

## **SUMMARY OF AGREEMENTS (SoA)**

### **54<sup>th</sup> EUROSAI GOVERNING BOARD MEETING**

#### **15 April 2021 (online meeting)**

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The 54<sup>th</sup> meeting of the EUROSAI Governing Board (GB) was virtually held on the 15<sup>th</sup> of April 2021. The meeting was chaired by Mr Miloslav Kala, President of the Supreme Audit Office of the Czech Republic and President of EUROSAI, with the attendance of observers.

#### **Item 1. Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda of the 54<sup>th</sup> GB Meeting**

The GB approved the agenda of the 54<sup>th</sup> EUROSAI GB meeting.

#### **Item 2. Welcome to the new members of the Governing Board and presentation of the First Vice-president**

The Chair welcomed the new members joining the GB as a result of the elections held during the XI EUROSAI Congress -SAIs of Israel (new 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-presidency of EUROSAI), Lithuania and the United Kingdom (new elected members)-, and their respective Heads of SAIs took the floor and expressed their willingness to contribute to the EUROSAI community.

Ms María José de la Fuente, President of the SAI of Spain and Secretary General of EUROSAI, informed on the Welcome Packages that had already been distributed right after the XI Congress, to assist new members of the GB to have a smooth induction in the performance of their roles and duties in EUROSAI; a Welcome Package to the incoming Presidency, sent to the SAI of Israel, and a Welcome Package to new GB members, forwarded to the SAIs of Lithuania and the United Kingdom.

The GB took note of the information.

#### **Item 3. Election of the Second Vice-president**

The Chair proposed the SAI of Poland as 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-Presidency of EUROSAI.

The GB endorsed the election of the SAI of Poland as 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-Presidency of EUROSAI.

#### **Item 4. Issues related to the EUROSAI Strategy:**

##### **4.1. Definition and allocation of portfolios within the GB**

Following a discussion among the GB members, the GB approved the following definition and allocation of EUROSAI's Strategic and Governance Portfolios:

- Strategic Goal 1 “Professional cooperation” (SG1) - SAIs of Lithuania and Turkey expressed interest in contributing to this portfolio.
- Strategic Goal 2 “Institutional capacity development” (SG2) - SAI of Poland.
- Portfolio on overall governance and culture – SAI of the Czech Republic (Presidency of EUROSAI).
- Portfolio on communication – SAI of Spain (EUROSAI Secretariat), co-led by the SAI of Israel (1<sup>st</sup> Vice-Presidency of EUROSAI).
- Portfolio on relations with non-SAI stakeholders – SAI of Latvia.
- Portfolio on relations with INTOSAI and its Regional Organizations – SAI of Spain (EUROSAI Secretariat). In this regard, following the proposal of the Secretariat, its definition was modified to incorporate relations, not only with Regional Organizations, but also with INTOSAI and its bodies; the portfolio holder would channel communications with INTOSAI, except in those cases where there is a specific liaison already appointed (e.g. Sweden for PSC or EUROSAI representatives in the INTOSAI GB).
- Portfolio on emerging issues and forward thinking – SAI of United Kingdom.

In relation to SG1’s leadership, Mr Kala clarified that the details of the collaboration among the interested SAIs would be further discussed and determined by written procedure -as suggested by the Secretary General- in order to make the process more agile and to move forward with the work of the Portfolios before the next GB meeting.

#### 4.2. Appointment of non-GB co-leaders

The GB approved the appointment of the SAIs of Germany and Sweden as non-GB co-leaders of SG1 and SG2, respectively.

#### 4.3. Approval of the composition of the Coordination Team (CT)

The GB approved that the Coordination Team (CT) would be composed of the President of EUROSAI -as Chair of the CT- and the GB members responsible for SG1 and SG2, being the Secretariat involved as observer.

#### 4.4. Update of the Operational Plan and any additional further actions for the implementation of the EUROSAI Strategic Plan 2017-2024

The Chair kindly asked the leaders of the portfolios to review the Operational Plan (OP) and to introduce the necessary updates in the coming weeks.

The GB took note of the need to update the OP for the implementation of the EUROSAI Strategic Plan 2017-2024.

#### 4.5. Setting up of the PG for the drafting of EUROSAI Strategic Plan 2024-2030

Mr Matanyahu Englman, State Comptroller and Ombudsman of the SAI of Israel, informed on the SAIs that had already expressed their interest in taking part of the Project Group (PG) for the drafting of EUROSAI Strategic Plan 2024-2030, that is: the SAIs of Spain, United Kingdom and Hungary. The SAIs of the Czech Republic, Poland and Turkey expressed their willingness to become involved in the PG as well, and the SAI of Latvia stated that they were also considering that possibility.

The GB took note on the information related to the setting up of the PG for the drafting of the EUROSAI Strategic Plan 2024-2030 and the SAIs interested in joining it.

#### **Item 5. Proposals of the EUROSAI Presidency 2021-2024**

The President of EUROSAI outlined the principles that would inspire Czech SAO's Presidency, stating that the common base of his Presidency would be to be open to everybody and address everybody's needs, while minimizing the bureaucracy and respecting each other's differences.

The GB took note on the information provided by Mr Kala on the EUROSAI Presidency 2021-2024.

#### **Item 6. XII EUROSAI Congress**

The GB took note of the information provided by the host of the XII EUROSAI Congress regarding its dates and theme; it will be held in Israel in May/June 2024, under the theme "Sharing minds = Greater SAIs".

#### **Item 7. Venue and date of the next meeting of the GB**

Mr Daniel Lambauer, Executive Director of the SAI of the United Kingdom, offered to organise a face-to-face 55<sup>th</sup> GB meeting in London, in autumn 2021. If the pandemic situation made this impossible, the President of EUROSAI informed that the SAI of the Czech Republic would organise an online GB meeting instead.

The GB approved the proposal of organising an in-person 55<sup>th</sup> GB meeting in London, in autumn 2021, if the pandemic situation allowed it, and if this proved to be unfeasible, the SAI of the Czech Republic would organise an online GB meeting.

#### **Item 8. Any other business (AOB) and closing of the meeting**

Mr José Tavares, President of the SAI of Portugal expressed the availability of the SAI of Portugal to take part in the PG for the drafting of the EUROSAI Strategic Plan 2024-2030 and offered the support of the SAI of Portugal to the new EUROSAI Presidency.

Ms Kamila Żyndul, Chief Expert International Relations of the SAI of Poland, introduced the new PG on Audit English to the GB, a new initiative aimed to harmonize the English terminology used in auditing that would be linked to the EUROSAI Statutes and to SGs 1 and 2, and informed that its Terms of Reference would be shortly distributed, highlighting the support received from the UK NAO to this new PG, as English native speakers.

Mr Englman commented on the 26<sup>th</sup> UN Climate Change Conference of the Parties (COP26) to be held in Glasgow on 1-12 November 2021 and proposed the possibility of approaching them to suggest that a round table for SAIs could be held during the said Conference.

The 54<sup>th</sup> GB meeting was closed by the Chair.