

EUROSAI

GOAL TEAM 1: CAPACITY BUILDING

4TH MEETING

MARCH 18TH 2013

COUR DES COMPTES - PARIS

Draft Statement of decision

- 1- **Agenda and last statement of decision** (November 8-9th 2012) adopted
- 2- **Presentation of the new stabilized operational plan and last amendments proposals** agreed
 - Comments from SAIs on the OP
 - on **Task 22** (*Task 1.4.1.2 of the OP*) Austria suggested by email last december to “disseminate relevant sections of the draft Performance Measurement Framework to all EUROSAI members in 2013 and to provide experiences of the real-tests on the PMF currently conducted by the INTOSAI Working Group on Values and Benefits in a couple of selected countries. + “ to prepare a short questionnaire on the use of the disseminated sections of PMF within EUROSAI members and provide a feedback to the INTOSAI Working Group on Value and Benefits (not until 2014).”
 - ✓ Amendment : Task 22 is changed (+ questionnaire)
 - **Task 20** (*Task 1.3.2.2. of the OP*) = Slovakia asked to convert “ 2015-2017” into Permanent watch in order to include it in the Action Plan (Annual Roadmap)
 - ✓ Agreed
 - **Task 15** : Spain informs that according to the “Explanatory note on the new EUROSAI website” presented at the last GB meeting, the Chairs of GTs are in charge of uploading on the new EUROSAI website those documents related to their scope of activities” : so France should be in charge
 - ✓ Agreed
- 3- **Presentation of the action plan (cf attached Plan)** – the idea is to keep exactly the same presentation but with only “priority 1 and permanent watch” so that it gives a clearer annual view -agreed
- 4- **Dissemination**
 - General presentation of the French case

- Roundtable: Latvia, Lithuania, Georgia, Romania, Macedonia, Hungary, UK, Portugal, IDI...
- Conclusions :
 - All SAIs meet the same challenges regarding dissemination of the international information within the institution and towards the right targets ; all need to constantly prove the added value of the international level by making use of their communication skills.
 - Most of the SAIs around the table do have an English website, with at least an institutional presentation and access to main reports' summaries. A few have developed an complete English-speaking external website (for ex Romania), others still encounter technical IT problems to develop their English website (for ex France)
 - Most of the SAIs do report on international activity directly to top-level boards, but also have a more informal network of "liaison officers" or representatives, sometimes in the form of a "steering committee" (for ex France)
 - Some SAIs developed an interesting way of disseminating good practices, by the means of weekly information points open to all staff (for ex Sweden)
 - Some SAIs developed useful IT tools enabling full access to all international activity to all their staff (for ex Lotus in Hungaria, with all travel reports ; In addition, short summaries of international events are public on the the Newsportal of State Audit Office of Hungary.)

5- Task groups presentation and tasks reviews

➤ TG 1: Latvian Coordination

Task 1 :

Latvia asked to send the draft database to all GT1 members, IDI and GT2 and GT3, then to all regional organizations working with CBC (chaired by UK) : the objective is to stabilize and check the adequacy and contents of the database before deciding where to put it online as a tool. *New date : circulated to GT1, GT2, GT3, IDI March 2013 (INTOSAI regional organizations April 2013); assessment next GT1 meeting autumn 2013*

Task 6 :

IDI suggested Sweden could propose a method/draft paper on "success stories" within Eurosai regarding capacity building. It was decided a first attempt at describing "good examples" of what worked would be made for next meeting before deciding how to generalize the approach. The first success stories could come from GT1 members. The objective is to identify interesting and reproducible cases and help connecting needing SAIs and SAIs that successfully overcame the same obstacles. *New date : assessment next GT1 meeting autumn 2013*

Task 7 : completed

Task 8 may prove redundant with Task 22 : IDI made a brief presentation but in the future Austria could, as they proposed, make the presentation *8 could be considered "completed" at the next meeting*

Task 9 : Sweden reported on Afrosai E developments. They will carry out an invitation to join our next GT1 meeting if they are interested. *New date : invitation Afrosai E to next GT1 autumn meeting*

➤ **TG 2: Georgian Coordination**

Task 11 : Building on Latvia's database, Georgia intends to present for next autumn meeting a method for going forward and to identify gaps and possible needs that should be discussed with IDI. *New date : assessment next GT1 meeting autumn 2013*

Task 13 : Romania asked for a modification of the "wording" of the Task ("work with Euro Sai **GT1** members to identify...") –agreed. They would proceed by the way of an informal e-mail asking all GT1 members to send out existing information. *New date : assessment next GT1 meeting autumn 2013*

Task 15 : Spain mentioned that in order to become "members" instead of "experts", they should receive a formal correspondence. *Agreed.* Issue will be mentioned at the next GT4 meeting

Task 16 : *completed.* UK presented the Innovation booklet. It was agreed Spain would translate it into Spanish. France is translating it into French. France will send it out to Euro Sai German and Russian Colleagues (Spain : please provide the tight contact for Russian colleagues) to ask if they want to translate it too. France could put it online when the new website is operational.

Task 17 : Lithuania will inform GT1 by e-mail about eventual proposals regarding an innovation award. *New date : assessment next GT1 meeting autumn 2013*

➤ **TG 3: French coordination**

Task 18 : Portugal gave news about GT3 activities. It was agreed IDI needed to have clear focal points within Euro Sai to transmit information regarding their trainings or programs. This issue could be discussed in GT4 Madrid.

➤ **TG 4: Hungarian coordination**

Task 21 : Hungary presented the independence questionnaire to be answered by all SAIs by 31 July 2013 and announced they would host a Seminar about independence next year. A funding request could be prepared for agreement at next GT1 meeting.

6- Other Issues

It was decided the question of the GT1 membership turnover would be asked in GT4 Madrid : how should the group proceed to replace inactive members (Cyprus and Ukraine) and call for new volunteer members ?

No fund was requested for 2013

Each SAI is expected to suggest a key issue for debate on the first part of the next GT1 meeting (equivalent of the "dissemination" topic of this year). Possible topics proposed by France as GT1 Chair would include : "does Euro Sai have specific CB needs compared to other regional working groups ?" (a) ; " how does your SAI evaluate its own performance (before PMF) ?" (b) ; "focus on the relationships with donors : how do you interact with World Bank, IMF and other donors ?" (c). Please vote or suggest another issue that would be of interest.

7- **Conclusion** : The next GT1 meeting will take place at the Autumn in Paris (1 day). A date and agenda will be suggested by the French SAI for further agreement.