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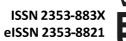
Motivation for the Special Issue

While entrepreneurship and public sector as two separate fields of research are deeply rooted in theory and business practice, the two combined together, i.e. entrepreneurship in the public sector has not got adequate attention yet. Despite the fact that publications on entrepreneurship in the public sector have at least 40 years of record history (Cannon & Grossfield, 1979), there still is the lack of both theoretical and empirical studies on this subject. The rationale behind such an assessment stems from still comparatively low efficiency of the public administration (Asatryan, Heinemann & Pitlik, 2017; Buleca & Mura, 2014; Hauner & Kyobe, 2010) and the public sector as a whole (Førsund, in press; Agasisti, Barra & Zotti, 2016; Gourtsoyannis, 2013; Varabyova & Schreyögg, 2013; Hwanga & Akdede, 2011). This can be combined with big and growing expectations expressed by citizens and clients as well as challenges public sector is facing (Millard, in press). There is enough ground to maintain that effective implementation of entrepreneurial values and practices into various institutions and organizations of the public sector could result in increase of efficiency (Mateia & Bujac, 2016).

Specific Focus of the Special Issue

The important role of other branches of the public sector notwithstanding, one may agree that public administration, health, and education constitute areas of growing importance in the modern societies/economies. Out of these three, only

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higher education attracted more attention from the scientists especially through the concept of entrepreneurial universities and entrepreneurial scientists (Holley & Watson, 2017; Miranda, Chamorro-Mera & Rubio, 2017; Aldridge & Audretsch, 2011).

Consequently, we encourage manuscripts that go across the public sector as a whole with some preferences given to those addressing the above mentioned three areas. We welcome diversified methods (qualitative or quantitative or mixed) including case studies.

We leave the Authors a lot of freedom concerning topics and research questions posed in the manuscripts. There are, however, some suggested one, for example:

- What are motivations or inspirations driving entrepreneurship in the public sector?
- What are the motivations for public organizations and institutions to implement entrepreneurial culture?
- What are the main barriers to implement entrepreneurial culture and practice in public organizations and institutions?
- What concept(s) or theory(ies) are needed to explain entrepreneurship in the public sector?
- How is entrepreneurship in the public sector different from entrepreneurship in the private sector?
- What processes and mechanisms can be employed for entrepreneurship in the public sector?
- What does the ecosystem and infrastructure for entrepreneurship in the public sector look like?
- How entrepreneurs in the public sector interact with their ecosystems?
- How do new technologies, social networks, and institutional environments affect entrepreneurs in the public sector?
- What are the gains from embedding entrepreneurship in the public sector?
- Is there room for intrapreneurship in the public sector?

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