

**Resolution of the XXXI EUROSAI Governing Board, expanding the Training
Committee granting membership to the SAIs of Lithuania and Hungary
(Reykjavik, Iceland, 11 September 2006)**

The EUROSAI Training Committee (ETC) was established by a Resolution of the Governing Board, in the XXII meeting (Madrid, 16 February 2000), with the aim of dealing with and advising, under the mandate of the Governing Board, on matters related to training in EUROSAI. The ETC was constituted with eight Members: the SAIs of Germany, Denmark, Spain, France, Poland, Portugal, United Kingdom and Czech Republic; under the co-chair of the SAIs of Spain and France. In the establishment Resolution it was foreseen that the Governing Board could decide on additional participations with the purpose of providing an appropriate balance of EUROSAI members.

In July 2001, the Auditor General of Lithuania requested the integration and formal participation of this SAI in the ETC. This request was discussed at the XXIV Governing Board meeting (Copenhagen, 7 March 2002) that, following the proposal of the ETC, invited the mentioned SAI to take part in the ETC meetings as Observer. In this Resolution two essential principles that had to be kept in mind, in a balanced way, for the ETC were highlighted: on one hand, the preservation of a small structure and a limited number of members to guarantee its effectiveness; and, on the other hand, the respect to the open and inclusive character attributed to EUROSAI by its Statutes, what would allow considering new participation initiatives. The SAI of Lithuania joined the ETC as Observer since its VI meeting (Madrid, 5 July 2002).

Likewise, the President of the SAI of Hungary requested the ETC membership by letter of 1 September 2005. This request was presented to the ETC with the purpose of learning its opinion in this respect. The ETC, considering the existent precedent, the involvement of the SAI, and the fact that it had participated as guest in it since the beginning, suggested in its XIII meeting (Budapest, 22 and 23 September 2005) to grant the SAI of Hungary the Observer's status; without detriment that the proposal to integrate the SAIs of Lithuania and Hungary as ETC Members could be submitted to the Governing Board in the future, taking into account the active work developed in the field of training, their effective contribution to it by means of the organisation of diverse EUROSAI training events, and their availability to facilitate the works of the ETC itself organizing and hosting its meetings.

Following these criteria, the EUROSAI Secretary General submitted the proposal in the same terms to the Governing Board, by means of a written consultation of 4 November 2005. The Governing Board supported it. At the XIV meeting (European Court of Auditors, Luxembourg, 29 and 30 June 2006), where the SAI of Hungary already participated as Observer, the ETC was informed on the Governing Board's agreement. The ETC insisted in the proposal of the possible enlargement of its Members and discussed about the diverse alternatives existing in relation to the status that the new Members could adopt, if it were considered suitable. Among other

alternatives, it was intended the recognition to these ones of the same status and the character, in principle, indefinite of those ones constituted at the setting up. Another alternative could be their nomination with the same status that the original Members but with a mandate of temporary character while the respective SAI were part of the EUROSAI Governing Board; facilitating a balance, this way, between keeping a reduced number of Members and the possibility that the ETC enriches with the contributions of new Members.

The ETC insisted that it should be the Governing Board the one that decided the criteria to be followed. It suggested that, considering that the ETC is a supportive body for the Governing Board, the applicant SAIs should be part of this Board, and in any case, they should have shone by their commitment in the promotion and performance of training in EUROSAI. The reduced composition of the ETC that guarantees the effectiveness of its operation and that presided over the decision of the Governing Board for its establishment, should always be safeguarded.

In attention to all that exposed, and in agreement with the application and the proposition expressed by the ETC, and to the Governing Board's criteria in relation to the participation in the ETC expressed in its Resolution adopted in 2002 in the XXIV meeting, and following the proposal of the Secretary General of EUROSAI, **the Governing Board, agreed:**

"To grant Membership of the EUROSAI Training Committee to the SAI of Lithuania and Hungary, in the same conditions that the original members".