

FEE NEW PUBLIC MANAGEMENT REPORT

FEE provides insight for public sector finance practitioners and auditors into the implications of NPM

1 December 2006 – BRUSSELS – In publishing today a paper on New Public Management (NPM), FEE (the European Federation of Accountants) is providing an insight for public sector finance practitioners and auditors into the implications of NPM.

NPM is a powerful set of reforms which have at their heart budgeting, accounting and reporting structures as well as auditing systems. It advocates changes in a number of areas and incorporates different dimensions such as in the culture of organisations, their goals and performance.

The NPM reform movement has developed and been widely discussed by both academics and practitioners in the last fifteen to twenty years. Given the pace of change, FEE President David Devlin noted: “the time was right to examine the ways in which NPM style reforms have affected the way in which public administrations in Europe are run and to examine the implications for accounting and auditing in the public sector”.

The paper looks at a number of NPM-inspired reforms and considers how they affect the way public administrations are managed, with particular focus on the financial aspects of NPM.

FEE commissioned Professor Eugenio Caperchione from the CIGAR Network¹ to prepare this paper which he based on theoretical research and on his analysis of the results of a survey conducted by FEE of its European constituents.

The publication of the Report follows the recent delivery of the European Commission’s first accrual accounts and the joint FEE and European Commission Conference on Modernising Accounting in the Public Sector held on 28 September 2006.

¹ CIGAR (Comparative International Governmental Accounting Research) is a network of academics researching governmental accounting, whose primary purpose is to encourage comparison across national boundaries.



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1. This paper – The New Public Management: A Perspective for Finance Practitioners – can be downloaded free-of-charge from the FEE website <http://www.fee.be>
2. A further FEE paper surveying Accrual Accounting in the public sector will be available in early 2007.
3. The Fédération des Experts Comptables Européens (FEE) is the representative organisation for the accountancy profession in Europe. FEE's membership consists of 44 institutes of professional accountants from 32 countries. FEE member bodies are present in all 25 member states of the European Union and three member countries of EFTA. FEE member bodies represent more than 500,000 accountants in Europe.