

**EUROSAI Strategic Goal 1: Professional Cooperation
6th Meeting, Videoconference, Wednesday 25 January 2023**

Meeting Minutes

Agenda item	Main results	To do
Welcome	Welcome addresses by SG1 co-leaders Auditor General Mindaugas Macijauskas of SAI Lithuania and SAI Germany	
Adoption of the agenda	Agenda adopted	
Progress reports on current projects	<p><u>BIEP (Czech Republic, see attachment 1):</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ currently 547 users (prior meeting: 477) from 51 countries ▪ 68 topics (prior meeting: 57) ▪ In future, aim to embed BIEP more strongly in working groups/national audits and enhance functionalities <p><u>EUROSAI databases (Czech Republic, see attachment 2):</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ almost 3.940 (prior meeting: 3.400) audit reports/summaries uploaded in database of audits, but no. of audits decreasing since 2019 ▪ databases of products 917 documents ▪ In future, development of semantic search and cooperation with Secretariat <p><u>Investigations: Webinar and Summer school (Netherlands):</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Next seminar: 3–5 July 2023, slots for 30 auditors (2 per SAI), registration on “first come first serve” basis ▪ Formal invitation will follow in February 2023 	SAIs invited to register

	<p><u>Travelling Club of Experts (Lithuania, see attachment 3)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ In 2022, 3rd webinar with 100 participants from 22 SAIs held about audit innovations, PG reached more than 300 participants from 40 SAIs during 2022 ▪ For 2023, five webinars and one hybrid meeting planned <p>Next webinar about “Future challenges for SAI: auditors perspective” scheduled for 15 February 2023</p> <p><u>Enterprise Risk Management (Turkey, see attachment 4)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Objective to determine SAIs’ awareness about ERM ▪ In 2022, survey performed and results analysed ▪ For February 2023, survey analysis report expected ▪ Overall result: SAIs’ awareness is satisfactory <p><u>Auditing in the new normal (Turkey, see attachment 5)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Objective to identify current use of technology in audit processes ▪ In 2022, survey performed and results analysed ▪ For January 2023, survey analysis report expected ▪ Overall result: during the pandemic, main issues related to personnel competence, methodological issues, lack of effective laws and regulations, and the availability and governance of quality data <p><u>Ethics Network (Croatia)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 2021, as permanent platform founded by 31 members ▪ Since foundation, collected information on articles, trainings and newly evolving ethical concerns, such as Artificial Intelligence. ▪ Network initiated cooperation with various stakeholders such as the IDI and OECD. 	<p>SAIs invited to register</p>
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	<p>audit of losses and damages caused by military conflicts” on 22 November 2022</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Two coordinated audits on “Protection of forests from fires” and “Government’s readiness to prevent disasters and eliminate their consequences” <p><u>EUROSAI TFMA (Lithuania, see attachment 9)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Progress on several projects under SG1 objectives 1.1 (promote audit-related cooperation) and 1.3 (facilitate the sharing of knowledge and experience), such as <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 3rd audit compendium completed in 2022 and 4th – planned in 2023 ○ seminar on “digitalization of public service delivery” held in October 2022 ○ planned activity „The preparation of a special publication on the management of the emergency of the COVID-19 pandemic“ cancelled as already covered in other activities 	
New project proposals	<p><u>PG on parallel audit on Artificial Intelligence (Israel)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The use of Artificial Intelligence in public sector is expected to increase and used worldwide, implying big impact ▪ However, use of technology by government and administration as well as by auditors for audits underly risk and obstacles ▪ Project Group is planned to be launched in February 2023 <p><u>EUROSAI Innovations Newsletter (France, see attachment 10)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Handover from SAI Germany/Lithuania happened in 2022 ▪ Since 2018, 6 newsletters issued ▪ Future goals e.g. to <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Diversify contributors 	<p>EUROSAI members are invited to let the PG know about their ideas and expectations at any time during the process</p> <p>EUROSAI members are invited to join an editorial committee for the Newsletter</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Improve form (layout, structure, editorial line etc.) <p><u>PG on real time audit (Italy, see attachment 11 & 12)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ PG envisaged to determine benefits and methodologies of real time audits in the EUROSAI community ▪ Aim to develop a methodological paper and evaluate areas for possible future parallel real time audits 	
Parallel brainstorming sessions & Wrap-up	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Chairing SAIs reported about discussion in parallel brainstorming sessions ▪ Concerning the newsletter, it was highlighted that the question of added-value should be followed to ensure that the newsletter is actually helpful for readers 	
Other reports	<p><u>EUROSAI Presidency (Czech Republic, see attachment 13)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Presidency is currently <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ preparing TOR for secondments programme ○ involved in PG on developing ESP and launching website ▪ Next GB technical meeting: 27–28 March 2023 in Jerusalem ▪ Next GB meeting: 14–15 June 2023 in Vilnius <p><u>EUROSAI Secretariat (Spain, see attachment 14)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ First call of EUROSAI subsidies 20 January – 31 March 2023 ▪ low number of applications, small survey planned ▪ new Task Force related to SDGs with ARABOSAI envisaged. No final decision taken yet, will be discussed at meeting between SAI Turkey and SAI Saudi-Arabia as Head of ARABOSAI. Need of SAI to lead and participate in the TF. <p><u>EUROSAI SG 2 (Sweden, see attachment 15)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Provision of status quo on projects: ▪ 2 projects lead by Russia on hold 	<p>Please provide the Secretariat with answers to the two questions posed in attachment 15, slide 3</p> <p>SAIs wishing to participate in the TF can contact Secretariat.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 4 new projects for 2022–24: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Data Envelopment Analysis: Kick-off in 2022, third session in Madrid in February 2023 fully booked ○ Audit English: Workshops planned throughout 2023 ○ SAI Evaluation Tools & Methods: External phase planned for Q2 2023. ○ Collaboration with national-level UN agencies and SAIs on SDGs: Almost finished, report will be published soon 	
Any other business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ None 	

Attachments:

The attachments will be shared through a cloud website. You will receive a separate mail with a link to the website. After a short registration, you will be able to easily access all attachments.

1. Presentation of SAI Czech Republic on BIEP and EUROSAI Databases
2. Presentation of SAI Czech Republic on EUROSAI Databases
3. Presentation of SAI Lithuania on Travelling Club of Experts
4. Presentation of SAI Turkey on Enterprise Risk Management project
5. Presentation of SAI Turkey on “Auditing in the new normal” project
6. Presentation of SAI Estonia on ITWG activities
7. Presentation of SAI Poland on WGEA activities
8. Progress report of SAI Ukraine on WGAFADC activities
9. Presentation of SAI Lithuania on TFMA activities
10. Presentation of SAI France on EUROSAI innovations newsletter
11. Presentation of SAI Italy on new project group about real time audit
12. Approved Terms of Reference for new project group about real time audit (SAI Italy)
13. Presentation of EUROSAI Presidency

14. Presentation of EUROSAT Secretariat

15. Presentation of EUROSAT SG 2 Lead