

PPP 2013



Global challenges in PPP : cross-sectoral and cross-disciplinary solutions?

6 – 7 November 2013 (City Campus, Hof Van Liere)

International conference co-hosted by the Department of Transport and Regional Economics, the Research Group on Public Administration & Management (Department of Political Sciences) and the Research Group on Government and Law (Law Faculty) of the University of Antwerp, Antwerp Management School and COST-Action TU1001 'PPP in Transport: Trends and Theory'.

In co-operation with Policy Research Centre Governmental Organization - Decisive Government, Policy Research Centre on Commodity and Passenger Flows, TransportNET, Antwerp Knowledge Centre on Transport and Maritime Law (Actramar) and UNECE International PPP Centre of Excellence

Scientific organising Committee:

Prof. dr. Thierry Vanelander (Department of Transport and Regional Economics, University Antwerp)

Prof. dr. Koen Verhoest & Prof.dr. Wouter van Dooren (Research Group on Public Administration & Management, University Antwerp)

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Target



Globally, governments look to public private partnerships for investments, public service delivery and innovation in these times of diminishing government budgets. Partnerships between governments and private actors are even believed to be much needed instruments to face the grand societal challenges, like climate change, clean energy, smart and green transport, and secure societies. However, many existing PPP's face hardship because of economic downturn. Moreover, because of increasingly risk-averse actors, securing commitment and financing, and maximizing collaboration, innovation and value for money through PPPs become enormous challenges. There is a pressing need for cross-disciplinary, cross-sectoral, cross-country analyses and solutions.

On 6 and 7 November 2013, the Department of Transport and Regional Economics, the Research Unit on Public Administration & Management (Department of Political Science), the Law Faculty of the University of Antwerp, the Antwerp Management School and COST-Action TU1001 'PPP in Transport: Trends and Theory', will jointly host a two and a half-day international conference on Public-Private Partnerships under the title 'Global challenges in PPP : cross-sectoral and cross-disciplinary solutions?', so as to deal with the above-mentioned issues. It will be held at the University of Antwerp, Belgium.

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The conference is open to submissions of contributions by interested academics, researchers and Phd students, as well as reflexive practitioners and policy makers active in the PPP field . Abstracts of papers should be of a scientific quality and are due by 30 February 2013. Abstracts should deal with a topic that can be considered to be at current a key development in the PPP field, either at management, financial, operational or policy level. Specific topics can be dealing with all fields where PPP's are or can be applied: transport infrastructure, energy, health care, education, sports facilities, urban renewal, environmental development etc. Practitioners and policy makers are most welcome to discuss in the paper panels, to give presentations in specific designated slots and through the Research & Practice Debates. Keynotes are delivered by top academics, but also international policy makers in the field of PPP.

This conference is therefore not just another academic conference on PPP, but has a number of specific features.

- High-profile key note speakers from the PPP academic community and high level policy community
- Finished research and as well ‘research in process’ can be presented and discussed;
- PhD students can present and discuss their research projects extensively on three dedicated parallel PhD seminars on Thursday afternoon
- Network possibilities for researchers and practitioners
- Confrontation of PPP research with insights and needs of practitioners and policy makers
- Focus on intersectorality: the conference has the aim to enhance the mutual learning between different sectoral fields where PPP’s can be applied, so as to derive cross-sectoral conclusions
- Focus on interdisciplinarity, i.e. all disciplines will be treated (engineering, economics & accounting, legal, public management, political science...) and will confront their insights;
- The subject is theory as well as empirics, secondly derived products;
- New research areas and opportunities for private actors will be dealt with.

Issues that can be discussed can cover many aspects, like among others:

- the impact of the financial crisis on policy, financing, management of PPP's and involved actors;
- the role of PPP in the societal challenges, like climate change, clean energy, development, smart transport, health care and so on.
- performance of PPPs and service delivery networks and ex post evaluation
- innovation in and through PPPs; PPPs as instrument for innovation policies
- internationalization of PPP markets, standarization
- PPP processes, networks and trust building
- integrated service delivery through PPPs
- decision making for PPPs
- PPPs and tendering processes
- PPPs in implementation
- accountability of PPP projects
- PPP and development
- and many more themes....



Provisional Program (More specificities will be added in due time)

Tuesday 5 November 17.00-23.00 : '10 Years PPP in Flanders' Network Event organised by the PPP Knowledge Center Flanders

Wednesday 6 November

8u	Registration
9.15	Welcome Note by Prof. dr. Thierry Van Elslander , Department of Transport and Regional Economics, University of Antwerp Prof.dr. Athena Romboutsos , Chair COST Action TU 1001 PPP in Transport: Trends and Theory
9.45 - 11	Paper session I: Five parallel panels
11 - 11.30	Break
11.45 - 13.00	Paper session II: Five parallel panels
13.00 - 14.15	Lunch
14.15 - 14.45	Keynote by Prof. José Manuel Viegas , Secretary-General. International Transport Forum, OECD and University of Lisbon
14.45 - 16.00	Research & Practice- Debate: 'Challenges for PPP - PPP for (societal) challenges?' High level PPP practitioners, policy makers and top academics Moderation by Prof. dr. Koen Verhoest (Public Administration & Management, University of Antwerp) Introductory propositions for the debate: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Prof. dr. Chris Bovis, HK Bevan Chair in Law, University of Hull Panel members: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Prof. dr. Carsten Greve, Department of Business and Politics, Copenhagen Business School• Prof. dr. Pamela Stapleton (Professor of Accounting, University of Manchester)• Mr. Geoffrey Hamilton (Chief of the PPP Programme at United Nations Economic Commission for Europe UNECE)

16.00 - 16.30	Break
16.30 – 17.00	Keynote by Prof. dr. Graeme Hodge , Director of the Monash Centre for Regulatory Studies, Law Faculty at Monash University
17.00 – 18.00	Paper session III: Five parallel panels
18.00	Close of the first conference day
From 18.30 onwards	Walking reception Speech by <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prof.dr. Steven Van Garsse, Government & Law, University of Antwerp • Mr. Marc van Peel, First Aldermen of the City of Antwerp

Thursday 7 November

9.00 - 10.15	Paper session IV: parallel panels
10.15 - 10.45	Keynote by Prof. dr. Akintola Akintoye , Dean of School of Built and Natural Environment, University of Central Lancashire
10.45 - 11.15	Break
11.15 - 13.00	Paper session V: Five parallel panels
13.00 - 14.15	Lunch
14.15 - 17.00	Paper session VI and parrallel PhD seminars
17.00	Closing Note - End of the open conference

Keynote speakers and panel members include:

- Prof. dr Akintoye, Dean of School of Built and Natural Environment, University of Central Lancashire
- Prof. dr. Chris Bovis, HK Bevan Chair in Law, University of Hull
- Prof. dr. Carsten Greve, Department of Business and Politics, Copenhagen Business School
- Prof. dr. Graeme Hodge, Director of the Monash Centre for Regulatory Studies, Law

Faculty at Monash University

- Prof. dr. Pamela Stapleton (Professor of Accounting, University of Manchester)
- Prof. Athena Rouboutsos, Department of Shipping, Trade and Transport, University of the Aegean
- Mr. Geoffrey Hamilton (Chief of the PPP Programme at United Nations Economic Commission for Europe UNECE)

Scientific Committee

The Scientific Committee to the Conference and PhD Seminar includes *inter alia*:

- Prof. dr. Chris Bovis, HK Bevan Chair in Law, University of Hull
- Prof. mr. Jan-Michiel Hebly, University Leiden
- Prof. mr. Elisabetta Manunza, University Utrecht
- Prof. Hilde Meersman, Department of Transport and Regional Economics, University of Antwerp
- Prof. Athena Rouboutsos, Department of Shipping, Trade and Transport, University of Aegean
- Prof. Eddy Van de Voorde, Department of Transport and Regional Economics, University of Antwerp

Practical information



Venue:

Hof van Liere, University of Antwerp, City campus, Prinsstraat 13, B – 2000 Antwerp

Price

€ 175 (incl. participation, documentation file, lunches, coffee/tea)

Registration

Will be available after abstract acceptance

Payment modalities

Will be available after abstract acceptance

Administrative and practical information:

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How to get there:

Public transport: Antwerp Central Station (10 minutes' walk).

Paid parking: Sint-Jacobsmarkt and Molenbergstraat (5 minutes' walk).

Travel information (click 'route').

How to get to Antwerp

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From the airport

Belgium's National Airport in Zaventem is about 40 km from Antwerp's city centre. Flight schedules can be consulted on the airport's website

[Brussels Airport](#). Antwerp can be reached from the airport either by taxi, train or airport shuttle

Public Transport:

A taxi ride

To the city centre takes about 45 minutes.

The Brussels Airport shuttle bus is leaving every hour from the airport and brings you in about 45 minutes directly to the hart of Antwerp.

The stop is located at " De Keyserlei " in front of the Central Station, and about 15 minutes walking from the University of Antwerp at Prinsstraat 13.

The price of a one-way ticket is € 10.

More information, such as timetables, can be found at [Airport Express](#)

Train

There is a direct connection from Brussels airport to Antwerp Central Station every hour.

You can also take a train to Mechelen and change there to a train for Antwerp. The price for a one way ticket is € 10.20

Antwerp Central station is a 15 minutes walk of the University.

Website Belgian railways: [NMBS](#)

Bus

For transport in Antwerp: website : [De Lijn](#)

Hotels

Website: [Antwerp hotels website](#)

Recommended hotels in the neighbourhood of the University of Antwerp

[Ten Prinse](#): Keizerstraat 63 2000 Antwerp

[Holiday Inn Express](#): Italiëlei 2A 2000 Antwerp

[Hotel Mercure](#): Molenbergstraat 9-11 2000 Antwerp

[IBIS](#): Meistraat 39 2000 Antwerp

Abstract Submission



Abstracts should be sent before 28 February 2013.

FOR PREPARING

Abstracts should be sent online through the submission page using the online abstract template. Do not use special characters such as apostrophes in form fields. If you copy and paste your text into the form fields, please copy from a simple text file instead of a word processing document, to avoid problems with hidden formatting characters.

FOR CONTENT

Abstracts will be assessed to ensure that they are relevant to the Conference, and that they contain evidence which contributes to research and theory as well as practice or policy.

FOR REVIEW

All authors should note that abstracts will be assessed by at least two reviewers with expertise in the subject area, using the following criteria:

- Level of innovation and soundness of analysis;
- Contribution to knowledge;
- Clarity of written presentation;
- Contribution to research and theory, with implications for policy and practice

Publication

Selected papers will be published in the conference proceedings (in cooperation palgrave) and

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