

# **“Sharing Best Practices in Introducing and Teaching Ethics Principles to Public Administration Employees”**

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With the participation of experts, who were conducting the research for the final comparative study, the meeting of partners within the project focused on the comparison of ethical standards in public administration, was held in premises of Hochschule für Wirtschaft und Recht in Berlin at the end of March 2012.

In the opening part, the German research stressing the structure of German public administration, human resources and training in public administration as well as legal materials defining ethical principles was presented. Subsequently, representatives of the Institute for Public Administration Prague introduced the latest version of the Czech part of the research report extended with a more detailed insight to the system of public administration, a general perspective on strengths and weaknesses of training in public administration and a presentation of basic considered changes at the transition on the prepared Act about officials and employees of public administration. It raised the discussion among partners about a suitable form of the research report, especially whether to focus only on descriptive parts or to involve analytical aspects as well.

A possible option of involvement of other foreign institutions was discussed in the following part. As the most appropriate form seems to be their involvement in later stages of the project, when apart from a thesis about the situation in the area of ethics in respective countries, they could also come with a commentary on produced materials and thus provide an interesting comparative perspective.

The project will be also promoted by partners by sharing project's information on their website and also by presenting the project at various conferences, seminars and other suitable opportunities.

Due to organizational reasons, the next meeting in June is going to be hosted again by Hochschule für Wirtschaft und Recht in Berlin.

The interesting end of programme was realized under the motto „When ethics fails completely“ by the visit of the former Berlin prison Hohenschönhausen, which was utilized by secret service in GDR times and now serves as a memorial and memento.

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