

EUROSAI WGEA SEMINAR: AUDITING WATER MANAGEMENT

Oslo, Norway
23-24 April 2013

VENUE

The Office of the Auditor General of Norway

PARTICIPANTS

Representatives of SAs of EUROSAI WGEA and invited guests

HOST

The Office of the Auditor General of Norway

MAIN TOPIC:

Water management

SUB-TOPICS FOR WORKSHOPS (preliminary suggestions)

- Water Management Models (system, policy instruments)
- Auditing Water Protection Measures (cross-sectorial, ecological aspects)

EXPECTED OUTCOME OF THE SEMINAR

The seminar should contribute to exchange of knowledge and experience in the field of auditing water management. Furthermore the aim is to identify risk areas and identify potential audit topics for water management.

LANGUAGE

English

Tuesday 23 April	
09:00	Registration
09:15	Welcome and opening The EUROSAI WGEA Secretariat and XXX
Session on Water Management in Europe	
09:30	<p>Keynote Speakers:</p> <p><i>Which Economic Model for a Water-efficient Europe?</i></p> <p>Mr Sebastian Treyer Institute for Sustainable Development and International Relations, Science Po</p> <p><i>Keynote speech on cross-sectorial water issues, ecological aspects</i></p> <p>Mr Martina Mlinaric European Environmental Bureau</p>
10:45	Coffee break
11:00	Parallel workshop sessions 1 and 2 - introduction

Session I	Auditing Water Management Models
11.15-13.00	<p><i>Sustainability of the drinking- and waste-water infrastructure developed by the state and its' impact on achieving environmental goals</i> by Ms Viire Viss, National Audit Office of Estonia</p> <p><i>Presentation of audits on Water Management from Cyprus</i> by Mr Akis Kikas, Office of the Auditor General of Cyprus</p> <p><i>Deciding on the use of water</i> by Ms. Jerneja Vrabic, Court of Audit of Slovenia</p> <p><i>Organizing and Pricing of Water Supply</i> by Ms Vaida Bariziene, National Audit Office of Lithuania</p>
Session 2	Auditing Water Protection Measures
11.15-13.00	<p><i>Safeguarding Malta's Groundwater</i> by Mr William Peplow, National Audit Office of Malta</p> <p><i>Integration of EU Water Policy Directives into the CAP</i> by Ms Els Brems, European Court of Auditors</p> <p><i>National measures taken to protect the ground water in Denmark against pesticides leaching and River Basin Management Plans</i> by Ms. Lea Joenson Faro, Supreme Audit Office of Denmark</p>
13:00	Lunch
14:00	<i>Workshop 1 and 2 continued</i>
	<p>Auditing Water Management Models continues</p> <p><i>Presentation of audit on performed Water Management Audits</i> by Ms Alicja Gruszecka, Supreme Audit Office of Poland</p> <p><i>The Water Management Agency of France</i> by Mr. Phillippe Dedryver, Court of Audit, France</p>
	<p>Auditing Water Protection Measures continues</p> <p><i>Cross-sectoral policy approach and water protection in the Netherlands</i> by Ms Louise van Loon, The Netherlands Court of Audit</p> <p><i>Adaptation measures undertaken by the Government of the Republic of Bulgaria in relation to climate change</i> by Ms Ms. Rossena Gadjeva, National Audit Office of Bulgaria</p>
15.15-15.30	Break
15:30	<p><i>Approaches and methodology when auditing water issues</i></p> <p>Mr Steven Elstein</p> <p>United States Government Accountability Office (GAO)</p>

	<i>Auditing Water Issues: An Examination of SAIs' Experiences and tools they have successfully used.</i>
16:30	Reflections from resource persons and participants
17:00	Adjournment
19:00	Informal dinner hosted by the Office of the Auditor General of Norway

Wednesday 24 April	
Group sessions (in two groups)	
0900	Speed dating
1000	Group discussions
Plenary session	
11:00	Summary of group discussions and discussions
12:30	Upcoming activities and closing remarks by EUROSAI WGEA secretariat
12:45	Lunch
13:30	Adjournment