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LIVE transmission of the European Court of Auditors' conference on

Evaluation of public policies and programmes by Supreme Audit Institutions (SAIs)

Tuesday 25 June 2019, from 9 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. (CEST/GMT+2)

**involving representatives from the
SAIs of the USA, Sweden, Switzerland and the Netherlands**

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Citizens expect us to demonstrate that positive results are being achieved with public money. We are all familiar with evaluations carried out on behalf of executive or management bodies, often by private companies. We often take account of such evaluations in our work, and our audit reports sometimes highlight weaknesses in such evaluations (e.g. if they measure only output, without demonstrating results and impact).

More recently, it became obvious that SAIs are well placed to perform public policy or programme evaluations because they have the necessary independence, the capacity to develop knowledge of evaluation methodologies, and extensive knowledge of public policies acquired from their missions. Unlike administrative institutions or private companies, their institutional status, as well as their professional and ethical rules, ensure their objectivity and independence from the government or private interests. **This has recently also been recognised internationally by INTOSAI, which adopted guidelines on this topic in December 2016.**

The objective of this conference is for SAI colleagues to exchange and discuss concrete and practical experiences (methodology, objectives, resource requirements, practical examples, etc.).

Following the opening of the conference by **ECA President Lehne**, the Chair of the INTOSAI working group on the evaluation of public policies and standards will present and discuss the recently adopted INTOSAI guidelines.

This will be followed by one round table in the morning and another in the afternoon, which will give us the opportunity to exchange practical and concrete examples of evaluations in the areas of public investment, climate, environment and agriculture with our colleagues from the SAIs of the **USA, Sweden, Switzerland, the Netherlands, and the ECA.**

The conference will be moderated by ECA Members Danièle Lamarque and Eva Lindström. The full programme is available [here](#).