EUROSAI WGEA and ECA Joint Biodiversity Conference
Venue: European Court of Auditors

Monday, 21 October
19:00 Welcome Reception hosted by the EUROSAI WGEA Chair, SAI Estonia
Venue: DoubleTree Hilton Luxembourg, room “Espace les Continents”

Conference on Biodiversity
Moderated by the European Court of Auditors
Venue: European Court of Auditors, K2 Conference Hall

Tuesday, 22 October
9:00 Registration and welcome coffee
10:00 Opening
Mr Klaus-Heiner Lehne, President of the European Court of Auditors
Mr Janar Holm, Chair of EUROSAI WGEA, Auditor General of Estonia
10:20 Setting the scene: Status of and key threats to biodiversity
Prof David Kleijn, Wageningen University
Mr Ariel Brunner, Birdlife Europe
11:20 Main biodiversity policies, results of the European Union biodiversity strategy to 2020
Ms Anne Teller, DG Environment of the European Commission
Ms Eva Viestová, Slovak Ministry of Environment
12:30 Group photo (K2 Hall) followed by lunch (Venue: ECA K3 6th Floor)
13:45 Improving the status of biodiversity in Europe
Ms Janica Borg, World Wide Fund for Nature
Mr Pasi Rautio, Natural Resources Institute Finland
15:00  Break

15:30  Focusing an audit on biodiversity
       Group discussions

17:00  Feedback from the working groups and panel discussion

18:00  Conclusions and adjournment
       Poster session (ECA K3 6th Floor)

19:00  Buffet Dinner hosted by the European Court of Auditors
       Venue: K3 6th Floor

17th EUROSAI WGEA Annual Meeting
Moderated by the Secretariat of EUROSAI WGEA
Venue: European Court of Auditors, K2 Conference Hall

Day 1: Auditing Biodiversity

Wednesday, 23 October

9:00  Welcome remarks
     Mr Janar Holm, Chair or EUROSAI WGEA, Auditor General of Estonia
     Mr Samo Jereb, Member of the European Court of Auditors

9:20  Warm-up exercise

9:45  Presentation of SAI experiences
     Results of the Mediterranean cooperative audit, Mr Akis Kikas, SAI Cyprus and
      Mr William Peplow, SAI Malta
     Albania - Marine protected areas, Ms Eva Kasmi, SAI Albania
     Does environmental monitoring data provide information about the status of forest
      ecosystems? Ms Airi Andresson, SAI Estonia

10:30 Break
11:00  SAI Presentations ctd
Natura 2000 network in Bulgaria, Ms Katya Nedialkova, SAI Bulgaria
Funds and state property under the management of National Parks' Administration,
Mr Michal Rampír, SAI Czech Republic

11:30  Group debate on a selected biodiversity topic

12:45  Lunch (Venue: ECA K3 6th Floor)

13:45  SAI presentations
Pressures from developments adjoining habitats of protected species, Mr Akis Kikas,
SAI Cyprus
Invasive alien species, Mr Igor Vošnjak, SAI Slovenia
State Audit Bureau of Kuwait on biodiversity, Ms Noura Al Zaher, SAI Kuwait

14:30  Cooperative audit on biodiversity?
Discussions in parallel groups

15:30  Break

16:00  SAI presentations
The role of the Republic of Belarus in preserving the world population of European eel,
Ms Tatsiana Khaitsyna, SAI Belarus
Biodiversity on agricultural land, Mr Rashit Akhmetov, SAI Kazakhstan
Presentation on SAI Belgium’s transversal SDG preparedness review, Ms Daphne
Vanrysselbergh, SAI Belgium
Audits on sustainable development and environment 2011-2019, Mr Imre Nagy, SAI
Hungary

17:00  Adjournment
Day 2: Business Meeting
Venue: European Court of Auditors, K2 Conference Hall

Thursday, 24 October

9:00  Searching for future EWGEA cooperative audits
      Discussion in groups (e-waste, polluter-pays-principle, climate change adaptation)

10:30 Reporting on the progress of Working Groups
      INTOSAI WGEA, Dr Vivi Niemenmaa, SAI Finland
      ARABOSAI WTEA, Ms Munira Al-Huwaidi, SAI Kuwait

11:00 Break

11:30 Reporting on the progress of Working Groups ctd
      Progress report of EUROSAI WGEA, Ms Tuuli Rasso, Secretariat of EUROSAI WGEA
      Chairmanship of EUROSAI WGEA, Mr Wojciech Dudek and Mr Mariusz Gorczyca, SAI Poland

12:00 EUROSAI WGEA Strategy 2020-2023
      Brainstorming in groups

13:10 Summing up and adjournment

13:30 Lunch (Venue: ECA K3 6th Floor)

15:00-16:30 24th EUROSAI WGEA Steering Committee meeting