

XLII EUROSAI Governing Board Meeting (The Hague, The Netherlands, 19 June 2014)

SUMMARY OF THE MAIN DISCUSSIONS AND AGREEMENTS

The XLII Meeting of the EUROSAI Governing Board (GB) took place in The Hague, The Netherlands, on 19 June 2014. It was hosted and chaired by Ms. Saskia J. Stuiveling, President of the *Algemene Rekenkamer* (The Netherlands Court of Audit) and President of EUROSAI since the IX Congress. The main discussions and agreements referred to the following issues:

- 1. The GB approved the agenda for the Meeting and supported the proposal of the EUROSAI President of designating the President of the SAI of Finland, Mr. Tuomas Pöysti, as the Second Vice-President of EUROSAI.
- 2. The President of EUROSAI summarised the main results of the IX Congress, along with the Conclusions and Recommendations adopted in its thematic sessions, approved by the EUROSAI Congress during the 2nd General Plenary Session, in the document called "IX EUROSAI Congress: Conclusions and Recommendations".

Regarding the Congress' decision of entrusting the Governing Board with the follow up on the recommendation of "EUROSAI seek an independent evaluation of its own governance and modus operandi", at the proposal of the President of EUROSAI, the GB decided that GT4 would design the way forward taking into consideration the Congress' mandate, discuss different ideas and report to next Governing Board meeting, that would be held in Finland in the year 2015. The EUROSAI GB would then make a decision on this.

- 3. In relation to the EUROSAI Strategic Plan (ESP) 2011-2017, the GB adopted the following agreements:
 - To appoint the SAI of Hungary as Chair of GT1, following the resignation of the SAI of France from this position.
 - To approve the Goal Team 1 Terms of Reference' update.
 - To renew the Chairs of GT2 (SAI of Germany) and GT3 (SAI of the Czech Republic) for another three-year period, until the X Congress.

The Chair of Goal Team 4 is held ex-officio by the Presidency of EUROSAI: therefore, the SAI of The Netherlands will chair GT4 during the period in between the IX and X Congresses.

The Governing Board also took note of the Goal Team 1, 2, 3 and 4 Operational Plan's updates.

4. The EUROSAI Presidency informed that the programme for their mandate was still open to debate and invited the Governing Board members to submit to the *Algemene Rekenkamer*, President of EUROSAI and Chair of Goal Team 4, their ideas about priorities for the ESP.

The main ideas the EUROSAI Presidency had in mind, based on the conclusions and recommendations of the IX Congress, were the following:

- A cooperative audit on health care.
- A cooperative audit on extractive industries within INTOSAI framework, including those countries whose Gross Domestic Product (GDP) are based on these industries.
- To continue the work done in the field of open data, sharing the progresses made by SAIs in this issue.

The Governing Board took note of the information provided.

- 5. The GB took note of the information provided by the President of the SAI of Turkey, host of the X EUROSAI Congress in 2017, about his country and Istanbul, the next venue for the X EUROSAI Congress.
- 6. The GB agreed to hold the XLIII GB Meeting in Finland (Helsinki) in early 2015, hosted by the SAI of Finland.
- 7. The GB took note of the information provided by the EUROSAI Secretariat about the delivery of papers for the GB meetings. The Secretariat explained that it distributes the papers upon receiving them from the rapporteurs and that the Chairs of the Goal Teams and the WG & TF had made a strong effort to comply with the deadlines set by the Secretariat, thus making possible that, two weeks ahead of the meetings, 86% of the papers (in their English version) had already been sent out to the GB.

The Secretariat also invited the GB to reflect on the functioning of its meetings and to make of them a forum for active debate and decision making.