

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

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 of the [EUROSAI WGEA Strategic Plan](#).

Presented below is the activity plan, complemented with the 'status' column for updates on the progress of each activity.

ACTIVITY	COMMENT	STATUS
Organising Annual Meetings	Generally organised in October; topics identified based on members' feedback and agreed by the Steering Committee	<p><i>The 15th EUROSAI WGEA Annual Meeting was held in Tirana, Albania from 18 to 20 October 2017. The main topics for the annual meeting were 'Auditing Land Use and Development' and 'Greening the SAIs'.</i></p> <p>Report from the 15th Annual Meeting</p> <p><i>The 16th Annual Meeting will be held in Bratislava, Slovakia from 26-28 September 2018. The central topics will be 'Auditing Climate Change' and 'Increasing the Impact of Environmental Audits'.</i></p>
Organising Training Seminars	Generally held one day prior to Annual Meeting; topics identified based on members' feedback and agreed by the Steering Committee	<p><i>The Training Seminar on Data and Analysis in Environmental Audit was held on 17 October 2017 in Tirana, Albania.</i></p> <p><i>The next training seminar will focus on Climate Change Issues and be held in Bratislava, Slovakia on 25 September 2018.</i></p>

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	<p><i>The Spring Session was hosted by SAI Slovenia on 25-26 April 2017. The spring session was dedicated on auditing different aspects of water quality and management.</i></p> <p><i>The topic of the next spring session is Environmental Governance. The spring session will take place on 26-27 April 2018 in Helsinki, Finland.</i></p>
Conducting and supporting cooperative audits	<p>Ongoing cooperative audits in 2017:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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) 	<p><i>The three cooperative audits are ongoing. The joint reports of all three are planned to be published in Q3 2018.</i></p>
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)	<p><i>The MOOC-project is going as planned. The textual part of the course is largely ready, the materials have been distributed to a test group for commenting the material. The MOOC will be launched in autumn 2018.</i></p> <p><i>EUROSAI WGEA has also promoted the MOOCs developed by the NAO of Estonia: 'Introduction to Environmental Auditing in the Public Sector' and 'Auditing Environmental Impacts of Infrastructure'.</i></p>
Publishing EUROSAI WGEA Newsletter	Published biannually	<p><i>Two Newsletters were published in 2017:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Newsletter 1/2017 (May) • Newsletter 2/2017 (December)

Contributes to
EUROSAI Goal 1:
 Professional Cooperation

Contributes to
EUROSAI Goal 2: Institutional
 Capacity Development

Distributing information at the EUROSAI WGEA webpage and other online media tools	Maintained continuously	<i>Maintained continuously</i>
Cooperation within INTOSAI	With INTOSAI WGEA, regional working groups, etc.	<p><i>EUROSAI WGEA was represented at the following events:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>7th AFROSAI WGEA Annual Meeting, Congo, July 2017</i> • <i>15th INTOSAI WGEA Steering Committee Meeting, USA, September 2017</i> • <i>6th ASOSAI WGEA Working Meeting, Thailand, January 2018</i>
Cooperation with external stakeholders	E.g. inviting experts from relevant institutions to EUROSAI WGEA events	<p><i>The EUROSAI WGEA has introduced its activities to IMPEL (European Union Network for the Implementation and Enforcement of Environmental Law).</i></p> <p><i>The Directorate-General for Environment of the European Commission has involved the EUROSAI WGEA in its activities in environmental compliance assurance and governance.</i></p>
Carrying out cooperative projects	Other cooperative projects (research projects, seminars, etc.) initiated by members	<i>No additional projects initiated in 2017.</i>

