



7th Meeting of the European City Economic & Financial Governance (CEFG) Group

*“A leap towards transparency, accountability and
sustainability of public finances”*

**Barcelona (ES)
1-2 June 2017**



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Wednesday 31 May 2017

Arrival of the participants during the afternoon

19.30 Meeting in the hotel lobby

20.30 Welcome dinner at the Marítim Restaurant

Thursday 1 June 2017

7th thematic area of the CEFG Group:
***Budgeting policies & practices and fiscal issues –
A strong impactor in view of policy and governance***

Venue: Barcelona City Hall

Official welcome and public sessions: room “Saló de Cent”

09.15 **Official welcome and opening of the 7th CEFG Group meeting**
Gerardo Pisarello Prados, 1st Vice-Mayor, City Council of Barcelona
Jordi Ayala, CEO of Economy and Presidency, City Council of Barcelona
and Co-Chair CEFG Group

Opening key-note address

9.30 **Fiscal instruments and means to counteract speculation and crowding
out of the local population**
Albert Solé Ollé, Professor of Economics, University of Barcelona.

10.15 Coffee break (incl. press photos)

CEFG Group meeting: Room “Saló de Cròniques”

- 10.45 **Recap of the 6th meeting, opening and introduction to the objectives of the 7th CEFG Group meeting**
Alexander Heichlinger, EIPA Expert & Manager, Co-Chair of the CEFG Group, EIPA Barcelona
Emanuele Padovani, Associate Professor of Public Management and Accounting and CEFG Group Expert, University of Bologna
- 11.15 **Open budgets, transparency and citizen/political audits**
Jordi Ayala
- 12.00 **Overview of the partner cities’ “homework” in alignment to the opening speeches and discussion-surrounding questions such as:**
- *How is a city budget presented?*
 - *What are the different transparency frameworks in the member cities regarding budgetary planning and execution?*
 - *How to get citizens’ feedback on budgets? How does it influence the planning process?*
 - *How can transparency of accounting be monitored and measured?*
- Introduced and facilitated by *Emanuele Padovani and Alexander Heichlinger*
- Opening statement and overview of the EC work on measuring fiscal transparency by *Istvan Varjas*, Task Force EPSAS, European Commission, Luxembourg
- 13.00 Joint lunch (rooftop terrace), preceded by a short visit of the City Hall
- 14.30 **Continuation – City Debate**
- 15.15 **Transparency in costs/expenditure - Activity Based Costing**
Carlos Vivas, Director of Budget & Taxation Policy, City of Barcelona
Antonio Muñoz, Comptroller General, City of Barcelona
- 16.00 **(Guided) City debate**
- 17.00 **End of the first day**
- 17.30 **Start of the social programme: Short walk to and visit of the Picasso Museum**
- Welcome by *Emmanuel Guigon*, Director, Picasso Museum, Barcelona
- 20:30 Joint dinner at the “Senyor Parellada” restaurant

Friday 2 June 2017

Venue: Barcelona City Hall

CEFG Group meeting: Room “Saló de Cròniques”

Chaired by *Jordi Ayala*

- 09.30 **“Please help” – Interactive working session for developing ideas and solutions to presented challenges**
Introduced by *Alexander Heichlinger*
- 09.45 **Presentation of the selected city challenge(s)**
City representative(s) of selected challenge(s)
- 10.30 Coffee break
- 11.00 **Continuation of the “Please help” session**
- 12.00 **Joint collection of results**
- 13.00 Joint lunch (rooftop terrace)
- 14.30 **The Management Model of the City of Barcelona**
Jordi Surinach, Professor, University of Barcelona
- 15.10 **Up-dates on the EPSAS project**
- Two phase approach
- First Time Implementation Guidance
- Support to the MSs for modernising public sector accounting (accruals basis)
Istvan Varjas
- 15.40 **Networks of Local Governments and transnational cooperation beyond Europe**
Felip Roca, Secretary General, Metropolis
Octavi de la Varga, Executive Director, Metropolis
- 16.00 **Paving the way for the CEFG Group towards 2020**
Alexander Heichlinger
- 16.15 **Closure and announcement of the 8th meeting in Bordeaux**
Jordi Ayala and Frédéric Garnier, CFO, City of Bordeaux
- 16.30 End of the meeting
