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# Democratic Governance for the XXI Century: Challenges and Responses in CEE Countries

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The 13th NISPAcee Annual Conference  
Presentation of the Conference Theme

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# Annual Conferences from Slovenia 1995 to Moscow 2005 – content analysis of the main themes:

## Focus:

Public Administration (1995-2001)

Central and Eastern Europe (1996-1998, 2002, 2004, 2005)

## Agents:

Civil Service (1997), The Public (1999), Partnership (2001), European Union (2004)

## Institutions:

Organizations (1996), Social Policies (1998), Market (2001), Civic Sector (2001), Public Services (2002), Capacities to Govern (2003), Democratic Governance (2005)

## Processes:

Transition (1995, 2000), Professionalization (1997), Delivering (2002), Avoiding a New Divide (2004)

## Timing:

Future (2000), 21st Century (2005)

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# Annual Conferences from Slovenia 1995 to Moscow 2005 – interpretation of the content development

- From Public Administration through Public Policy toward Governance
- From specific transition problems to more general issues (such as delivering public services)
- From actual functioning to forward looking
- Diversification of discussed issues (the number of Working Groups has increased from 3 in 1998 to 9 this year)
- Territorial broadening (Forum „Challenges in Caucasus and Central Asian Countries“ at this conference)

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# Annual Conferences from Slovenia 1995 to Moscow 2005 – persistent problem areas

Growing demands for public services vs. competition pressures of a globalized economy

Traditional domains of national states' operations vs. Demands of regional and supra-national governing bodies

Governance as an art of the state, market, and civic sector coordination and harmonization vs. societal pathologies of corruption, clientelism, organized crime, poverty, unemployment, etc.

Traditions of „administering“ (hierarchies) vs. information and communication technologies (networks)

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13th Annual Conference Moscow 2005  
– common challenge for all participants

Democratic governance is „work-in-progress“  
in all and every country.

Let us concentrate to learning from each other.

Let us concentrate to understand better.

Do not forget to relax as well.

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