

EUROSAI WGEA is a network of European environmental auditors working in supreme audit institutions (SAIs). The EUROSAI WGEA members are listed in Annex 1 'EUROSAI WGEA members'.

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VISION

The EUROSAI WGEA and its members share a commitment to use the power of public sector audits to leave a positive legacy for future generations by improving the sustainable management of natural resources and the environment, and the health and prosperity of the people of Europe.

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- ...is a forum for cooperation and experience sharing
- ...provides updated information and knowledge from experts

The EUROSAI WGEA activities are led by a Chair which is appointed at EUROSAI Congress for a renewable 3-year term. The chairing SAI also hosts a Secretariat which coordinates the activities of the working group. Since 2014, the Auditor General of Estonia is the EUROSAI WGEA Chair, and the National Audit Office of Estonia hosts the EUROSAI WGEA Secretariat.

In general, the operational responsibility for EUROSAI WGEA activities rests with its Secretariat. The chair and the secretariat are supported by a Steering Committee (SC), which is an advisory and contributory body, consisting of up to 10 member SAIs plus observers. The SC members' term of office coincides with the duration of the EUROSAI WGEA strategy period, i.e. three years duration. The composition, mandate and responsibilities of the Steering Committee are presented in Annex 2 'Steering Committee Terms of Reference'.

Through its activities, the EUROSAI WGEA aims to promote a spirit of cooperation based on integrity, open communication and professional excellence. This is achieved by pursuing the main strategic goals:

1. Encourage and support professional cooperation
2. Facilitate knowledge and experience sharing



The EUROSAI WGEA follows the integral global matters, such as sustainable development, climate change and environmental health, while focusing its activities on regionally relevant environmental auditing issues, as identified by its members.

COOPERATION

One of the main goals of EUROSAI WGEA is to encourage and support cooperation. EUROSAI WGEA promotes cooperation within its members, in wider SAI community (e.g. EUROSAI, INTOSAI, regional working groups), as well as with external partners (e.g. European Union institutions). Furthermore, cooperation is supported in different formats, such as cooperative audits, common seminars, etc.

EUROSAI WGEA is a source of inspiration, providing a forum for SAIs with common interests to meet and find topics for cooperative activities. The Secretariat supports the emerging initiatives and offers advice where needed.

EXPERIENCE SHARING

Another key focus for the EUROSAI WGEA is to enhance the members' abilities to conduct environmental audits. Therefore, the EUROSAI WGEA facilitates knowledge and experience sharing on common environmental auditing topics, various auditing tools and methods. EUROSAI WGEA aims to provide updated information and knowledge from relevant experts within and outside the SAI community.

Cooperation and experience sharing activities are often interrelated. EUROSAI WGEA contributes to fulfilling these aims through various activities. The main activities of the working group in the period 2017-2020 are listed in Annex 3 'EUROSAI WGEA Activity Plan for 2017-2020'.

The EUROSAI WGEA Strategic Plan is adopted by the EUROSAI Congress and enters into force at the EUROSAI WGEA Annual Meeting the same year as the Congress. Annex 3 'EUROSAI WGEA Activity Plan for 2017-2020' is updated upon necessity and approved at EUROSAI WGEA Annual Meeting.



Albania	Malta
Andorra	Moldova
Armenia	The Netherlands
Austria	Norway
Belarus	Poland
Belgium	Portugal
Bulgaria	Romania
Croatia	Russia
Cyprus	Slovakia
Czech Republic	Slovenia
Denmark	Spain
Estonia	Sweden
European Court of Auditors	Switzerland
Finland	the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
France	Turkey
Georgia	Ukraine
Germany	United Kingdom
Greece	
Hungary	
Ireland	
Israel	
Kazakhstan	
Latvia	
Lithuania	
Luxembourg	



Object

The EUROSAI WGEA Steering Committee (SC) is an advisory and contributory body. The object of the SC is to provide strategic direction and operational support to the work of EUROSAI WGEA.

Composition and term of office

The SC may consist of up to 10 members plus observers. The SC members' term of office coincides with the duration of the EUROSAI WGEA strategy period, i.e. three years duration. A new SC is approved at the EUROSAI WGEA Annual Meeting.

The SC members should represent a variety of countries or areas in Europe. The SAI acting as a Chair of the EUROSAI WGEA, also serves as a Chair of the Steering Committee and is responsible for inviting members to the Steering Committee.

Observers are included for the benefit of maintaining good relations with relevant organisations and with SAIs in charge of major projects. The SAI chairing the INTOSAI WGEA is an observer in the Steering Committee. The Chair of EUROSAI WGEA may also invite a SAI that holds the responsibility of leading a EUROSAI WGEA project, to become an observer in the SC for the period of the project.

Commitments of and expectations to Steering Committee members

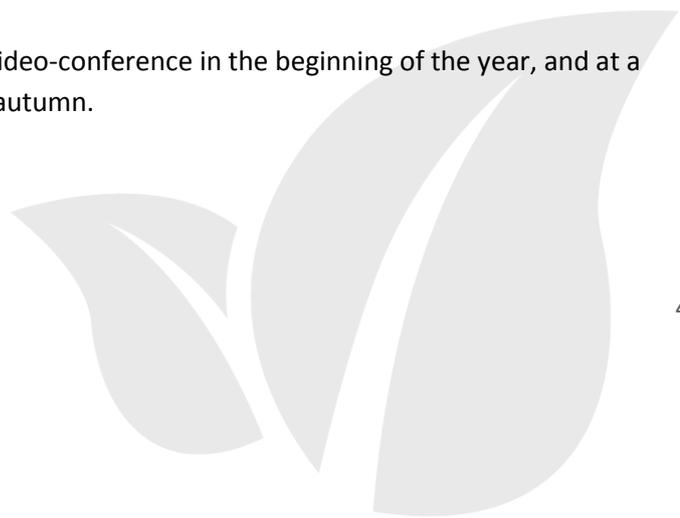
Steering Committee members are expected to take an active role in the work of the EUROSAI WGEA. Steering Committee members commit to attending the meetings of the Steering Committee. Steering Committee members are expected to actively assist the EUROSAI WGEA secretariat in the fulfilment of at least one important activity of the EUROSAI WGEA during their term of office.

Such activities may include:

- assisting in screening and finding keynote speakers for meetings or seminars
- facilitating sessions and contributing to the outputs of meetings or seminars
- hosting the annual meeting or other meetings and seminars
- encouraging, assisting and/or taking leadership in cooperative activities
- coordinating the activities in EUROSAI WGEA subgroups
- actively contributing to the implementation of new EUROSAI WGEA activities

Steering Committee meetings

The SC generally meets twice a year – at a video-conference in the beginning of the year, and at a meeting in line with the Annual Meeting in autumn.



ACTIVITY	COMMENT
Organising Annual Meetings	Generally organised in October; topics identified based on members' feedback and agreed by the Steering Committee
Organising Training Seminars	Generally held one day prior to Annual Meeting; topics identified based on members' feedback and agreed by the Steering Committee
Organising Spring Sessions	Thematic seminars generally held in April for sharing experience on widely common auditing issues; topics identified based on members' feedback and agreed by the Steering Committee
Conducting and supporting cooperative audits	Ongoing cooperative audits in 2017: Energy Efficiency in Public Buildings (co-led by Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania) Multilateral Environmental Agreements on Air Pollution (co-led by the Netherlands and Poland) Mediterranean Marine Protected Areas (co-led by Cyprus and Malta)
Promoting, using and developing e-learning tools (Massive Open Online Courses, webinars) in cooperation with stakeholders	MOOC on auditing water issues (project led by the EUROSAI WGEA Secretariat)
Publishing EUROSAI WGEA Newsletter	Published biannually
Distributing information at the EUROSAI WGEA webpage and other online media tools	Maintained continuously
Cooperation within INTOSAI	With INTOSAI WGEA, regional working groups, etc.
Cooperation with external stakeholders	E.g. inviting experts from relevant institutions to EUROSAI WGEA events
Carrying out cooperative projects	Other cooperative projects (research projects, seminars, etc.) initiated by members

