

EUROSAI

GOAL TEAM 1: CAPACITY BUILDING

9th meeting

Budapest, 11 - 12 April, 2016

State Audit Office of Hungary

Statement of decisions

Chaired by Péter Dankó – Head of Department of State Audit Office of Hungary (SAO)

I. General issues

I.1. Opening of the meeting (President of the SAO, Chair)

Mr László Domokos welcomed the participants and gave information about events that have happened and products that were published since the 8th meeting.

More details on the opening speech:

<http://www.aszhirportal.hu/en/international-relations/the-eurosai-goal-team-1-meeting-has-started>

I.2. Adoption of the agenda and summary of agreements of the 8th meeting

Agenda was approved. Representative of Secretariat initiated a slight change in the summary of agreements of the 8th meeting that was approved by the Members. Chair uploaded the modified version on the Capacity Building section of the EUROSAI website after the meeting:

<http://www.eurosai.org/handle404?exporturi=/export/sites/eurosai/.content/documents/strategic-plan/goal-team-1/Item-00-GT1-8th-meeting-Statement-of-decision-of-the-8th-meeting.pdf>

List of participant is attached to the Summary (item 1).¹

I.3. Regional professionalism

Chair gave the floor to representative of the SAIs of the Netherlands (Presidency), Spain (Secretariat), and Sweden (on behalf of CBC) to chair the workshop on Regional professionalism.

Secretariat worded the conclusions of the workshop that is attached to this Summary (Item 2). Other attachments to this agenda point:

- Item 3 – presentation – GT1 Regional framework
- Item 4 – Framework for Regional professionalism
- Item 5 – Letter on Framework for Regional professionalism 11.12.2015
- Item 6&7 – Templates on Framework for Regional professionalism
- Item 8 – Theme II information paper - English
- Item 9 – Annex I CBC and Theme II questions

¹ Attachments are available for GT1 members.

I.4. EUROSAI Presidency issues

Representative of the SAI of the Netherlands (EUROSAI presidency) gave presentation on Presidency issues covering past and future events and the EUROSAI self-assessment (item 10). He highlighted the upcoming EUROSAI Strategic plan stakeholder conference and GT4 meeting on the week following the GT1 meeting.

I.5. EUROSAI Website, EUROSAI publications, EUROSAI budget

Representative of the SAI of Spain (EUROSAI Secretariat) gave presentation on Secretariat issues (item 11). Regarding the subsidies requested for 2016, GT1 and the Secretariat received a financial request from the SAI of Lithuania which was agreed by the members on the spot. The Chair of GT1 will draft the report according to Rule 43 of the EFR and send it to Goal Team 4..

I.6. Evaluating of the current Strategic plan period, and proposals for the next period

In the framework of 8th and 9th meeting, "Stocktaking exercise" was conducted regarding the past 6 years of operation of GT1, collecting members' experience regarding the operation of GT1, starting from the beginning of the strategic period and ending with the final execution of the operational plan as well as suggestions to the new strategic plan period.

Chair circulated the summary of the stocktaking exercises (October 2016 and April 2016) after the meeting. Chair considered the comments. Members gave the mandate to present this document as GT1 opinion during the Strategic plan stakeholder conference on 18-19 April 2016, in The Hague (item 12).

II. Review of ongoing activities of the Operational Plan

Participants reviewed the Operational plan of GT1 (item 13) task by task.

II.1 Available data and products

- Task 1 (1.1.1.1)² and Task 2 (1.1.1.2) – Available data and products (Latvia)
Database is available on GT1 website. Task 1 is finished. Database is under regular review that takes place twice a year
- Task 3 (1.1.2.1) – Keeping in touch with IDI and INTOSAI (Spain) – permanent watch
- Task 4 (1.1.2.2) – Support to proposals for funding (Spain) – permanent watch
- Task 5 (1.1.2.3) – Promote the knowledge of IDI tools (France)
(item 14)
- Task 6 (1.1.3.1) - Identifying good practices in the capacity building (Portugal, Turkey)
(item 15)
- Task 7 (1.1.3.2) – Good practice database (Hungary)
No development since the last meeting
- Task 9 (1.1.4.1) – Development of the SAI PMF (Portugal)
(item 16)
- Tasks 10 & 12 (1.1.4.2) (1.1.4.4) – Cooperation with IDI regions, liaison with IDI and CBC works (Chair)
The SAO of Hungary participates in CBC meeting in Stockholm (September 2015) and Cape Town (October 2016) as well as IDI-CBC workshop on White paper in Oslo (June 2015).

II.2. Identify needs and innovations

- Tasks 13 & 14 (1.2.2.1-1.2.2.2) – Possible needs and gaps (Georgia, Chair, IDI)
(item 17)

² According to the decision of the 6th meeting, the completed tasks are not deleted from the OP. They are indicated with grey background.

After the presentation of the results of the analysis of EUROSAI members' answers (43 out of 50) to the Global Survey of IDI, there was a discussion on the steps forward. The final decision was that taking into account how relevant this information is for future planning, it would be shared with the Task Group on Strategic Planning which is currently drafting the EUROSAI Strategic Planning 2017-2023

- Task 15 (1.2.3.1) – E-Learning modules within EUROSAI (Romania)
Document is available on GT1 website
- Task 16 (1.2.3.2) – Ideas on EUROSAI website (Romania, Chair, Spain) – permanent watch
- Task 17 (1.2.3.3) – Uploading of GT1 information on new EUROSAI website (Chair, Spain) – permanent watch
New relevant documents are continuously uploaded on the Capacity Building section of the EUROSAI website
<http://www.eurosai.org/handle404?exporturi=/export/sites/eurosai/.content/documents/strategic-plan/goal-team-1/EUROSAI-E-Learning.pdf>
- Task 18 (1.2.3.4) - Opportunities and consequences for SAIs related to open data
Netherlands gave information on Seminar on Open data (November 2015). A joint audit activity is planned in this field, the topic is to be decided
- Task 19 (1.2.4.1) – Series of innovation booklets (UK)
(item 18)
Volume 1, 2, and 3 are available on the Capacity Building section of the EUROSAI website
Volume 4 is to be published in 2016 that will be the final volume assembled by NAO
- Task 20 (1.2.4.2) – Municipality audit (Lithuania)
Lithuania gave information about the seminar held on 5-7 October 2015, organized by the SAI of Lithuania and hosted by Poland
The next seminar on municipality audit will be held in the second half of 2016.

II.3. Development of strategies

- Task 21 (1.3.1.1) – Articulation with GT3 works on training needs, training events (Portugal, Czech Republic)
(item 19&20&21)
- Task 22&23 (1.3.2.2) – Peer review guide & INTOSAI CBC – Subcommittee (Slovakia)
(item 22&23)
Slovakia gave an update on the current status of the ISSAI 5600 revision and experience related to peer reviews.

II.4. Independence

- Task 25 (1.4.1.3) – SAI PMF pilots, ethical and other integrity based self-assessment tools (Portugal) (item 24)
Chair announced that an integrity workshop (linked to the 10th meeting) will be held between 14 and 16 September 2016 in Budapest. More details will be available later
- Task 26 (1.4.2.1) – Statement of independence, UN resolution (Austria)
Austria proposes to include two more indicators: (1) percentage of SAIs meeting the criteria of independence as set out in the Declaration of Mexico; (2) percentage of national governments applying improved public accounting systems
- Task 28 (1.4.2.3) – Delivering the message (Turkey, Hungary, Latvia)
Representative of Hungary presented on step 2 of the task – “To whom SAI messages should be delivered?”
(item 25)

III. Conclusions

III.1. Operational plan (Chair)

Slight changes were made in the Operational Plan (item 13):

- Task 20 (Municipality audit) some clarification regarding date
- Task 9 (Development of the SAI PMF) merged into task 5 (Promote the knowledge of IDI tools).
Numbering has not changed.

III.2. Work schedule, date and venue of the next meeting (Chair)

Summary of the stocktaking exercises was circulated right after the meeting.

Statement of decision is to be circulated in April, 2015.

Next meeting (with Integrity workshop) is planned to be held in September, 2016.

III.3. Conclusions and closing of the meeting (Chair)

The dates for the next GT1 meeting were announced; 14-16 September 2016. The general purpose of this meeting will be reviewing the OP and summarizing the results achieved.

Attachments:

as indicated in the Summary from item 1 to item 25.

Attachments are available only for members and observers of GT1 – the Operational plan is available on GT1 website.