

2nd Meeting of the EUROSAI Goal Team 2 “Professional Standards”

(Potsdam, 8-9 November 2012)

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Annex: 1. Draft Operational Plan 2011-2017

Item	Discussion Results	Actions to take
1. Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Adopted 	
2. Progress of activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Presentation of overview on implementation status of GT 2 Operational Plan 	
3. Cooperation/Liaison 3.1 INTOSAI PSC and its sub-committees	<u>1. INTOSAI PSC:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Denmark will resign as PSC chair by the end of 2016 ▪ Focus of PSC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Implementation of ISSAI in cooperation with IDI – Elaborate guidance (together with Sub-committees and project groups) – Assure quality of the ISSAI – Revision of ISSAI level 4 (after 2013) ▪ Revision of ISSAI: level 2 every 9-15 years, level 3 every 9 years ▪ Documents on performance audit can be found on the website of the Performance Audit Subcommittee PAS (http://www.psc-intosai.org/composite-239.htm) ▪ Jonas Hällström (Financial Audit Subcommittee FAS) has been appointed as member of IAASB¹ ▪ The Project on Audit Quality Control has developed guidance material (gap analysis tool) for the implementation of ISSAI 40 “Quality Control for SAIs” (available on http://www.issai.org/composite-410.htm) 	Check availability of material (Ger) ✓
	<u>2. ISSAI harmonisation project:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ ISSAI 100 provides 2 options to make reference to ISSAI (see presentation) ▪ GT 2 members’ concern: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➔ might not be applicable for all SAIs due to their legal framework ➔ SAIs should comment on this during the exposure period of ISSAI 100 	Comment on exposure draft (All)

¹ International Auditing and Assurance Standards Board

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	<u>3. Compliance Audit Sub-committee</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ ISSAI 400 (fundamental principles for compliance audit) will be exposed on 15 November ▪ New ISSAI 4300 (Additional guidance for Court model SAIs) will be endorsed in 2016 	Comment on exposure draft (All)
	<u>4. Financial Audit Sub-committee</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Sweden will resign after 18 years as FAS chair after the INCOSAI 2013 ▪ ISSAI to be revised: 1610 (Using the work of internal auditors) will be exposed in 2013, 1720 (The auditor's responsibilities relating to other information in documents containing audited financial statements) will be revised after the INCOSAI 2013 ▪ FAS and CAS organised two implementation seminars for the SAIs of Bulgaria and Indonesia → might serve as example for GT 2 seminar/workshop ▪ IAASB <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – new ISA on disclosure which might lead to a new ISSAI – audit quality framework from auditees' perspective → might be interesting for SAIs ▪ ISSAI 200 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – based on the same premises as guidance on level 4 – explains principles of level 4 (e.g. for stakeholders) – provides a solid basis for principles to be used when developing national standards 	<p>Comment on exposure draft (All)</p> <p>Provide seminar programme (Swe) ✓</p> <p>Comment on exposure draft (All)</p>
	<u>5. Internal Control Sub-committee</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Surveys on risk management and internal control reporting in the public sector will be evaluated by spring 2013 	
3.2 SAIs of the Baltic & Nordic countries & Poland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Experts meeting on challenges and opportunities in implementing ISSAI ▪ Presentations available at the website of the Estonian SAI² and of the PSC³ 	

² <http://www.riigikontroll.ee/Gloabalnekoost%C3%B6%C3%B6/P%C3%B5hjaiaBaltimaadekoost%C3%B6%C3%B6/P%C3%B5hjaamaadeBaltiriikidejaPoolak%C3%B5rgeimatekont/tabid/288/language/en-US/Default.aspx>

³ <http://www.psc-intosai.org/composite-317.htm>

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3.3 Task Force Audit & Ethics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Goals of the Task Force: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Contribute to raise public confidence in SAIs by supporting the implementation of ISSAI 30 (Code of Ethics) 2. Promote ethical conduct in public organisations through the SAIs' activities ▪ Two seminars planned (Sept. 2013 and Jan. 2014) ▪ Comparative study on formal commitments, mandate, management practices, training etc. ▪ PSC informs that ISSAI 30 might be revised after 2013 and will then be more detailed 	
3.4 Cooperation with ECIIA ⁴	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Cooperation agreement signed in March 2011, GT 2 responsible for implementing the cooperation ▪ Cooperation will start with implementation of INTOSAI GOV 9150 ▪ GT 2 Task group (SAIs of Belgium and Germany) proposed an action plan to ECIIA ▪ First activity: develop an implementation document (to be confirmed after ECIIA management board meeting); could be accomplished by 2014 ▪ Further steps (joint publications/training event) should be discussed afterwards (when MoU is revised in 2014) 	Set up "editorial committee" (EUROSAI members should present different models/sub-regions)
3.5 Cooperation with ASOSAI	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ MoU signed in September 2011 ▪ ASOSAI wishes to share information on training, knowledge sharing programmes, experts and to invite each other's experts to training events ▪ GT 2 is willing to share any information ASOSAI might ask for and to invite ASOSAI experts to training events 	Inform EUROSAI GS (Ger)
4. Results of survey on ISSAI implementation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Results presented by Chair ▪ Members ask for further details: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Which SAIs are interested in support on financial and/or performance audit? – Which ISSAI do SAIs plan to implement in the future 	Provide additional information (Ger)

⁴ European Confederation of Institutes of Internal Auditors

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<p>5. Goal Team 2 Operational plan</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Translation of ISSAI into Russian (Strategy 2.1.1): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – due to special terminology, translations must be carefully edited → Russian SAI would be grateful for other SAIs’s experience with editing ISSAI – ISA have been translated by the Russian Collegium of Auditors with special permission of IFAC → Russian SAI was not permitted to use these translations without paying substantial fees – FAS informs that following an agreement between INTOSAI and IFAC, INTOSAI has the right to disseminate ISA translations to its members; this should also be applicable for the Russian translations – GT 2 chair will contact IFAC and, if necessary, to Russian Collegium of Auditors, explaining what the translations will be used for and asking for permission to provide them to the EUROSAT community ▪ Discussion forum on EUROSAT website (Strategy 2.1.2): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Check with IDI if their discussion forum may be used after the first phase of the 3i programme (either the existing forum for the e-courses or the planned web-forum) <p><i>Note: The SAI of the Netherlands (member of GT 4) informed the GT chairs that they plan an interactive platform for the preparation of the next EUROSAT congress which might later be used by EUROSAT.</i></p> ▪ Organisation of seminar/workshop on ISSAI application (Strategy 2.2.2) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Priority 1 for 2013 (see item 7) – Task group (Ger, Aut, Den, Swe, Rom, with support from IDI) drafts concept ▪ Promote use of professional material (Strategy 2.2.3) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – The SAI of Belgium distributed at the meeting a draft overview of existing information and professional materials related to Internal Control INTOSAT GOVs and other guidance and invited the GT members to comment this draft ▪ Cooperation/further development of ISSAI and INTOSAT GOV (Strategy 2.3.1) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Implement cooperation with ECIIA (see item 3.4) – Remind EUROSAT members to comment on exposure drafts of new/revised ISSAI, e.g. by e-mail six weeks before exposure period ends 	<p>Send letter to IFAC and Russian Collegium of Auditors (Ger)</p> <p>Comment on draft overview (all)</p>

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6. IDI's ISSAI implementation programme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Presentation of ISSAI Implementation Initiative (3i Programme) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – iCAT (ISSAI Compliance Assessment Tools for financial, performance and compliance audit) documents and the Web platform used for e-courses will be available for all INTOSAI members by 2013 – IDI asks EUROSAI to share their ISSAI expert list and to give feedback to the PSC and its Sub-committees if existing material is useful ▪ Cooperation agreement between EUROSAI and IDI: GT 2 suggests amending the annex as follows: "Programme material available for EUROSAI members" and advises the Governing Board to sign the cooperation agreement. 	Inform EUROSAI GS on GT 2's advice (Ger) ✓
7. GT 2 seminar on ISSAI implementation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Results of brainstorming: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – workshop on iCAT on performance audit: explain the tool, contribute case studies – workshop based on FAS/CAS implementation seminars in Bulgaria and Indonesia (see item 3.1) – two possible target groups (fundamental experts ⇔ auditors) with different focus on ISSAI implementation ▪ Task group drafts a seminar concept (Ger, Aut, Den, Swe, Rom, with support from IDI) 	Draft concept (TG)
8. AOB	None	
9. Date and venue of next meeting	The SAI of Hungary offers to host the next meeting of GT 2 in Budapest, probably in the first half of November 2013	