



Programme

THE 7th ANNUAL EUROSAI WGEA MEETING

Sofia, Bulgaria 6-8 October 2009

VENUE

Sheraton Sofia Hotel Balkan (Sredetz Ballroom, ground floor), Sofia, Bulgaria

PARTICIPANTS

Representatives of SAIs of EUROSAI WGEA and invited guests

CHAIR

Office of the Auditor General of Norway

HOST

The National Audit Office of Bulgaria

TOPICS

Water management issues and the European Water Framework Directive
The use of external experts in audit activities

LANGUAGES

English

BIODIVERSITY SEMINAR

There will be a biodiversity training seminar arranged the day before the start of the annual meeting, 5 October 2009. Registration to both events is to be done on the same form.

Monday 5 October

09.00 – 17.00 Training seminar on Auditing Biodiversity Issues

Arrival and registration of participants, transfer from the airport by the National Audit Office of Bulgaria

19.30 – 21.30 Welcome drinks hosted by the Office of the Auditor General of Norway at Sheraton Sofia Hotel Balkan, Serdica Ballroom, ground floor

Tuesday 6 October

Opening chaired by the National Audit Office of Bulgaria

09.00 – 10.00 Official statements

10.00 – 10.15 Group Photo

10.15 – 10.30 *Coffee break*

Water seminar chaired by the Office of the Auditor General of Norway

10.30 – 11.15 Introduction by Ms Anita Kunitzer, European Environment Agency-European Topic Centre Water, "State of European Waters"

11.15 – 12.00 Presentation by Mr Helmut Bloech, DG Environmenton EU's, "The Water Framework Directive-An Overview"

12.00 – 12.45 Presentation by Mr Sergey Moroz, WWF, "What Future for EU's Water"

12.45 – 13.00 Questions, comments and reflections

13.00 – 14.15 *Lunch*

14.15 – 14.25 Presentation by Mr Ventsislav Nikolov, Basin Directorate for Water Management, Varna

14.25 – 15.00 Presentation by Ms Jerneja Vrabic, Court of Audit of Slovenia, "Audit of Implementation of Water Act and Water Framework Directive in Slovenia"

15.00 – 15.10 Introduction to group work

15.10 – 15.30 *Coffee break*

15.30 – 16.30 Group work

19.00 – 21.30 *Official dinner hosted by the National Audit Office of Bulgaria at Bulgaria Hotel*

Wednesday 7 October

Water seminar cont., chaired by the National Audit Office of Bulgaria

- 09.00 – 10.00 Summary from group work, questions and discussion
10.00 – 10.10 Presentation by Mr Francois Osete, the European Court of Auditors, "Complexity of environmental governance and the ECA audits"
10.10 – 10.20 Presentation by Ms Anne Fikkan, the Office of the Auditor General of Norway, "Audit of the organizational structure for implementing environmental policy in Norway "
10.20 – 10.40 *Coffee break*
10.40 – 11.30 Short presentations by ECA and the SAIs of France, Malta, Russia and Ukraine
11.30 – 11.50 Comments from panel, questions and discussion
11.50 – 12.20 Reflections and conclusions by external speakers

Future environmental challenges in Europe

- 12.20 – 12.50 Presentation by Ms Anita Kunitzer, European Environment Agency-European Topic Centre Water, "Future Environmental Challenges in Europe"
12.50 – 14.00 *Lunch*

Excursion

- 14.00 - Plovdiv, sightseeing of the Old Town

Thursday 8 October

Seminar on use of experts chaired by the Office of the Auditor General of Norway

- 09.00 – 09.15 Introduction by the chair
09.15 – 09.25 Presentation by Mr Rogier Zelle, The Netherlands Court of Audit, "Lessons learned with the NCA's EU ETS audit"
09.25 – 10.00 Panel discussion and conclusion

Business meeting chaired by the Office of the Auditor General of Norway

- 10.00 – 10.30 European cooperative audits – information on selected activities
Presentation by SAIs of Bulgaria, France and Poland
10.30 – 11.00 *Coffee break*
11.00 – 11.15 Activities of the WGEA in 2009 – report of the Group's chair
11.15 – 12.00 Work Plan and new audit projects
12.00 – 13.30 *Lunch*
13.30 – 13.50 Presentations by Mr Tonis Saar, INTOSAI WGEA
13.50 – 14.00 Presentation by the Ms Mariya Shulezhko, Accounting Chamber of Ukraine, "Activities and plans of the EUROSAI Task Force on the Audit of Funds Allocated to Disasters and Catastrophes in Europe"

Official conclusion of the WGEA meeting by the Bulgarian National Audit Office and the Office of the Auditor General of Norway

14.00 – 14.20 Closing statements

Guided sightseeing tour of Sofia

16.00 -