

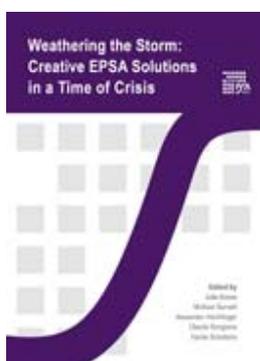


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## Public Sector Innovation & Management Publications

### A rich harvest of three EPSA editions in the academic spotlight

#### WEATHERING THE STORM: CREATIVE EPSA SOLUTIONS IN A TIME OF CRISIS



*Julia Bosse, Michael Burnett, Alexander Heichlinger, Claude Rongione, Harrie Scholtens (eds.)*

- Publication corresponding to this year's EPSA edition -

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## IN SEARCH OF LOCAL PUBLIC MANAGEMENT EXCELLENCE SEVEN JOURNEYS TO SUCCESS

*Julia Bosse, Alexander Heichlinger, Emanuele Padovani,  
Jan Ole Vanebo*



A well-functioning local public sector is the cornerstone for prosperity and growth; but cities are being confronted by significant (economic) pressures and challenges. This exacerbates the familiar problem faced by local policy-makers and managers of *'doing more with less'*.

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This book aims to demonstrate that various creative and smart routes to excellent solutions are possible, by analysing success stories in different areas of local public management from seven European cities in the EPSA scheme – **Bilbao** (ES), **Birmingham** (UK), **Mannheim** (DE), **Milan** (IT), **Tallinn** (EE), **Tampere** (FI), and **Trondheim** (NO).

Each case is analysed in terms of background, strategy development, 'journey', management control system and financial management, results, and innovation power (key drivers and enablers). The book concludes by presenting **seven steps leading to excellence**.

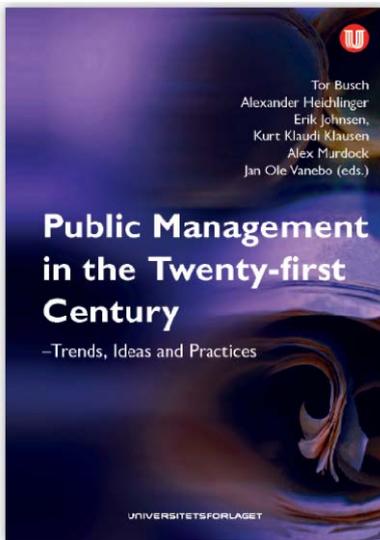
The only thing left to find out is: are other cities ready to take on the challenge?

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## **PUBLIC MANAGEMENT IN THE TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY – TRENDS, IDEAS AND PRACTICES**

*Tor Busch, Erik Johansen, Kurt Klaudi Klausen, Alex Murdock, Jan Ole Vanebo,  
Alexander Heichlinger (eds.)*



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