

Annex 5: Template for Project Closure

1. Basic information on the PG:

1.1 Name of the Project Group: EUROSAI Project Group (PG) on “Collaboration with national-level UN Agencies in the context of SAIs’ SDG-related Audit Processes”

1.2 Link with EUROSAI Strategic Plan (Strategic Goal/Portfolio to which is linked): Strategic Goal 2 of EUROSAI Strategic Plan 2017-2024, specifically to the Objective 2.4 “To follow and contribute to the development of other INTOSAI initiatives and products related to capacity building”

1.3 Lead SAI and Participants: Turkish Court of Accounts (TCA) as Leader of the PG, Office of the UN Resident Coordinator in Türkiye (UN RCO) and United Nations Development Programme Türkiye Country Office (UNDP) as external partners

1.4 Criteria used for the invitation/determination of participating SAIs:

The main partner of the TCA in this Project Group was UN RCO in Türkiye noting that the participation was also open to all member SAIs of EUROSAI as set in the ToR. At the EUROSAI Governing Board meeting (GB) at the technical level and the EUROSAIGB meeting held in October and November 2021 respectively, the context of the PG was introduced to all participants and the call for interested SAIs was made. Also, negotiations with various SAIs mainly from the GB continued following the ToR’s approval and they were invited to the PG via e-mail correspondence. Furthermore, at the national context, following the bilateral and multilateral online discussions with UN Entities in Türkiye, we organised a multi-stakeholder workshop in June 2022 and also applied a short survey among EUROSAI members to ensure the inclusiveness and create a room for different perspectives. Therefore, SAIs were welcomed to join as respondents to the surveys.

1.5 Resources used (in-kind resources and financial resources if any):

TCA provided staff to coordinate and carry out the activities regarding the project. Working hours dedicated; to the project and the application of the survey, to the organisation of bilateral and multilateral online discussions with UN Entities in Türkiye as well as multi-stakeholder in-person workshop in June 2022, to the drafting of the output document, efforts on its design and also to the execution of internal and external peer review process, were the main resources used.

1.6 Contact Person: Principal Auditor Berna ERKAN (bernadurusu@sayistay.gov.tr ; 0090 312 295 38 32)

2. Results achieved (to be included in the Progress Report of the relevant Strategic Goal/Portfolio):

The initiative aims to provide the auditors with a generic framework on sustainable development goals (SDGs) and their implementation at the national/sub-national levels with

special emphasis on potential areas where UN and SAIs can interact.

The output is designed to provide an understanding to the reader to assess, on the one hand, the SAI's evolving role to play in national efforts to implement the SDGs and on the other hand, the UN specific coordination mechanisms and arrangements in support to implement SDGs.

Having an understanding on the interconnectedness of SDG implementation and SDG auditing and the criticality of the UN-SAI engagement, the output focuses on exploring new channels for the mutual exchange of expertise, experience, and knowledge with the UN Entities at country-level in the lines of (i) implementation of the SDGs and (ii) any kind of SAIs' work carried out with SDG perspective in the context of SDG preparedness/implementation. In this regard, main lines of cooperation areas between the UN and SAIs in the SDG-related audit processes are defined and possible interaction points (PIPs) are presented along with the related opportunities and challenges for ensuring the multidimensional thinking.

In order to take this cooperation a little further and make it concrete, sample SDG-related audit question sets are also developed and categorised in order to help create a mindset for the involved auditor(s) and provide a useful starting point.

3. Main products of the Project (for their dissemination as described above): the PG leader will attach the documents or include the link to them.

The Discussion and Recommendations Paper titled as "UN-SAI COUNTRY-LEVEL COLLABORATION ON SDG AUDITS: RECOMMENDATIONS FOR AUDITORS" is the output of this Project Group which also includes an Annex for the survey results applied to EUROSAI members. It is attached as envisaged.

4. Accountability provision:

4.1 "Quality and Transparency Statement" is attached to the output.

Feedbacks from 27 EUROSAI members (22 with filled in surveys, 5 via informative e-mails) were received for the Survey. Draft output was reviewed by SAIs of Albania, North Macedonia, Bosnia Herzegovina and Kosovo as peer review. Its quality control was made by colleagues with expertise in this topic internally. The output was also reviewed by our translators for language check.

5. Dissemination activities:

5.1 Materials and outputs documents (or links to them, if applicable).

The Discussion and Recommendations Paper titled as "UN-SAI COUNTRY-LEVEL COLLABORATION ON SDG AUDITS: RECOMMENDATIONS FOR AUDITORS" which is the output of this Project Group, is attached.

In the following course, the document can be uploaded in the EUROSAI database of products and BIEP. Also, a draft text of e-mail for dissemination to members will be prepared and delivered.

5.2 Draft text of piece of news for the EUROSAI website and ~~EUROSAI OP webpage.~~

Draft text of piece of news is prepared and attached for delivery on the EUROSAI website.

5.3 Draft texts and pictures for social media

In the following course, draft texts and pictures for social media will be prepared and delivered.

6. Lessons learnt (ideas, clues and suggestions for related future works, if any):

- Contributions of respective SAIs who carried out the peer-review of the Paper (SAI Albania, SAI Bosnia and Herzegovina, SAI Kosovo, SAI North Macedonia) added great value to the development and quality control of the document. Such peer review request from interested SAIs is therefore advisable for all PGs.

- This output, including Recommendations for Auditors, can be perceived as a dynamic document which may need updates and improvements led by the feedbacks coming from the key players.

Annex 6.1

Quality and Transparency Statement

This is to certify that <<The Discussion and Recommendations Paper titled as “UN-SAI COUNTRY-LEVEL COLLABORATION ON SDG AUDITS: RECOMMENDATIONS FOR AUDITORS”>> has been developed by following the Quality and Transparency process stated in the “QUALITY AND TRANSPARENCY PROTOCOL FOR EUROSAI PRODUCTS AND DOCUMENTS” as detailed below:

i. Representation of the membership of the PG/TF/WG or group elaborating the product:

Turkish Court of Accounts (TCA) is the leader of the PG launched under EUROSAI ESP SG2; Office of the UN Resident Coordinator in Türkiye (UN RCO) and United Nations Development Programme Türkiye Country Office (UNDP) acted as external partners. No EUROSAI member SAI joined the PG as member or observer. However, feedbacks from 27 EUROSAI members were received for the survey conducted and 4 member SAIs provided peer-review support.

ii. External stakeholder representation/contribution, if any.

UN RCO in Türkiye and UNDP Türkiye Country Office acted as external partners in the PG. Negotiations were carried out between the TCA and the UN Entities in Türkiye throughout this project and discussions were held at the multi-stakeholder consultation workshop with the UN Entity representatives that took place in person in June 2022.

iii. ToR/Work plan: existence and approval of a ToR/Work Plan to develop the product.

ToR of the PG was approved by the EUROSAI Coordination Team in February 2022.

iv. Openness and transparency

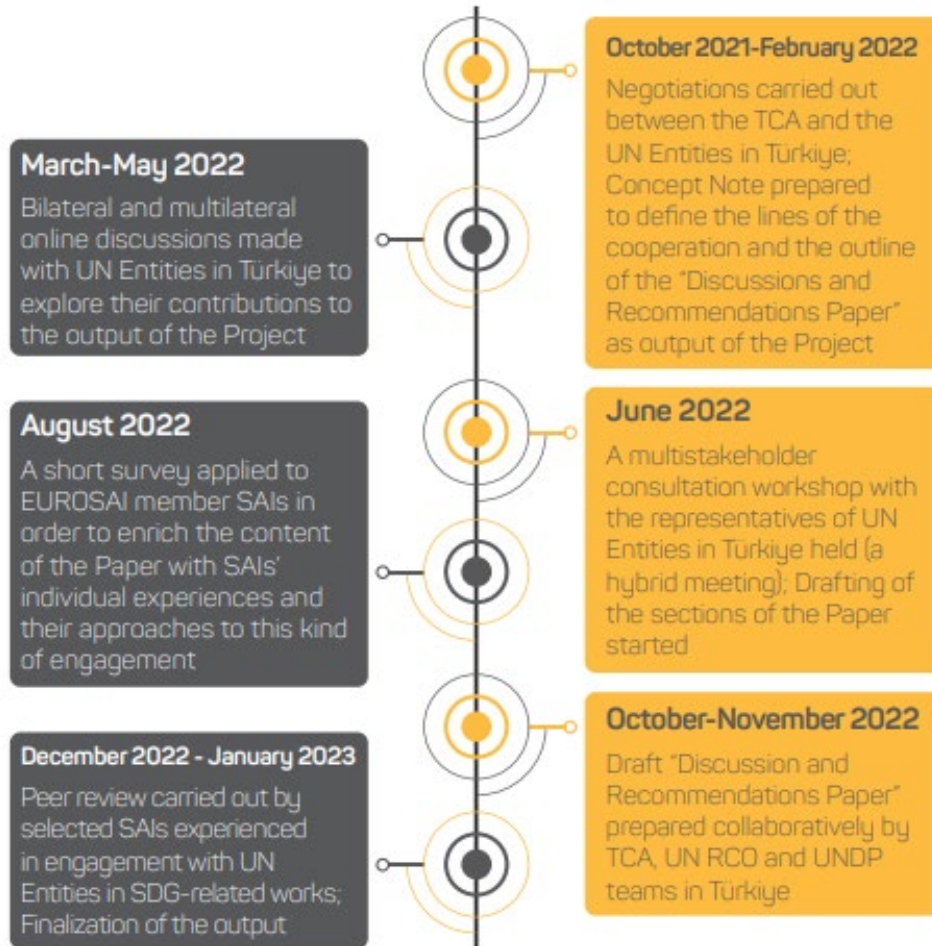
At the EUROSAI Governing Board meeting (GB) at the technical level and the EUROSAI GB meeting held in October and November 2021 respectively, the context of the PG was introduced to all participants and the call for interested SAIs was made. Also, negotiations with various SAIs mainly from the GB continued following the ToR's approval and they were invited to the PG via e-mail correspondence.

Progress regarding the output of the PG were presented on different occasions organised through the end of 2021 and whole 2022, such as the EUROSAI Post-Congress Get-Together held in May 2022 (Brochure “A Quick Update on Project Groups Set by the TCA for ESP 2017-2024/2021-2022 PERIOD was prepared and delivered), EUROSAI GB meetings (both technical and presidential level) as well as EUROSAI SG2 meeting.

Survey, as a complementary part of the PG, was sent to EUROSAI members to ensure inclusiveness.

Feedbacks from the discussions held in Multi-stakeholder Consultation Workshop, Survey as well as peer-review were reflected in the document.

v. **Work method**



vi. **Exposure:**

The output document "UN-SAI COUNTRY-LEVEL COLLABORATION ON SDG AUDITS: RECOMMENDATIONS FOR AUDITORS" will be sent by e-mail to all EUROSAI members, and made available to EUROSAI community and external stakeholders on the EUROSAI website (database of products) as well as BIEP.