

11th Meeting Goal Team 4

The Hague, 13-14 October 2016

SUMMARY OF AGREEMENTS

I. The **EUROSAI Goal Team 4 – Governance and Communication (GT4)** 11th meeting was held in The Hague on the 13 and 14 October 2016. The meeting focused on the finalization of the self-assessment report and the development of the strategic plan 2017-2023. For this reason also the members of the Governing Board attended the meeting.

Thursday 13 October 2016

GT4 Plenary meeting			
1. Welcome and general information			
	<i>Issues to be discussed</i>	<i>Responsible</i>	Main discussions and agreements
13.30- 14.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opening of the meeting General information Approval of the agenda 	Netherlands	Agenda was approved
2. GT4 Operational Plan			
14.00-14.15	Task Group Sustainability (The Netherlands, Spain, Turkey, The Czech Republic) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Available funds in the budget Financial requests 	Spain	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Secretariat/Spain presented information on the funds available in chapter 2 of the Budget (implementation of the EUROSAI SP) and subsidies granted in 2016. So far, there are 59.382 euros

			<p>available, which will be incorporated into the 2017 Budget if they are not spent by 31 December.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ECA enquired about the possible uses of the welfare fund and whether an income approach (by reducing income) had been considered. The Secretariat/Spain pointed out that a Discussion paper on the financial situation of EUROSAI had been presented to the GB at its 44th meeting (item 6 of the agenda), in which the Secretariat/Spain invited the GB to reflect on a list of projects and decide which of them should be taken forward and financed by the EUROSAI Budget. The Secretariat/Spain also explained that the income approach had already been considered, but before considering this option the financing needs within EUROSAI had to be assessed, plus the need for having a buffer and the convenience of ensuring enough available funds for implementing the new ESP. GT2 announced that they will make a request for technical equipment of its meeting.
14.15-14.45	<p>Task Group Communication (The Netherlands, Spain, The Czech Republic, Poland, Hungary)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> logo competition and the editorial board 	Spain	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Secretariat/Spain presented the ToR proposal for the open competition for the new EUROSAI brand identity. (Distributed to all members in advance). Discussions were held on several issues such as

		Spain	<p>whether the contest will be open to non-EUROSAI member or not. As approved by the GB, proposals will just come from EUROSAI members but execution could be made by external actors.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The prize was also discussed. There are concerns regarding the money given to the winner, because for some SAIs a staff member is prohibited receiving any financial contribution (which is the case for the NCA). • Agreement on the prize was reached: 1,000 euros plus an invitation to the 10TH EUROSAI Congress or any other EUROSAI event (travel costs and per diems for meals and accommodation will be covered by EUROSAI budget) • In any case, members will be able to send comments to the ToR. Once the comments are received and incorporated by the Secretariat/Spain the competition will be launched.
		Spain	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Following the agreement of the GB to set up an Editorial Board, the ToR of the Editorial board of the EUROSAI magazine, drafted by the Secretariat/Spain, was discussed. • The Editorial Board should consist of devoted members with editorial skills. The Term of membership was discussed and GT4 members agreed that a non-fixed term would be advisable. Gt4 members shared the opinion that the EUROSAI Secretariat/Spain and 4 members could be elected.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> the way forward with the Magazine report INTOSAI KSC-IDI online learning and communication platform in EUROSAI 	<p>Spain</p> <p>Spain</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Secretariat/Spain would send the ToR (with these 2 changes) to members for comments in writing until mid-November. The Secretariat/Spain reviewed the recommendations from the Magazine survey, indicating which had already been implemented by the Secretariat/Spain. Since the GB entrusted the editorial board with the implementation of the recommendations included in the survey's report, those which could not be implemented directly by the Secretariat/Spain would need to wait until the Editorial Board was operative. The Secretariat/Spain presented the information to start testing the KSCI-IDI portal. No formal agreement with IDI is needed and no cost is involved in the testing. A EUROSAI restricted area must be opened to set-up different functionalities (On-line meetings (using blackboard), Forum (using Moodle) Communities of Practice, Blogs, Surveys, E-Learning). Currently, videoconferencing is the most demanded and useful tool. For that, IT people must be trained by IDI to use videoconferencing tool. GT4 agreed to start the testing, giving priority to using blackboard for videoconferencing. Portugal will take the lead in the testing and marketing of the platform. The Secretariat/Spain will cooperate closely with them.
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	<p>Task Force on Audit and Ethics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the EUROSAI TF AE video competition 	<p>Portugal</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Portugal and Secretariat/Spain offered people to be trained. GTs were encouraged to use the videoconference tool when available. Discussion on the new EUROSAI strategic plan can be made using blackboard. 5 colleagues from Portugal and Spain are being trained. The NCA offers to train one employee. GT4 members will experiment with the portal up to the GB meeting in May 2017. The video competition price is not in money but in kind. The price for the winner – being an individual or a group of participants – could be: the participation in the Eurosai congress, training events or a study visit to a member SAI. On the other hand, the price for the logo is in money and most employees and SAI’s are not allowed to receive money. This dilemma should be further discussed in more detail. The NCA suggests not restricting integrity to SAIs as an institute, but also integrity in audits and all other activities by SAIs.
<p>15.00-15:30</p>	<p>Task Group Strategy (Phase I team: The Netherlands, Spain, Turkey, Portugal, Germany, Poland, United Kingdom)</p>	<p>Netherlands/all</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Draft of Self-assessment report was, in its general terms, accepted by all participants. However, since its percentages had to be recalculated with the information from triangulation, the Secretariat/Spain offered the Netherlands to do so and thus finalise the document. The Secretariat/Spain agreed to prepare also the Executive summary (making use of chapter 5 of the

			<p>self-assessment), take into account the external scan (including INTOSAI RWG)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regarding dissemination of the full report, GT4 agreed that it will be available for all the members on request. Follow up: after the GB formally approves the report, the executive summary and a piece of news will be published in the EUROSAI website.
15:30-16:45	Presentation and discussion on draft EUROSAI Strategic Plan and speech by Mr Arno Visser	Netherlands/all	
16.45-17.45	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reflection on day 1 meeting Preparations Congress 2017 INCOSAI December 2016 Moldova GB February 16 2017 		

Friday 14 October 2016

EUROSAI strategic plan			
2. GT4 Operational Plan (continued)			
	<i>Issues to be discussed</i>	<i>Responsible</i>	
09.00-09.15	Reflection on previous day and presentation by the Turkish Court of Account on the EUROSAI congress 2017	Netherlands/TCA	
09.15-10.30	2.4 Task Group Strategy (continued)	Netherlands/all	- General agreement on preamble, mission-vision

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussion and agreement on draft EUROSAI Strategic Plan to be presented to GB in February 2017 		and values proposed by NCA for the EUROSAI Strategic Plan
10.45-12.00	2.3 Task Group Strategy (continued)	Netherlands/all	Strategic Plan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plan: The Netherlands will prepare a draft plan, keeping in mind the outcomes of the discussions by the two subgroups concerning the strategic goals and all the previous comments made concerning the 30 September draft (deadline: November 2016).
13.00-13.30	Presentation of draft ESP to President Visser concerning the two goals: Capacity development and Professional cooperation	Netherlands/All	
13.45-15.15	Development of EUROSAI Governance and Modus Operandi proposal, building on the self-assessment recommendations.	Netherlands/All	Strategic Plan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Governance (annex): following NCA's proposal, Spain, Turkey and the Netherlands will prepare a proposal regarding the governance and modus operandi, based on the outcomes of the Self-Assessment and on all the previous discussions as GT4, and all the written comments shared by the GT4 members.
3. Other issues			
15:15-15.30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Next steps on ESP: Feedback on the meeting Any other business 	All All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The coming period will be aimed at finalizing documents, preparing the GB meeting on 16 February 2017 in Moldova and all the preparations with regard to the EUROSAI Congress in May 2017. AOB: Secretariat/Spain pointed out that the finalization of the self- assessment report could be expected by the end of November.

			<p>Secretariat/Spain announced a bilateral meeting EUROSAI-IDI planned at the 22nd INCOSAI (7 December). IDI would be briefing on their portfolio. An invitation with a programme would be sent to all EUROSAI members shortly.</p>
15:30	Close of the meeting		