

Improving public policy through research and evidence-based decision-making, in Issue 10 of European Public Mosaic

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The Public Administration School of Catalonia (EAPC) has just published the 10th issue of the online journal *European Public Mosaic (EPuM)*. *Open Journal on Public Service*, dedicated to the links between academic research and improving public policy, especially with regard to evidence-based decision-making. It includes five articles, from the European Commission's Joint Research Centre (JRC) the Finnish Parliament's Committee for the Future, the Health Evaluation and Quality Agency of Catalonia (AQuAs), Barcelona City Council's Citizen Science Office and the EAPC Research Documentation and Publications Service.

This latest issue of EPuM also features a video interview with Jean-Pierre Bourguignon, who was Director of the European Research Council (ERC) until December 2019. Amongst other ideas, Bourguignon supports closer ties between public decision-makers and researchers, and the broadening of the technical and scientific knowledge of senior management positions and civil servants. Lastly, the journal provides updates on a selection of good practices, trends and news.

JRC analyst Kristian Krieger pens the article "Revisiting science for policy under conditions of complexity? New methods, actors and evidence", which notes the importance of understanding the complexity of the political behaviour of citizens, public decision-makers and academics to improve the use of evidence in public management. For his part, the Finnish Parliament's Committee for the Future Counsel Olli Hietanen has contributed "Science and political decision-making. Case the Parliament of Finland's Committee for the Future". This scientific advisory body's experience reveals the difficulty in establishing what is true, fake, correct or prejudicial, particularly when dealing with social issues featuring divergent points of view.

AQuAs research coordinator Paula Adam is responsible for the article “Effectivity of research impact assessment: from ‘retrospective’ discipline to ‘real-time’ evaluation practice”, which focuses on research impact assessment (RIA) and on ISRIA, the international school associated with this methodology which has promoted a ten-point guideline for achieving better results. Additionally, the head of Science and Innovation at the Barcelona Culture Institute, Diana Escobar, provides an account of the history of the Citizen Science Office, launched by the Catalan capital’s City Council in 2012 to connect research with local residents’ challenges and concerns.

Lastly, the EAPC’s Research, Documentation and Publications Service Manager, Núria Guevara, and the head of the Service’s research and publications unit, Elvira Riera, have authored the article “The EAPC research driver programme: Fostering better policies through knowledge transfer between academy, public administration and society”. This article analyses the transformation of the School’s research strategy via the EAPC’s research driver programme, created in 2017 to encourage research offering responses to the challenges of public policy and of society. It highlights the lessons learned in this period with a view to designing a research model for developing public policies within the Catalan ecosystem.

The issue is rounded off with the usual sections on good practices, trends and news updates. *EPuM* Issue 10 contains news on open science, participatory research and mission-oriented research, on focuses and methodologies such as nudging and futures thinking, on megatrends and on fostering innovation in the public sector, amongst other items.

EPuM is a journal published entirely in English whose goal is to contribute to the international debate on public management. Informative in nature, it is aimed especially at public administration professionals and public services managers. [Subscription](#) to the journal is free. See also its back issues, dedicated to [citizen participation](#) , [digital transformation](#) , [talent management](#) , [public policy assessment](#) , [public budget management](#) , [training and learning](#) , [open data](#) , [artificial intelligence](#) and [institutional integrity](#) .

With articles from the EU’s Joint Research Centre, the Finnish Parliament’s Committee for the Future, AQuAs, Barcelona’s Citizen Science Office and the EAPC

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