

8th MEETING OF EUROSAI GOAL TEAM 4

Videoconference, 29 April 2015

SUMMARY OF AGREEMENTS (SoA)

- I.** The **EUROSAI Goal Team 4 – Governance and Communication (GT4)** 8th meeting was held by videoconference on 29 April 2015

The following representatives of GT4 members and invited experts attended the 8th GT4 meeting:

SAI	Role of SAI in EUROSAI	Representatives
NETHERLANDS	Current Presidency	André van Ommeren Hayo van der Wal
THE CZECH REPUBLIC	Chair of Goal Team 3	Michaela Rosecká Sylva Müllerová Zuzana Holoubková
GERMANY	Chair of Goal Team 2	Stefanie Ludes
HUNGARY	Chair of Goal Team 1	Peter Danko Rita Laczkovich
INTOSAI SG	Invited expert	Monika Gonzalez Koss
POLAND	Invited expert	Agnieszka Morawska
PORTUGAL	Outgoing Presidency	Helena Abreu Lopes Eleonora Almeida
SPAIN	Secretariat	Karen Ortiz Finnemore Alicia Garcia del Castillo
TURKEY	Incoming Presidency	A. Omer Karamollaoglu Berna Dinç
UNITED KINGDOM	Invited expert	Helene Morpeth

II. Meeting report

The meeting was conducted as follows:

1. Agenda

1. Introduction and rules of the videoconference
2. Approval of the agenda
3. Presidency project management document, step by step
4. Discussion and agreement on division of tasks and GT4 work plan
5. Surveys
 - a. Magazine
 - b. Self-Assessment
6. Any other business

3. Presidency project management document

Hayo explained why the Presidency has drawn up this document. Its aim is to give an overview of all the projects running under the Presidency and GT4, as these overlap to a very large extent for the EUROSAI team in The Netherlands Court of Audit. Many projects are indeed also connected. The document is structured in four chapters, each including projects, which are build-up of activities:

I. Governance

1. Organisational structure
2. Finances and sustainability
3. Training
4. EUROSAI Independent Evaluation
 - o Phase I self-assessment
 - o Phase I quick scan
 - o Phase II External evaluation

II. Communication

5. Communication, magazine & website
6. Questionnaires

III. Strategy

7. Strategic plan development 2017-2023
8. Young EUROSAI

IV. Other activities

9. Audit activities

General: It was agreed that it would be smart to give the dates a red or green colour to show progress.

On project 1 (organisational structure) it was agreed to include the OECD and EEA on the suggestion of the ESP MTR, as possible partners to consider a more formal cooperation with.

On project 2 (finances and sustainability) it was agreed that an e-meeting tool can be used in addition and/or to replace physical meetings, in close connection with project on communication.

SAI Portugal will take the lead in this after summer 2015.

On project 4 (EUROSAI independent evaluation) the timing was adapted to a more realistic schedule. Limesurvey was agreed as online survey tool for the self-assessment survey.

On project 5 (Communication, magazine & website) a possible e-meeting tool was discussed, Germany will send suggestions to Portugal (see project 2 above). It was also agreed that the Podium platform of the ECIIA should be reviewed, as well as the offer from IDI to use their portal. The deadlines for the EUROSAI magazine survey were adjusted.

On project 7 (strategic plan 2017-2023) The Netherlands invited Turkey for a visit to discuss the first steps to take in strategic planning as well as to share lessons learned from the EUROSAI congress 2014. It was agreed that self-assessment survey of the evaluation would be used as a starting point for the development of the new strategic plan, aiming at a needs assessment of the members for the next strategic period.

On project 8 (Young EUROSAI) there was a discussion on the possible 3rd YES meeting, where Turkey argued they would organise this in the lead up to the 10th EUROSAI Congress, although without the age restriction and The Netherlands arguing that this would not constitute a Young EUROSAI conference. The conclusion was that both events are not the same and that their respective organisation (both in terms of possible attendance and timing) should not interfere.

On project 9 (audit activities) it was clarified that the Open Data seminar would be organised by and held in The Netherlands. A request to the EUROSAI Governing Board to agree with the seminar being included in the list of EUROSAI training events would follow shortly.

4. Division of tasks & workplan

General: use of colours to show progress was agreed. Some of the deadlines were rescheduled. Agreement on the next plenary meeting of Goal Team 4 24-25 September in The Hague.

5. Surveys

- a) Magazine: the design survey for the EUROSAI magazine was almost completed. There were still some questions to develop further. There was one question regarding the target groups of the EUROSAI magazine, as this was confirmed in the Operational Plan, but no document was available. Hayo explained that this was done during a workshop in Warsaw in March 2011 as part of the EUROSAI Communication Framework. There was no separate report drawn up. In the run up to the conference it was already discussed via e-mail that Limesurvey would be the tool to use by EUROSAI to run its surveys. This was confirmed during the videoconference. The magazine survey would be the first 'test'.
- b) Self-Assessment: the survey self-assessment was already discussed during the Presidency project management.

6. Any other business

The Secretariat raised the issue of financial requests. There was 1 request to the GT2 budget and two requests to the GT3 budget. The request made by the SAI of Ukraine to reimburse the European Court of Auditors was discussed, as this request was made after the event. The rules, however, do not exclude this. It was agreed that the Ukraine would be contacted to give more details on the special circumstances that required a financial request after the event.