MAJOR PUBLIC ENTERPRISES: COUNTRY ANALYSIS AND POLICY TRENDS

Call for papers – Submission April 30th 2015

The EUsers Jean Monnet network, in collaboration with the CIRIEC International Scientific Commission "Public Services/Public Enterprises", is interested in collecting a set of new, high quality papers each offering a country analysis of the role and performance of major public enterprise (PE), and the policy trends about the current relationships between government and PE.

❖ Rationale for the call for papers

In the last decade, after subsequent waves of privatizations, new research by the OECD, the World Bank, and independent studies, including previous projects launched by CIRIEC, observed that PE are resilient and even increasing their role, either at local level, or at national level. The aim of this call is to contribute to a systematic analysis, country by country, on some key research questions, relying on the voluntary contribution of independent researchers worldwide.

- What is the extent of the survival or expansion of the PE in a global perspective, particularly as far as large enterprises are concerned?
- Who are the major players at national and international level?
- How do they perform? How is the control of government implemented?
- What is the mission assigned by governments to the major players?
- To what extent are PE of national significance transforming themselves in multinationals?

❖ The focus of the country paper

The country paper should focus on PEs having at least a national scope of operations, and/or an international dimension. It should identify the major PEs in the country, discuss their performance (particularly during years after 2000 and the Great Recession of 2008), current policy trends and future perspectives.

❖ Submission of proposals

Proposal for a country paper should be sent - not later than March 15, 2015 - by e-mail to the following address ciriec@ulg.ac.be with a mandatory indication of a unique country for which the analysis will be proposed, and a short abstract of around 500 words. If there are several proposals for one country, the Steering Committee will select one only or in some cases will invite the proposer to submit a joint paper.

The selected papers will be invited to be presented at the XIV Milan European Economy Workshop, to be held at the University of Milan on 25th and 26th of June 2015. At the end of the workshop, the EUsers network and the CIRIEC Scientific Commission will take decisions about publication outlets in 2015 and, if necessary, a second workshop could be organised in 2016 to cover other countries.

Each participant will cover its own travel costs. Partial refund is envisaged for a selection of young researchers or in special cases. The University of Milan will offer accommodation, buffet lunches and a dinner to one speaker for each invited paper.

Invited contributions should be of maximum length 15,000 words excluding bibliography, annexes, etc. and should be sent to ciriec@ulg.ac.be not later than April 30, 2015. Detailed guidelines on the structure of the country report will be sent on request.

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