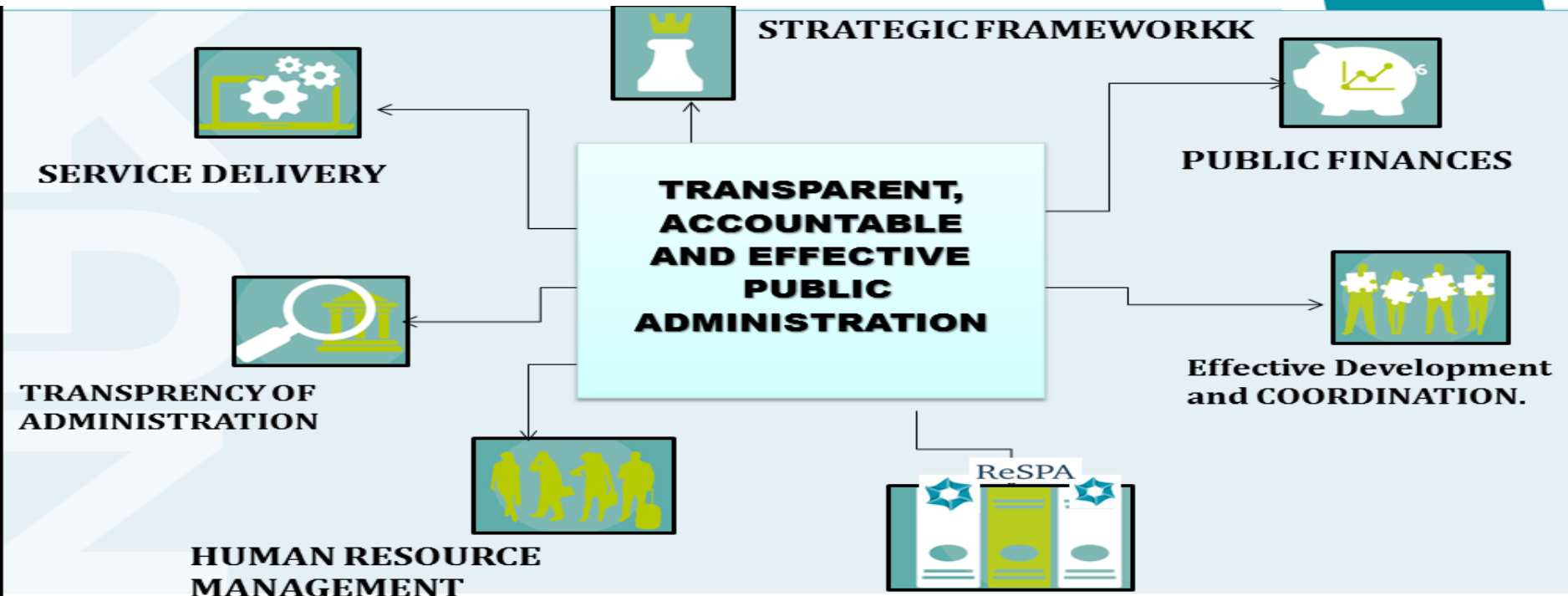


Background

- ❑ **EU 2020 Strategy**
- ❑ **EU Strategy for the Danube Region (EUSDR)**
- ❑ **SEE2020 Strategy of RCC**
- ❑ **Austrian Regional Strategy for Danube Region & WB**

- ❑ **European Commission`s focus on the rule of law, economic governance and public administration reform (PAR) during the enlargement process**
- ❑ **➔ Importance of Public Administration Reform**

Optimisation of Public Administration



Who is implementing PAR?

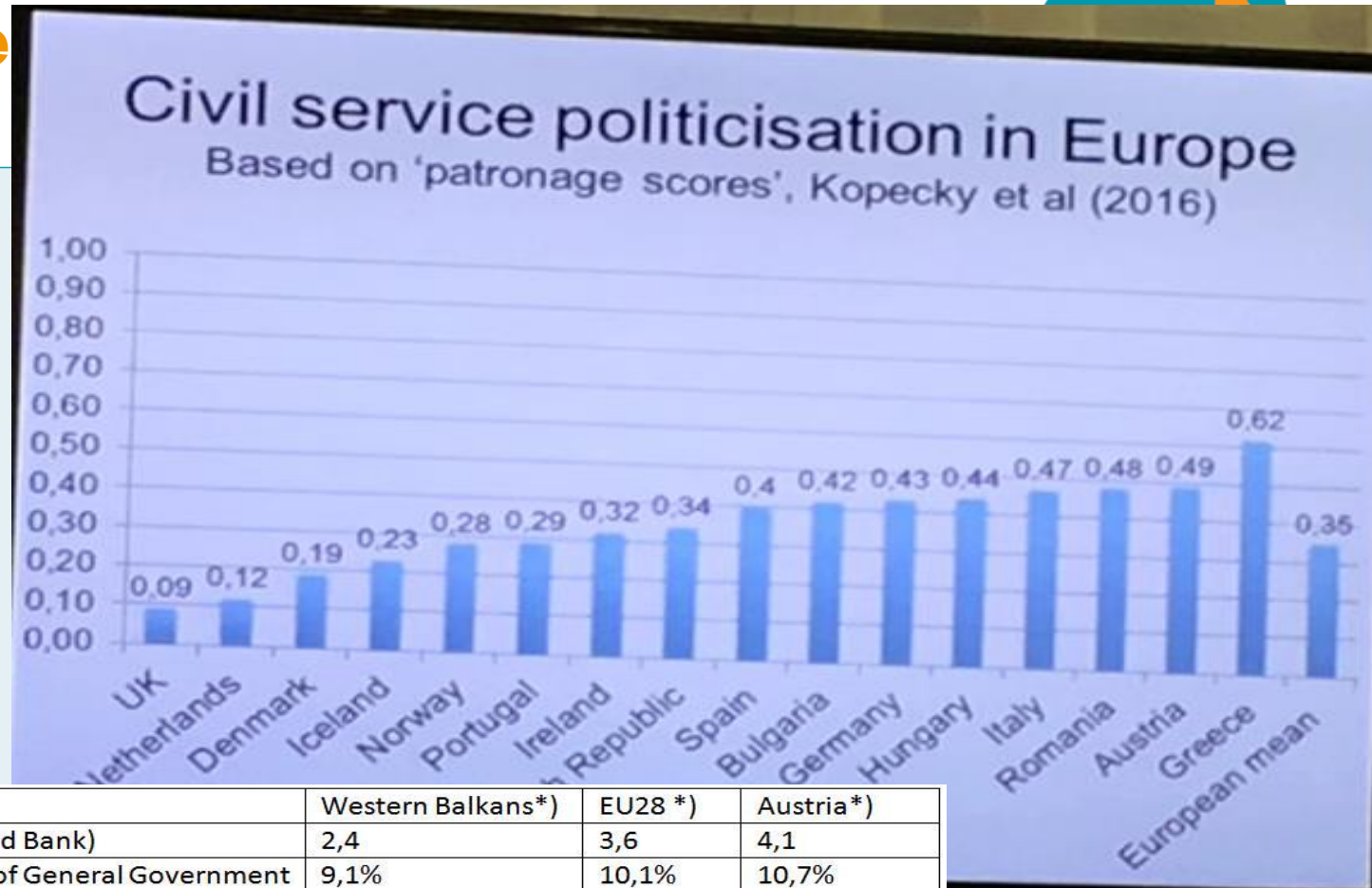
How to implement PAR?

How to ensure sustainable effective PA?

Current Challenges (tbc....)

- ❑ **Balkan Barometer**
- ❑ **Minor exchange on PAR between countries**
 - EU – Accession Countries
 - Although within Danube Region countries
- ❑ **Minor knowledge about good & bad practices**
- ❑ **Minor focus on enabling organisations to implement Public Administration Reform (Governance)**
- ❑ **Missing European Values of Public Management**

Example Politicisation of Civil Service

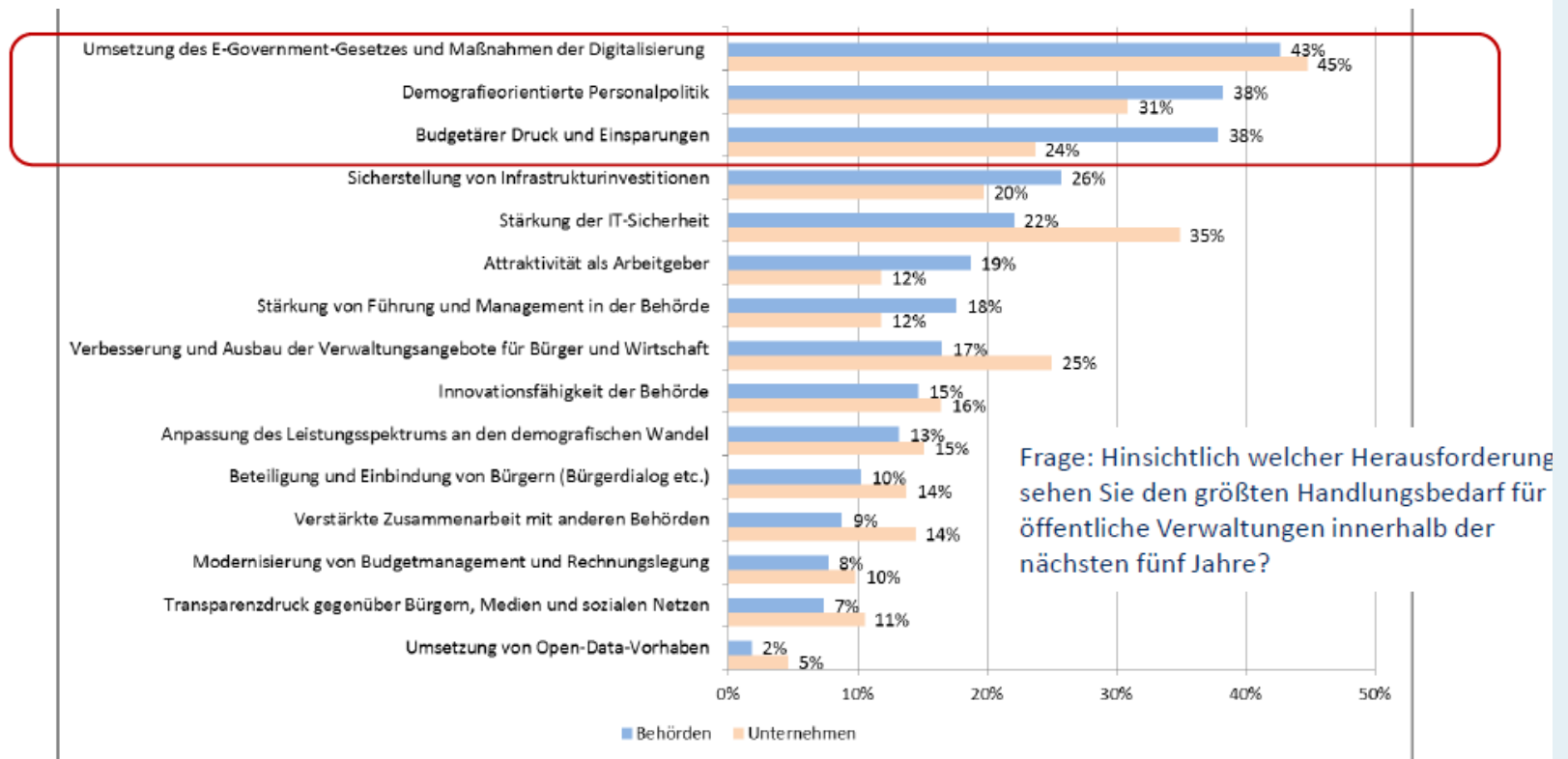


	Western Balkans*)	EU28 *)	Austria*)
Government Effectiveness (World Bank)	2,4	3,6	4,1
Compensation for employment of General Government (% of GDP)	9,1%	10,1%	10,7%
Employees in Public Sector (% of all empl.)	22,8%	23,6% (OECD countries 15,5%)	22,3% (16%)
Average number of employees in General Government per 100.000 inhabitants	5.881	10.713	11.207 (7.125)

*) Figures from Study "Optimization of Public Administration in Western Balkans", in braket own calculations for Austria based on Federal Chancellery "Human Ressource in Public Sector 2015 (Personaljahrbuch)"

Main Challenges for Public Sector in Austria

Digitalisation, Demographic Change, Budget Restrictions



Source: Prof. Dr. Gerhard Hammerschmid, 2015

Vision of Danube Governance Hub

- ❑ **The Danube Governance Hub creates the foundation for a strong public sector with high capacity based on European values ensuring security and prosperity in the Danube Region.**



Austria

**Regionalstrategy
Western Balkans
Danuberegion
(Strengthening
Governance)**

Vienna

**Danube-Strategy
PAC 10 – Governance**

European Union

**Enlargement &
Neighbourhood
Policy, Danube
Stratgy**

**Regional
Cooperation
Council (SEE 2020,
Governance for Growth)
ReSPA**

Danube Governance Hub

**Public Administration
Reform, Good
Governance, Prevention
of Corruption, European
Values, CAF**

BACID - Building Administrative Capacities in the Danube Region



Upcoming

- Good Governance Conference to be organised on June 23-24, 2016 in Vienna
- AACT EU Knowledge Network and NALAS EU Project Managers: Urban Agenda in the focus

Latest News

- High-level Migration Conference in Skopje, March 17, 2016

BACID-Fund

Building Administrative
Capacity in the Danube
Region & Western Balkans

Small Project Fund (6,000
€/project)

Knowledge Exchange
between Austria and the
Western Balkans &
Moldova

Strengthening regional &
local Capacities

2 Thematic Annual Calls
www.bacid.eu

Governance Platform

Link to Urban Platform
Danube Region

2 Governance Forums
(2015, 2016)
e.g. Administrative
Capacity

Roadmaps for Cities &
Stakeholder

Sustainable Mentoring
Support (2015, 2016)

Logon Danube

Working
Groups with
NALAS

Guidelines on
specific
Governance
Topics (e.g. EU-
Funding)

BACID projects and practices



- PPP in Podgorica
- CAF in BiH (Federation)
- Open Government in FYROM
- HR in Albanian Municipalities

- ❑ **Programm of the City of Vienna**
- ❑ **Governance workshops with Viennese experts in Cities of the Danube Region**
- ❑ **Communal services, social housing, EU-Integration, Smart City, land register, Capacity Development, etc.**
- ❑ **Cooperation with ReSPA – Regional Governance & Quality Management**

Mission

- ❑ **Foster European standards of public administration and management**
- ❑ **Contribute to the European Integration process**
- ❑ **Contribute to Public Administration Reform (e.g. through enabling public sector organisations & focusing on excellent leadership)**
- ❑ **Achieve synergies between relevant stakeholders dealing with governance topics**
- ❑ **Coordination between national, regional and local level as basis for a strong public sector**
- ❑ **Opening Government for civil society and transparency**

Activities

- ❑ **Exchange of Experiences on Public Administration Reform in EU and non EU-countries**
- ❑ **Promoting common EU Tools for PAR & Governance, e.g. CAF – Common Assessment Framework**
- ❑ **Contact-Point and facilitator for Governance tasks**
- ❑ **Coordinating studies, trainings & cooperation programmes**
- ❑ **Sustainable Mentorings, Study Visits, Conferences, Publications**
- ❑ **Reporting on status quo of governance programmes & PAR**

Next Steps

- ❑ **Establishing cross-sectoral Partnerships**
- ❑ **Expert Database on www.bacid.eu**
- ❑ **Collecting Instruments and Tools of PAR**
 - Web data base
 - Eg. Quality of Public Administration, CoE Tools, CAF,
 - PAR programmes
- ❑ **Promoting CAF as supportive tool of PAR**
- ❑ **Intensifying cooperation with ReSPA**
 - Quality Management & CAF
 - PAR

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