

Portfolio on Relations with INTOSAI and its Regional Organizations

As approved by the GB at its 54 meeting (April 2021), the **Spanish Court of Audit** will continue holding the portfolio on “Relations with INTOSAI and its Regional Organizations” from 2021-2024. As EUROSAI Secretariat, the Spanish Court of Audit has maintained a strategic position in the Organization and built strong and close relationships along the years with INTOSAI, its bodies, IDI and EUROSAI’s peers in the INTOSAI community.

This portfolio on “Relations with INTOSAI and its Regional Organizations” is an expanded version of the former one on relations with other INTOSAI Regional Organization, which was in place from 2017 until 2021. This enlargement of the portfolio’s scope aims to foster and give more visibility to the Organization’s relations with INTOSAI structures.

As **background** information, it is useful to bring to our minds the close relationship between **EUROSAI and INTOSAI and its bodies** (INTOSAI GB, Secretariat, IDI, IDC, Committees et cetera). In this regard, the INTOSAI Secretariat and IDI are both observers to the EUROSAI Governing Board meetings and report regularly on such occasions. Likewise, the EUROSAI Secretariat regularly reports on EUROSAI activities at the INTOSAI Governing Board and Congress meetings. Moreover, it represents EUROSAI in key INTOSAI structures, such as, for instance, the CBC Steering Committee, the INTOSAI - Donors Cooperation (IDC) Steering Committee, the INTOSAI Supervisory Committee on Emerging Issues (SCEI) or the Regional Capacity Development Forum. At the same time and for those specific issues which fall into the competence sphere of other EUROSAI key actors, appropriate EUROSAI liaisons with certain INTOSAI structures have been set up as needed.

Please find in the **annex** the current overall picture of all those interactions, which clearly shows the close cooperation between EUROSAI and INTOSAI, as well as the central role played by the Secretariat (highlighted in blue color).

It is also relevant to note the long-standing cooperation between **EUROSAI and the other INTOSAI Regional Organizations**, mostly OLACEFS, ARABOSAI and ASOSAI, with whom EUROSAI has signed in the past cooperation agreements. Joint Conferences held between EUROSAI and each mentioned Regional Organization have been the main collaboration instrument used since 2000, having signed in 2018 bilateral ToRs to enhance such events. ToRs with ASOSAI and OLACEFS have proved to be of great value in the Joint Conferences hosted by the SAI of Israel (2019) and SAI of Hungary (2020).

The ToR signed with ARABOSAI is currently guiding the organization of the VI EUROSAI-ARABOSAI Joint Conference, to be hosted by SAI of Ukraine in Kiev, 17-19 May 2022. In addition, a MoU and a framework cooperation have been agreed and implemented between AFROSAI and EUROSAI. Additionally, EUROSAI is strongly committed to building an enhanced cooperation with other Regional Organizations, an example of which are the “Regional Round table” sessions in the sidelines of the INTOSAI-Region Cooperation Platform meetings. In these “Regional Round table” sessions the representatives of the INTOSAI Regional Organizations gather to discuss, with a very practical approach, issues of common interest and, so far, two of these sessions have been held -in 2018 (Oslo) and in 2019 (Cape Town)-.

The Portfolio on “Relations with INTOSAI and its Regional Organizations” will **address the following two guiding principles of the ESP 2017-2024:**

Principle 4: Identify, represent and advocate its members’ views and interests on subjects under development in INTOSAI.

Principle 6: Enhance its cooperation with other Regional Organizations of INTOSAI fostering different forms of knowledge sharing and cooperation.

At the same time, it will be developed **with due coordination** with the co-leaders of:

Strategic Goal 1 – SAI of Lithuania and Germany - regarding *objective 1.3 To facilitate the sharing of knowledge and experience within EUROSAI and with external stakeholders and partners*

Strategic Goal 2 – SAI of Poland and Sweden - regarding *objective 2.5 Represent EUROSAI in the wider INTOSAI Community through appointment of specific liaisons*

The portfolio **aims** at continuing channeling fluent and close relations with INTOSAI and its bodies, representing EUROSAI in the structures, fora and events to which the Secretariat is beckoned, ensuring appropriate representation in INTOSAI of EUROSAI interests and enhancing EUROSAI cooperation with other INTOSAI Regional Organizations by improving the cooperation mechanisms already in place and fostering additional forms of knowledge sharing and cooperation. Therefore, the portfolio is focused on:

A) **As for the INTOSAI structures:**

- *ensuring appropriate representation in INTOSAI of EUROSAI interests* by supporting the process of nominating representatives of EUROSAI in INTOSAI GB and carrying out a swift coordination, feedback and follow up on key issues in the field of the EUROSAI-INTOSAI relations.
- *representing EUROSAI in INTOSAI and its bodies*, which includes participating in those INTOSAI structures meetings and contributing to their work, except for

those cases in which there is a specific liaison already appointed, as detailed in the Annex.

- *channeling relations between EUROSAI and INTOSAI and its bodies*, redirecting the collaboration requests received to the appropriate actors within EUROSAI (in those cases where the proposed cooperation falls under the scope of action of a EUROSAI actor other than the Secretariat).

B) *As for the INTOSAI Regional Organizations:*

- *managing and channeling the relations with EUROSAI's peers in INTOSAI in order to reinforce cooperation with them*, mostly in line with the SG1 of the ESP 2017-2024;
- *promoting different forms of knowledge sharing and cooperation activities*, to be executed by the respective actors and implementing bodies of EUROSAI; and
- *fostering dialogue and exchange of best practice and experiences in the Fora of INTOSAI Regional Organizations* (e.g. CBC workstreams, Regional Forum for Capacity Development, INTOSAI Regions Coordination Platform and its Regional round tables), in close coordination with the co-leaders of SG2, with the aim of identifying areas of mutual interest, both on governance and capacity development.

ANNEX- EUROSAI Representation in INTOSAI Structures

INTOSAI BODY	EUROSAI liaison/representation
INTOSAI Congress (INCOSAI)	EUROSAI Secretariat (as invited guest)
INTOSAI Governing Board	SAI of Poland and Portugal, as members of the INTOSAI GB (EUROSAI representatives) and EUROSAI Secretariat as invited guest
INTOSAI PSC	SAI of Sweden
INTOSAI CBC	
Steering Committee	EUROSAI Secretariat and the SAI of Poland as Strategic Goal 2 co-leader
Peer to peer work stream within CBC	SAI of Poland
IntoSAINT work stream within CBC	SAI of the Netherland and ECA
Task-Force on INTOSAI Auditor Professionalization	an expert from SAI of Romania (2020-2022)
Regional Capacity Development Forum	EUROSAI Secretariat and the SAI of Poland as Strategic Goal 2 co-leader
INTOSAI Regions Coordination Platform and Round table of Regions	EUROSAI Secretariat, Presidency and the SAI of Poland as Strategic Goal 2 co-leader
INTOSAI Development Initiative (IDI)	EUROSAI Secretariat
INTOSAI Donors Cooperation (IDC) Steering Committee	EUROSAI Secretariat
2020 Global Survey Committee	EUROSAI Secretariat
INTOSAI Supervisory Committee on Emerging Issues (SCEI)	EUROSAI Secretariat
Expert Group on COVID-19 set up by the SCEI	EUROSAI Secretariat, in close coordination with the EUROSAI COVID-19 PG leaders
INTOSAI Journal editorial board	EUROSAI Secretariat
Task Force on the INTOSAI Strategic Plan 2023-2028	EUROSAI Secretariat and Presidency