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EUROSAI Governing Board Portfolio – Emerging Issues and Forward Thinking

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NAO Finland, as a member of the EUROSAI Governing Board, holds the portfolio Emerging Issues and Forward Thinking since the EUROSAI X Congress in Istanbul (May 2017).

Our objective as portfolio holder is to highlight emerging issues in the work of EUROSAI and its members, to give support to strategy level discussions and to collect information for the Governing Board to debate upon. We aim to produce and distribute information on these issues in order to feed our common discussions. We will monitor the emerging issues of the audit profession and encourage common analysis related to the operational environment of the SAIs and relevant stakeholders. We will reach out to several SAIs, audit communities and stakeholders to hear views on issues to be discussed together.

The key drivers related to our Portfolio are the profound and rapid changes in the operational environment, and the need to renew SAI work. The overall target is to support our work to be fit-for-future. We try to identify issues and aspects, which influence EUROSAI as an organisation, the individual SAIs and the audit field as a whole. We hope to thus support the work done by Goal 1 and 2.

We aim to contribute to the strategical planning work of both the Governing Board by raising awareness and to highlight up-coming issues and at the same time to support discussion of the goals of EUROSAI – through a forward thinking aspect. The audit community's key challenge is to be relevant in the future – "timeliness" and "relevance" are key for our products. Here teamwork is needed – two eyes see better than one.

Current issues cover:

- United Nations' Agenda 2030, Sustainable Development Goals, and how these Goals shape the Audit Community, how will EUROSAI interact with the other INTOSAI regions
- Digitalisation, Blockchain, Big Data, Data Analysis and development in the ICT-field
- Strategic issues, know-how and capacity building, change management
- Population and demography (migration, age pyramids)
- EU development: Brexit, banking union, EFSI (European Fund for Strategic Investments)
- Changes in the political decision-making and civil servant

NAOF aims to contribute to the interaction related to the emerging issues among EUROSAI members through discussions and presentations in different networks and seminars. We plan to organise a workshop in the coming EUROSAI Congress in 2020 related to the emerging issues (the exact theme(s) still to become confirmed) and a preparatory workshop in autumn 2019.