

EUROSAI TRAINING STRATEGY 2005- 2008

Resolution approved by the VI EUROSAI Congress

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1- Background

The EUROSAI Training Committee (ETC) was created in Madrid in 2000 with the purpose to enhance experience and information sharing within SAIs and to develop their professional capacities. The Vth Congress held in Moscow in 2002 renewed its mandate and launched an initiative to define a strategy for training and cooperation. A questionnaire was therefore addressed to EUROSAI members in 2003.

Co-chaired by the Spanish and French SAIs, the ETC held 12 meetings and settled a web site hosted by the French Cour des comptes.

The activity report for 2002-2005, submitted to the 29th GB, describes the main outcomes reached in accordance with the ETC objectives. It enacts the decision of the ETC, during its last meetings, to define strategic goals and an operational plan for the 3 coming years, and takes into account the updating questionnaire launched by the German SAI in March 2005.

2- Strategic goals and operational plan

The ETC mandate is to enhance public sector auditing in EUROSAI through capacity building, exchange of experience and information sharing. Strategic goals and actions to be settled over the 3 coming years should be completed as following :

1- *Delivering training through seminars and events*

The ETC will strive to:

- *Meet SAIs training needs*, as they were formulated in response to the 2003 questionnaire, according to the specific demands of SAIs located in different geographical zones. During the period 2005-2008, the Committee will strive to respond to SAIs'needs, update them and meet the main demands formulated by the different European zones.
- *Deliver training events on high priority topics*: fight against fraud, auditing standards, performance audit methods, IT tools and information systems auditing should be addressed in the events to deliver in the 3 coming years. Other subjects quoted in the questionnaire as most important should be scheduled (audit of public subsidies, social security, privatisations).
- *Facilitate organisation and funding of the training seminars* by identifying SAIs volunteering for hosting seminars, and finding financial support.

2- *Enhance professional exchange within SAIs*

The ETC will

- *Carry on EUROSAI-IDI cooperation* in execution of the Long Term Regional Training Programme (LTRTP, which proved to be effective.
- *Support training demands from EUROSAI or EU Contact Committee working groups*: these groups play a prominent role in professional capacities building for SAIs; their work must be backed by relevant training actions. Environmental auditing, IT, public procurement and structural funds auditing, audit quality appear

as priorities. Some members of the ETC will be designated to follow-up the implementation of training events in these different fields.

- *Support training demands within INTOSAI* : the ETC will support cooperation between EUROSAI and regional groups of INTOSAI (OLACEFS, ARABOSAI...) and play an active role in the implementation of the INTOSAI strategic plan.
- *Facilitate EUROSAI-EURORAI cooperation* by developing training events and cooperation between supreme and regional audit institutions.

3- Facilitate information sharing

The ETC will:

- *provide available training documentation* after the seminars, as well as any information related to training in SAIs.
- *develop websites* : the EUROSAI and the ETC websites will help disseminating information. Updating and maintaining the ETC website is a priority for the coming years.
- *facilitate communication* in seminars and information sharing and avoid language gaps.
- *exchange information on training management* within SAIs: during the 3 coming years, the ETC will strive to improve knowledge on training management and circulate information about good practice.
- *enhance cooperation with external counterparts*, as universities.

Resolution

Considering the activities of the ETC and its strategy and operational plan for the 3 coming years, the GB could propose that:

- having taken into account the activities of the ETC for the 2002-2005 period
- and approved its strategy and operational plan for 2005-2008,

The Congress decides to:

- accept the activities report of the ETC, as presented by its presidents
- adopt the training strategy and the operational plan of the Committee for the 2005-2008 period
- renew and confirm the ETC mandate
- ask the ETC to implement the actions as designed and report to the GB about its activities.