

## Foreword

The reliability of information and inter-organizational cooperation are the determinants of effectiveness. In this issue of the Journal, we focus attention on issues related to the effectiveness of the individual organization, as well as the macrostructures - the States.

The common denominator of the presented considerations is to improve the functioning of the state, and thus the economy and the lives of ordinary citizens. The presented considerations formulated by European authors are universal, and the problems seem to be current in different parts of our Globe.

The first article addresses theoretical and applicative issues concerning validation, design and implementation of mathematical economic models for forecasting of fiscal policy regional and national effects in an emerging economy (in the case of Ukraine). Such forecasting requires proper data. Meanwhile, economic data can be distorted because of the shadow economy. In such a situation, it is difficult to correct results of modeling of future economic changes.

In the second article, the author notes that an efficient accounting system favors the creation of the accurate information. Reliability of information is also a factor in creating trust, especially when it is realized that the parties to a contract are always characterized by opportunism. This article draws attention to the problem of corruption which interferes with the transmission of information, reduces the level of trust, disturbs the institutional balance and increases transaction costs. The article presents the structured approach to diagnose organizational pathology.

The role of Non-Governmental Organizations in implementing good governance is underlined in the third article. The author notes that NGOs could be helpful in pursuing governments and civil society to implement good governance in public and private sector. However, the NGOs need to reexamine the way they operate - in many societies they need to improve their independence and transparency. Nongovernmental organizations can indeed serve to the society, especially in a time when governmental bodies are withdrawing from direct delivery of public services, goods and programs.

We hope the articles in this issue will stimulate discussion on contemporary problems of public organizations. If you would like to participate in such discussions please start thinking about contributions for the next issue of this Journal, participating in the ICGFM blog, and/or attending future ICGFM events. We would also be pleased to receive reviews and suggestions of other resources that we should refer to in future issues. Send them to [icgfm@icgfm.org](mailto:icgfm@icgfm.org).

We look forward to hearing from you!

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