

EUROSAI IT Working Group Work Plan 2017-2020

Sixth work period

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The EUROSAI IT Working Group will continue and improve projects, activities and products started and developed in previous work periods and will actively search for new ones, responding to the needs of its members. As the ITWG activities were conducted efficiently and satisfactorily, the Work Plan for the sixth period will be adjusted to a small extent. The ITWG activities will be in line with the Strategic Goals from EUROSAI Strategic Plan 2017-2023:

- I. Promoting and brokering **professional cooperation** to support effective, innovative and relevant audits
- II. Supporting and facilitating the **institutional capacity development** of member SAIs to deal with new opportunities and challenges

Fast development of information technologies used in audits and the public sector put on SAIs demands which can be met only with efficient knowledge sharing and joint activities bringing in the most up-to-date, innovative knowledge. Benefitting from useful experience and searching for new solutions has been the Group's general approach and it will be applied further on through the following five Primary Objectives:

1) Enhance IT potential of SAIs

SAI activities in IT-related field require continuous adaptation to the evolving audit environment and raising awareness in this matter. Trainings focused on grounding in methodological frameworks or on enhancing IT auditing skills are a straightforward way to strengthen the IT potential and develop innovative practices of Supreme Audit Institutions. Self-assessment exercises (such as 'ITSA' and 'ITASA') encourage them to refine their IT organisation and make IT related audits more widespread and effective.

2) Support to the IT ISSAIs

The International Standards of Supreme Audit Institutions (ISSAI) are domain of INTOSAI competence. In case of IT related standards and guidance the INTOSAI Working Group on IT audit submits its proposals. The EUROSAI IT Working Group's aim is to comment on the proposals and afterwards to give feedback on their quality and usefulness as well as participating in its development.

3) *Facilitate the exchange of practical experience, expertise and good practices*

Efficient exchange of experience, expertise and good practices among Working Group members are the main goals of the 'Control Space of e-Government'. The 'ITSA' and 'ITASA' projects focus on auto-reflection by SAIs with moderation by external experts. Cooperation with the INTOSAI Working Group on IT Audit will be continued especially in the professional standards area. It will also be started with the INTOSAI Development Initiative (IDI) as regards the IT Audit Handbook.

4) *Promote cooperation in the design of IT related audits*

One of the principal aims of the 'Control Space of e-Government' project is providing audit designers with results of similar audits carried out by other SAIs, with lists of the most interesting findings and with ready to use risk questions. Also 'Parallel Audits' accomplish this objective directly.

5) *Promote parallel, joint or coordinated audits*

A series of concurrent, joint or coordinated audits has been initiated in the fourth work period by the EUROSAI IT Working Group. This activity was set up as an individual project in the fifth work period and will still be continued, trying to meet the most up-to-date audit needs by Supreme Audit Institutions.

The following table of Activities of EUROSAI IT Working Group in the sixth work period 2017-2020 presents the Group's projects in connection with EUROSAI Strategic Goals and the aforementioned Primary Objectives.

Table of Activities of EUROSAI IT Working Group in the sixth work period 2017-2020

Project	Strategic Goal	Primary Objective	Lead SAI
Support IT related Standards and Guidelines	Institutional capacity development	Facilitate the exchange of practical experience, expertise and good practices Support to the IT ISSAIs	Chair
Parallel Audits	Professional cooperation Institutional capacity development	Promote cooperation in the design of IT related audits Promote parallel, joint or coordinated audits	The Netherlands
Control Space of E-Government (CUBE)	Professional cooperation Institutional capacity development	Promote cooperation in the design of IT related audits Facilitate the exchange of practical experience, expertise and good practices	Poland
IT Self-assessment (ITSA)	Institutional capacity development	Enhance IT potential of SAIs Facilitate the exchange of practical experience, expertise and good practices	Switzerland
Rollout of ITSAs and ITASAs into other regions	Institutional capacity development	Enhance IT potential of SAIs Facilitate the exchange of practical experience, expertise and good practices	Depends on the possibilities
IT Audit Self-Assessment (ITASA)	Institutional capacity development	Enhance IT potential of SAIs Facilitate the exchange of practical experience, expertise and good practices	Switzerland
Professional Training	Institutional capacity development	Enhance IT potential of SAIs Facilitate the exchange of practical experience, expertise and good practices	Chair
Sharing knowledge and best practices	Institutional capacity development	Facilitate the exchange of practical experience, expertise and good practices	Chair