EUROSAI WGEA Progress and Plans

EUROSAI WGEA Secretariat

14th EUROSAI WGEA Annual Meeting

29 September 2016
Forthcoming activities

- 6th EUROSIAI GT3 meeting
  - Czech Republic, November 2016

- ASOSAI WGEA meeting
  - Jaipur, India, October 2016

- INTOSAI WGEA meeting
  - Jakarta, Indonesia, October 2016

- Newsletter 2/2016
  - Contributions expected by 11 November
Cooperative audits in Europe

- Air quality
- Energy efficiency in public sector
- Mediterranean marine parks
Audit Collection

Database of audits

The database of audit reports has been designed as a database containing basic information and links concerning audit reports issued by the EUROSAI members (including where available the report itself). The database was launched in 2015 and its maintenance has been entrusted to Goal Team 3.

To search in the database you can use the search filter.

There is an electronic template for uploading audit reports to be filled in for each audit report at your disposal (please see box on the right of the screen, where you can request the registration of your SAIs audit reports). Before the first uploading, registration as an authorized user is needed.

To facilitate your contribution we have prepared a short video tutorial which will show you in more detail how to add new files to the database.

In case of any questions, please contact directly the GT3 team - EUROSAIGT3@nku.cz

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Massive Open Online Courses

• Environmental auditing courses
  – Free access
  – Online
  – 4-5 weeks
  – In English
Introduction to Environmental Auditing in the Public Sector

31 Oct–27 Nov 2016

Auditing Environmental Impacts of Infrastructure

Beginning of 2017
MOOC: Introduction to environmental auditing in public sector

Recommended background

Students taking this course should be familiar with the general concept of auditing and main aspects of performance audit: economy, efficiency and effectiveness.

Course description

This course is based on performance auditing practice. The aim of this course is to prepare students for undertaking subsequent environmental auditing MOOCs.

The course introduces basic environmental management principles and auditing terminology that will be utilised throughout the environmental auditing MOOCs.

The course consists of readings, video lectures, automated exercises, tests, case studies and a final assignment.

Course outcomes

Students who have passed the course:

- are familiar with basic environmental management principles and understand their significance;
- understand the importance and complexity of the concept of sustainable development;
- know the main governance tools that are used in environmental management;
- are familiar with the steps in audit cycle;
- are familiar with the audit planning tool - audit design matrix;
- are familiar with the process of reporting and communicating audit results.
INTRODUCTION TO ENVIRONMENTAL AUDITING IN PUBLIC SECTOR

Modules

Module 1: Environmental good governance
The first chapter of the course describes the main ideas in environmental good governance and the tools that governments use to regulate the environmental behaviour of both companies and citizens. Environmental good governance follows the principles of good governance, but the difference is that in the case of environmental good governance sustainability is advocated as the supreme consideration in managing all human activities – political, social, and economic.

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Module 2: Selecting topics for an environmental audit. The audit cycle
The aim of environmental audits is to analyse major environmental problems, identify their root causes and describe what the situation might lead to if left unresolved. Successfully focusing an audit helps an auditor approach relevant issues with the appropriate resources. An understanding of the processes that take place in nature and of the relationships between different ecosystems is necessary in order to grasp the relevance and scale of environmental problems.

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Module 3: Audit Design Matrix
Audit design phase is crucial to the success of an audit, as otherwise there is a risk of using time and other resources unwisely. There are various elements you need to consider and decide on before heading out to work in the field.

For practical reasons it is useful to assemble these elements into one table, which is often referred to as an Audit Design Matrix (ADM) – a tool commonly used in the audit planning phase.

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Module 4: Audit report
The purpose of auditing is to offer impartial opinions and advice with the aim of improving the processes in the sector that’s been audited. The audit report has to be unbiased and demonstrate a good understanding of the subject. The publication of an audit report is also a crucial phase, as this is when the discussions will be accelerated and more attention will be attracted to the issues that have been uncovered.

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