

Background of the Training

EUROSAI Working Group on Environmental Auditing (WGEA) organises annual meetings in autumn each year. Since 2009, the annual meetings have been combined with one-day training seminars, held one day prior to the annual meeting.

In 2015, the 13th Annual Meeting of the working group was held in Malta. The meeting was preceded by a training seminar on Auditing Environmental Impacts of Agriculture on 5 October 2015.

Objectives and design of the Training

The objective of the training seminar was to:

- Provide an overview of the range of environmental problems caused by agriculture;
- Introduce the measures for reducing environmental impacts of agricultural practices;
- Introduce the range of agricultural subsidies and discuss their impact on environment;
- Introduce the audit experience in the EUROSAI region.

The training seminar was attended by 49 participants from 23 SAIs and 2 external organisations. Three key note speakers were invited to deliver presentations at the seminar. The key note speakers represented the European Commission (DG AGRI and DG ENVIRONMENT) and the European Environmental Agency.

Description of the Training

There were three key note speeches delivered at the training seminar. The key note presentations were complemented by three group work assignments and three SAI presentations.

The agenda of the training day, presentation slides and abstracts of the key note speeches and SAI presentations, and list of participants are available at the [EUROSAI WGEA website](#).

The conclusions from the group work sessions may also be found on the website.

Financing

The training seminar was financed by the SAI of Estonia as the Chair of EUROSAI WGEA. The participants covered their own travel and accommodation costs.

Evaluation of the Training and follow up

The training seminar was not separately evaluated. An evaluation was conducted for the annual meeting. In this evaluation form, some participants also gave suggestions for improving the training seminars. The training day and the annual meeting were also reflected upon and analysed at the 16th EUROSAI WGEA Steering Committee meeting (held after the adjournment of the annual meeting).