EUROSAI Working Group on the Audit of Funds Allocated to Disasters and Catastrophes: progress and new challenges

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- EUROSAI WGAFADC was established by the Resolution of the IX EUROSAI Congress (16–19 June 2014, the Hague, the Netherlands)

- 17 SAIs-participants and 2 SAIs-observers
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- **1st** kick-off Meeting of the Working Group took place in February, 2015 in Luxembourg

- 17 SAI-participants took part in the Meeting

- the Strategy and Action Plan for 2015-2017 were approved
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MISSION OF EUROSAI WGAFADC:

to coordinate and consolidate efforts of the European SAIs to help their governments in development of effective and efficient tools for prevention and consequences elimination of disasters and catastrophes

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STRATEGIC GOALS FOR 2015-2017:

1. Capacity building;
2. Joining efforts;
3. Knowledge sharing;
4. Extension of contacts

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The following MEASURES were realized during 2015-2017:

- 3 annual meetings of the EUROSAI WGAFADC were held
  - in 2015 – in Luxemburg, the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg;
  - in 2016 – in Baku, Republic of Azerbaijan;
  - in 2017 - in Rome, Italy

According to preliminary agreements, the next annual meeting is planned to be held in 2018 in Kishinev, Republic of Moldova

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- 3 seminars were held by the Accounting Chamber of Ukraine supported by the SAI of the Czech Republic, the Turkish Court of Accounts, the Chamber of Accounts of the Republic of Azerbaijan, the SAI of Italy and the SAI of Indonesia:
  - in October, 2015 - in Ankara, Turkey;
  - in April, 2016 - in Baku, Azerbaijan;
  - in March, 2017 - in Rome, Italy
The seminars were devoted to next topics:

▪ “Experience of development and possibility for SAIs to implement ISSAI 5500 series "Guidelines on Audit of Disaster-related Aid"; 
▪ “Practical implementation of ISSAIs 5500-5599 “Guidelines on Audit of Disaster-related Aid: risks of fraud and corruption, using new methods of data acquisition”;
▪ “Opportunities of the performance audits in the evaluation of the activities aimed at prevention and consequences elimination of disasters”
2 international audits were conducted during this period and

2 Joint Reports were signed:

- Report on the Results of the International Coordinated Audit of the Use of Funds Allocated to Prevention and Consequences Elimination of Wildfires (was signed in February, 2015, by the heads of SAIs of Bulgaria, the Russian Federation and Ukraine);

- Joint Report on the Results of Coordinated Parallel Audit on Protection of the Bug River Catchment Area from Pollution (Follow-up Audit) (was signed in March, 2017 by the heads of SAIs of Belarus, Poland and Ukraine)
Accounting Chamber of Ukraine continues annual monitoring on implementation of recommendations of the Chernobyl Shelter Fund International Coordinated Audit.

At the end of 2017 it is expected the commissioning of the main infrastructure facilities at the Chernobyl Nuclear Power Station.
At the 3\textsuperscript{rd} meeting of the EUROSAI WGAFADC (was held in March 2017 in Rome, Italy) the \textbf{Common positions} on cooperation within the international coordinated audits on prevention and consequences elimination of \textit{floods, earthquakes} and \textit{on waste management and utilization} were approved and sighed.

Conducting of these audits should be completed in the current reporting period - \textbf{up to 2020}.
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- Updating the database of the audits of natural and men-caused disasters and catastrophes in Europe and the knowledge base on the prevention and consequences elimination of disasters still continues.

- Development of Best Practice Recommendations in the sphere of prevention and consequences elimination of floods was started. The Structure of these Recommendations was approved during 3rd WG’s Meeting.
Strategic Activity Plan of the EUROSAI Working Group for 2017-2020

3 strategic goals for the period to 2020:

- Professional cooperation;
- Professional development;
- Contributing to achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals
Strategic Goal 1 “Professional cooperation”

Strategic objectives focus on:

- initiating and conducting of new international coordinated/parallel audits and completion of the already initiated audits within the Working Group’s activities;
- raising public awareness about the Working Group’s activities;
- extension of contacts of the Working Group with the professional community

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Strategic Goal 2 “Professional development” focuses on

- further promotion and support in implementation of the ISSAIs 5500-5599 series “Guidelines for auditing disaster-related aid”;
- improvement of developed methodology
Strategic Goal 3 “Contributing to achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals” focuses on contribution to achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals, determined in the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in the part concerned the Working Group’s activity (particularly the Goal 11 “Make cities inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable”)

It is provided to:

- develop the indicators for the follow-up of the Sustainable Development Goals in the area of prevention and consequences elimination of disasters;

- conduct the surveys of the European SAIs about their countries’ efforts aimed at implementing the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in the field of the Working Group’s activities

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- At the Xth EUROSAI Congress (was held in May, 2017, in Istanbul, Turkey)
  - the Strategic Activity Plan of the Working Group for 2017-2020 was submitted and approved;
  - the mandate of the working group was extended for the next 3-year period under the chairmanship of the Accounting Chamber of Ukraine;
  - the seminar on "The evolving role of SAIs for fostering accountability and transparency in Risk Management and disasters-related aid and the contribution of related ISSAI 5500 series to the redefinition of this role" was held (under the chairmanship of the SAI of Turkey).

The representatives of the SAI of Ukraine, as the head of the corresponding EUROSAI working group, also spoke at the seminar.

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As a result of the seminar participants developed proposals that were included into the Istanbul Declaration. These proposals are as follows: “EUROSAI will explore how better to respond to increasing amounts of emergencies such as mass migrations and cyber-attacks.”
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