

FROM Netherlands Court of Audit
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Introduction

On behalf of the EUROSAI Governing Board, The Netherlands Court of Audit developed an initiative to bring SAIs from the region together in the field of Extractive Industries. The idea was that the knowledge and expertise from the EUROSAI region would provide input for the INTOSAI Working Group on Extractive Industries.

Survey

In spring 2015 a survey was sent out to all EUROSAI members to explore the reactions. This survey focused on the concept of True Price. This is an instrument that has been developed to give insight into the hidden costs (and benefits) of, for example, extractive industries. This can help in reducing the damaging effects of the production and the policy of the industry. Members were requested to fill in a specific format to make such an analysis.

Ten SAIs responded to the survey. Eight of those mentioned they do not have sufficient expertise, most of all because the extractive industry in their country is not very significant. One member asked the auditee to fill in the survey, one member responded that they are at the moment in a transition phase. Only one member gave a full set of answers. As a follow-up several members have been asked bilaterally if they would be interested in the topic. This was not the case.

Proposal

We propose to the Governing Board to not continue with the project on Extractive Industries due to a lack of interest in EUROSAI.

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