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PUBLIEK PRIVATE SAMENWERKING IN VLAANDEREN**Een late start, hoge verwachtingen**

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Abstract

Over the last 25 years Public Private Partnerships (PPP's) have become popular and are now spreading all over the world. Initially they were instruments of privatisation and arrangements that attempted to evade expenditure controls and hide budget deficits.

But in addition to private execution and financing of public investment PPP's have other important characteristics. There is an emphasis of service provision as well as investment by the private sector and significant risk is transferred from the government to the private sector. When properly designed and transparently reported PPP's can enhance the efficiency of the provision of services supplied by the public sector.

This paper provides some analysis of the recent introduction of PPP projects by the Flemish authorities. A case study illustrates the set up of important investment programs in schoolbuilding, taken in to account the specificities of the Flemish educational organisation.

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