



**XXXIX EUROSAI Governing Board Meeting**  
*(Ankara, Turkey, 28 May 2012)*

**SUMMARY OF THE MAIN DISCUSSIONS AND AGREEMENTS**

The XXXIX Meeting of the EUROSAI Governing Board (GB) took place in Ankara (Turkey) on 28 May 2012, under the Chair of the EUROSAI President and hosted by the Turkish SAI. The main discussions and agreements taken referred to the following issues:

1. The GB took note of the 2011-2012 EUROSAI Activity Report, the 2011 EUROSAI Financial Report, and the 2011 Report of the EUROSAI Auditors, which stated that financial statements provided a true and fair view of the EUROSAI financial situation. 2011 was the last year covered by the Budget 2009-2011, approved at the VII Congress, amounting the execution of the budget along the tri-annual budgetary period to 98'6% of the total.
2. The GB was provided with information on the current developments and further steps to be given by the INTOSAI community in the light of the 2011 UN Resolution on "Promoting the efficiency, accountability, effectiveness and transparency of public administration by strengthening supreme audit institutions". An overview of the results of the EUROSAI annual survey for monitoring the actions taken by its members in order to strengthen external public control and SAIs independence was also reported, resulting that, at least 50% of them have made progress in this line.
3. In the framework of the implementation of the EUROSAI Strategic Plan, Goal Teams 1 (Chair: SAI France), 2 (Chair: SAI Germany), 3 (Chair: SAI Czech Republic) and 4 (Chair: SAI Portugal) presented their annual reports. An overall report on the implementation of the Plan, including an evaluation of cross-cutting issues, was also presented, resulting 99% of the tasks executed by Goal Teams as planned. The GB approved the Terms of Reference and operational plans of each Goal Team, as well as the document "Planning, Monitoring and Reporting Requirements", aimed at guiding Goal Teams' action. All these papers and materials are available on the EUROSAI website, under the item "Strategic Planning".

The GB also approved the mock up and the key features of the new EUROSAI website, which will be professionally designed and implemented under the coordination of the EUROSAI Secretariat.

4. The GB took note of the 2011-2012 Activity Reports of the EUROSAI Working Groups on IT (Chair: SAI of Switzerland) and Environmental Audit (Chair: SAI of Norway); of the Task Forces on "Audit of Funds Allocated to Catastrophes and Disasters" (Chair:

SAI of Ukraine) and “Audit & Ethics” (Chair: SAI of Portugal) which was set up at the VIII Congress; as well as of the progress made by the “Monitoring Committee for setting up and monitoring the Data Base of Good Practices on Audit Quality” (Chair: SAI of Hungary).

5. Several issues were discussed by the GB under the heading “EUROSAI cooperation”:

- Cooperation with INTOSAI, its Regional Working Groups, and external partners:
  - Fluent cooperation of EUROSAI with INTOSAI is developed through their Presidencies and General Secretariats. EUROSAI and INTOSAI Committees, Subcommittees, Goal Teams, Working Groups and Task Forces collaborate in their respective framework. A relevant interaction is also developed in the context of the INTOSAI-Donor Cooperation
  - Cooperation with INTOSAI Regional Groups:
    - The VII *EUROSAI-OLACEFS* Conference took place in Tbilisi (Georgia) on 17-19 September 2012, under the theme “Good governance in public sector: Role of the SAIs”. This theme was developed in two sub-themes: “Enhancing stakeholders’ confidence: auditing management, integrity, accountability and the tone at the top quality” and “Public finance management reform: trends and lessons learned”.
    - The IV *EUROSAI-ARABOSAI* Conference will be held in Azerbaijan in 2013. Preparations have already started.
    - The GB supported *ASOSAI* GB’s offer for the SAI of the Russian Federation to host the II *EUROSAI-ASOSAI* Conference in 2014. The date for the Conference is still to be determined avoiding it to interfere the IX *EUROSAI* Congress. The GB also endorsed *ASOSAI*’s proposal for widening cooperation activities by launching it at technical level in the field of capacity building
    - The GB agreed to explore ways of cooperation with *AFROSAI*, entrusting the *EUROSAI* Presidency and Secretariat actions aimed at approaching this goal.
    - The GB supported to consider further ways and formulas for promoting cooperation with INTOSAI Regional Groups, at strategic level (by Heads of SAIs) and at technical level (among auditors). The Secretary General was entrusted with exploring new opportunities.
- Cooperation with IDI:
  - Cooperation with IDI remains a priority. The GB was reported on IDI’s activities and projects, with special attention to those of specific interest for *EUROSAI*. In this context, the Trans-regional IDI Programme on ISSAI Implementation 2012-2015 was presented, as well as an approach was given to the progress of the INTOSAI-Donor Cooperation, whose Secretariat is hosted by IDI, and mainly aimed this year at matching proposals for SAI capacity development initiatives with donors and SAI providers.

- Cooperation with external partners:
    - The GB was informed on the cooperation developed under practical basis with the European Confederation of Institutes of Internal Audit (ECIIA), developed mainly through Goal Team 2, with the support of the EUROSAI Secretariat, in the area of the INTOSAI GOV of common interest.
6. The GB agreed on the following financial issues:
- Developing “EUROSAI Financial Rules”, compiling existing rules displayed in diverse regulations and agreements and adapting and developing the necessary rules in accordance with the needs of the EUROSAI Strategic Plan. A draft will be presented to the GB by the Secretariat, with the support of Goal Team 4, in 2013.
  - The GB approved granting the following financial contributions from the EUROSAI budget:
    - Funding technical equipment and conference room for the Seminar “Application of Software Tools in Audit” (Prague, September 2012).
    - Granting a commitment authorisation for funds for financing the new EUROSAI website.
7. The GB agreed on proposing the SAIs of the Russian Federation and Poland as the future representatives of EUROSAI in the INTOSAI GB, to be renewed at the XXI INCOSAI (China, October 2013).
8. The GB approved “Innovation” as the theme for the IX EUROSAI Congress. This theme will be approached from three perspectives: Innovation in auditing methods and techniques, in SAI’s organisation and in public services and government. The Dutch SAI presented some initiatives which will provide the Congress with an interactive and innovative atmosphere.
9. Information was provided on the key actions developed for implementing the INTOSAI 2011-2016 Strategic Plan, in what concerns each of the Strategic Goals: Professional Standards (raising awareness and promoting implementation of ISSAIs and INTOSAI GOV), Capacity Building (strengthening the SAIs supply side of capacity building and seeking a better coordination of the actions developed), Knowledge Sharing (INTOSAI Working Groups/Task Forces information, effective reinforcing INTOSAI communication, fostering professional networking, promoting partnerships) and Model Organisation (progress of F&A Task Force and INTOSAI-Donor Cooperation). An updating was also made in relation to the XXI INCOSAI. The 22<sup>nd</sup> UN/INTOSAI Symposium was announced to be held in Vienna on 5-7 March 2013.
10. The GB supported the offer of the Turkish SAI of hosting the X EUROSAI Congress, in 2017.
11. The GB agreed to hold its next ordinary meeting in Brussels on 30 May 2013.