5th Meeting of the EUROSAI Goal Team 2 "Professional Standards"

(Potsdam, 8-9 October 2015)

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Annexes: 1. List of participants

- 2. Ideas and lessons learned for the EUROSAI Strategic Plan 2017-2023
- 3. Draft Operational Plan 2011-2017
- 4. Template on reporting financial requests/GT 2's criteria for assessing financial requests

Item	Discussion Results	Actions to take
1. Agenda	■ Adopted	
2. Progress of activities	 Presentation of overview on implementation status of GT 2 Operational Plan 	
3. EUROSAI Congress 2017 in	■ Theme: Implementing ISSAI – Challenges and Solutions	
Ankara	 Technical conference in 2016 (working level) to identify the main challenges and needs regarding ISSAI implementation find out whether any ready solutions already exist Prepared by working teams collect information on sub-themes process information/possible solutions for Congress Congress (29 May – 2 June 2017) Workshops in which identified challenges will be presented and discussed Conclusions and Recommendations as input for further improvement of 	Announce date of technical conference (Turkey) Inform GT2 on set-up of working teams (Turkey)
	ISSAI framework GT2 support: Share ideas on possible sub-themes Participate in/lead working teams GT2 members suggest defining what "implementing ISSAI" means (implementation is not 100% application!) taking into account different audit types, resources, mandates and languages	Support TCA in working teams (all)
4. Cooperation/Liaison	1. INTOSAI PSC:	
4.1 INTOSAI PSC and its sub- committees	 Report on INTOSAI's standard setting presented to INTOSAI GB in November 2014; GB decided to divide further work: entrust INTOSAI FAC and Task Force for Strategic planning with the following recommendations 	

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	-Establishment of a committee for professional matters	
	- Establishment of Common supporting functions	
	- Defining the long-term perspectives for standard setting	
	 entrust PSC (in collaboration with CBC and KSC) with the following recommendations 	
	 Create a common forum of technical experts for the ISSAI Framework Separate advisory group (further researched in 2016) 	
	- Strengthen the Due Process	
	■ Common forum	
	 thorough selection process by chairs of PSC, CBC and KSC after expression of interests 	
	 30 SAIs nominated 82 candidates 	
	 shortlist of 20 candidates who were interviewed by goal chairs 	
	 Chair of common forum (Ms Ganga Kapavarapu/SAI of India) and 15 final 	
	members (one of them from IDI) appointed in Mid-October 2015 (t.b.c. by the INTOSAI GB)	
	 all audit types, SAI models and (almost all) regions represented 	
	 most important task: consider a clearer distinction between auditing 	
	standards and other guidelines currently included in the ISSAI framework	
	Due Process	
	 has to be adjusted to shift responsibilities from PSC, CBC and KSC Steering Committees to Common forum 	
	 sub-committees' responsibilities will not be affected 	
	 draft presented at INTOSAI GB and subsequently exposed for comments of INTOSAI members 	
	■ New PSC chair	
	 candidates: SAI of Brazil and European Court of Auditors 	
	 after thorough selection process, PSC chair has proposed one candidate to 	
	INTOSAI GB for decision at its next meeting (10-11 November 2015)	
	2. Financial Audit Sub-committee	
	 several revised draft practice notes exposed for comments until 31 December 	
	2015	

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	 revision of ISSAI 1000 to eliminate redundancies with Level 3 planned for INCOSAI 2019 	
	Reformatting of the ISSAIs to refer to the ISAs by reference instead of embedding them in the ISSAIs (having the ISAs embedded in the ISSAIs puts a heavy administrative burden on the FAS secretariat, since changes made by the IAASB to the ISAs generally have a cascading effect and cause changes to multiple ISAs, which again affects numbering, formatting, etc. of the ISSAIs).	
	 Consultation exercise called the "Roadmap for sustainable ISSAI implementation" that will explore opportunities to develop practical guidance to better help SAIs that are presently having difficulty implementing the standards 	FAS contact details for TCA (Chair)
	 3. Compliance Audit Sub-committee Draft of revised ISSAI 4000 has been exposed for comments until 19 September 2015 	
	 difficult to assemble because of different experiences with compliance audit current three standards are replaced by a single new standard covering specific issues e.g. for court model SAIs 	
	 follows ISSAI 400 and gives guidance SAI Norway will step down as chair, SAI India will take over 	
	 4. Performance Audit Sub-committee Draft revised ISSAI 3000 and 3100 and draft new ISSAI 3200 have been exposed until 30 September 2015 	
	 SAI of Brazil will step down as chair, no decision on the chair so far Task Force on certification of Auditors assisted by external facilitator 	
	 central issue: competency framework ECIIA offers to share information about their certification process Internal Control Sub-committee 	
	 Standard setting/revision process postponed to 2019 (approval of revised INTOSAI GOVs by INCOSAI) as the new basic guidance (revised INTOSAI GOV 9100) must first be set up Revision of INTOSAI GOV 9140 and 9150 (relations between SAIs and internal 	
	audit) planned for 2019:	

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	 questionnaire on areas and directions of revision to INTOSAI members, 	
	partially based on EUROSAI-ECIIA discussion paper (see item 4.3)	
	 project proposal based on questionnaire results reported to PSC Steering 	
	Committee in May 2016	
4.2 Cooperation with IDI	Lessons learned from the 3i Programme so far:	
	 iCATs need to be improved 	
	 place emphasis on ISSAI level 2 	
	 focus on quality and on audit 	
	 as most EUROSAI members have their own standards, change management 	
	is necessary for successful ISSAI implementation	
	Next step:	
	 SAI level support for iCAT review 	
	ISSAI facilitators as regional experts:	
	 rather on bilateral basis 	
	 commitment of SAI management necessary 	
4.3 Cooperation with ECIIA ¹	1. Progress report of SAI Belgium	
	 Cooperation committee with members of the wider EUROSAI community 	
	(Belgium, Germany, Lithuania, Moldova, Poland and Turkey)	
	 Network of SAI-IA contact persons set up and operating (25 SAIs represented), 	
	key project in cooperation process, future collaborative IT tool identified (OwnCloud)	
	SAI-IA expertise surveyed among SAI contact persons	
	 Discussion paper on need to review INTOSAI GOV 9140 and 9150, submitted to INTOSAI ICS (see item 4.1) 	
	Joint paper (May 2014) EUROSAI survey results (implementation of INTOSAI GOV	Suggest ideas for joint
	9150) updated and published, henceforth 'living document'	papers and publications
	Other publications: 'ISSAI Spotlight' article on cooperation, comparison of SAI	topics to EUROSAI-ECIIA
	and IA organisations	cooperation committee
	 Planned joint publication ("The European Auditor") trial version prepared 	(all)
	 Planned joint conference (1st half of 2017) feasibility discussed with ECIIA (see 	V- 7
	item 7)	

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	 Information sharing on national and regional cooperation meetings, cooperation issues (joint papers), cooperation agreements 	
	 2. Report of ECIIA representatives Overview on contacts between SAI and IA contact persons ECIIA will give a presentation on "Evaluating Ethics" at the TF A&E seminar in Ankara on 26-27 November 2015 	
4.4 Task Force Audit & Ethics	Revision of ISSAI 30 ■ 2013 survey results indicated need for revision ■ SAI perspective instead of individual auditor's perspective ■ Core values: — Integrity — Independence and Objectivity — Confidentiality — Competence — Professional behaviour ■ Requirements, explanations and application guidance → only requirements represent the Standard! ■ TF A&E plans to produce a video on implementing the new ISSAI 30 (ready for the X Congress 2017)	
	 Seminar on tools to audit ethics 26-27 -November in Ankara session on relevant ISSAI to be considered in auditing ethics 	
5. EUROSAI Self assessment	 Based on recommendation of IX EUROSAI Congress, GT4 mandated by GB Two phases: I: Self assessment (survey), interviews and external scan of similar international organisations II: independent evaluation (to be determined by GB) Purposes: provide accountability 	
	 learn about strengths and weaknesses 	

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	 gather input for next Strategic Plan 	
	■ Time schedule: survey open to answers from November 2015 to January 2016,	
	report to GB in June 2016	
6. EUROSAI Strategic Plan 2017-	■ GT4 asked Goal Teams to take stock of their experience with implementing their	
2023	respective Strategic Goals of the current Strategic Plan	
	 Based on their experience, Goal teams were asked to collect their ideas and 	
	lessons learned for the next Strategic Plan by means of four questions:	
	1. What should remain unchanged?	
	2. What should be (slightly) changed?	
	3. What should be left out?	
	4. Which new topics should be included?	
	 GT2 members agreed on their ideas and lessons learned to be forwarded to GT4 	submit GT2 ideas to GT
	(see Annex 2)	4 (Chair) 🗸
7. Seminars on ISSAI	Overview on EUROSAI Training activities	
implementation	 Guidance for training events updated 	
	 GT3 plans to provide evaluation forms online through "Limesurvey" 	
	Seminar on implementation of ISSAI 300	
	 Planned for December 2017 	
	 New/revised level 4 standards should be included 	
	Joint EUROSAI-ECIIA conference - feasibility	
	 Planned for 1st half of 2017, preferably before the X EUROSAI Congress 	Suggest ideas for
	 Co-hosting and terms of reference to be discussed by the end of 2015 	conference topics to
	 Focus on cooperation of SAIs and internal auditors in public sector 	EUROSAI-ECIIA
	Topics to be discussed, ideas are welcome!	cooperation committee
		(all)
8. GT2 Operational Plan 2015-	■ As there are a number of tasks still to be executed until June 2017, GT2 members	
2017	agree that no new tasks should be included but focus should be on execution of	
	current tasks	
	Exceptions:	
	 New task in Strategy 2.2: Support the preparation of the EUROSAI Congress 	

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	2017 on ISSAI implementation	
	 Reallocation of tasks in Activity 2.3.2 (EUROSAI-ECIIA Cooperation) 	
9. AOB	 Criteria for assessing financial requests The EUROSAI Secretariat suggests improving the process for application and granting of financial requests from the EUROSAI budget by criteria for prioritizing and deciding on requests and amounts to be granted 	
	 according to the activities of each Goal Team a template for the GTs' reports on financial requests to enhance transparency 	
	 GT2 members agree with most of the Secretariat's suggestions in written procedure after the meeting but suggest some changes 	
10. Date and venue of next	t.b.c. (date depending on Technical EUROSAI Conference in Turkey)	Inform chair if you
meeting		would like to host the
		next meeting (all)