Project Profile
Role of SAIs in spreading integrity culture

Coordinator: State Audit Office of Hungary

Relation to EUROSAI Strategic Plan 2017-2023: Strategic Goal 2: Helping SAIs deal with new opportunities and challenges by supporting and facilitating their institutional capacity development.

SAIs can contribute to the dissemination of the institutional culture of integrity not only through audit activities but through other means as well, for example by their advisory activities or by implementing integrity related surveys. It is well known that several European SAIs – among them the State Audit Office of Hungary – implement one or more among the following activities besides their auditing activities:

A) Advisory activities:
   a. contribution (e.g. by analyses based on audit experience) to the professional foundation of national anti-corruption strategies,
   b. developing integrity and corruption prevention related training materials,
   c. organizing trainings, seminars, conferences on the topic of integrity,
   d. publishing guides and other methodological materials aimed at the creation and better functioning or auditing of integrity management systems.

B) Integrity surveys and the assessment of the integrity situation of public organizations
   a. implementing surveys covering the public sector as a whole or certain branches of the public sphere, the evaluation and the publication of the results of the surveys,
   b. participation in the development of the integrity self-assessment systems of certain groups of public organisations,
   c. implementing integrity surveys targeted to certain groups of the employees or the population.

In the framework of the project SAIS implementing the above mentioned activities successfully would share their experience with SAIs intending to do something similar. It might have the form of making available the materials (studies, questionnaires, training curriculums), or creating bilateral or multilateral cooperation.

As the first step of the project the creation of an on-line marketplace for integrity projects seems to be reasonable, where SAIs may put the short description of their integrity products. After that SAIs interested in the product can register for additional information and technical assistance. Upon the interest the effective work will be organised in a bilateral or multilateral manner e.g. in the form of consultation, workshops, seminars.

The effectiveness of the project could be measured by the volume of experience shared among the participants or by the number of the initiatives and programs adopted by the participating SAIs.