

Programme

The 11th annual EUROSAI WGEA meeting

Prague, Czech Republic, 15–17 October, 2013

Venue and accommodation

Lindner Hotel Prague Castle

Participants

Representatives of EUROSAI WGEA members and invited guests

Chair

The Office of the Auditor General of Norway

Host

The Supreme Audit Office of the Czech Republic

Main topics

Sustainable land use

Assessing validity and reliability in quantitative and qualitative analyses

Language

English

Monday 14 October

09:00 – 16:00 **Training seminar on Fraud and Corruption Issues when Auditing Environmental and Natural Resource Management**

Training led by Mr Kjell Kristian Dørum, Office of the Auditor General of Norway
Keynote speech by Ms Eve de Coning, independent researcher and analyst

16:30 **Project and sub-group meetings**

The cooperative audit on biofuels

Arrival and registration of participants

19:30 **Welcome reception**

Lindner Hotel's restaurant. Hosted by the Office of the Auditor General of Norway

Tuesday 15 October

09:00 **Opening**

Chaired by the Supreme Audit Office of the Czech Republic

Welcome speech by Mr Miloslav Kala, President of the Supreme Audit Office of the Czech Republic

Welcome speech by Ms Anne Fikkan, Deputy Director General of the Office of the Auditor General of Norway

Session on Sustainable land use

Chaired by the Office of the Auditor General of Norway

09:30 **Keynote speeches on Sustainable land use**

Ms Jana Poláková

Institute for European Environmental Policy

Options for managing Europe's rural land use as environmental resource

Dr Andrus Meiner

European Environmental Agency (EEA)

Cities - a European perspective

Mr Hugues Ravenel

Le Plan Bleu

Coastal area management in the Mediterranean Basin

11:10 **Break**

- 11:25 **Panel Debate**
- 11:55 **Group photo**
- 12:00 **Lunch**
Lunch meeting for the project Black Sea Catchment
- 13:00 **Parallel Sessions on Sustainable land use with SAI presentations**
See separate programmes
- Session 1 Coastal management workshop for Mediterranean sub-group**
- Session 2 Rural land use and sustainability issues**
- Session 3 Urban land use and infrastructure planning**
- 15:00 **Break**
- 15:15 **Plenary Sessions on Sustainable land use**
Group session and summing up
- 16:30 Adjournment
- 16:30 – **Project and sub-group meetings**
17:30 *Project meeting Elimination of Wildfires*
Sub-group meeting Nordic sub-group
- 19:30 **Official dinner**
At Restaurant Bellavista, Prague. Hosted by the Supreme Audit Office of the Czech Republic.
- 21:30 Adjournment

Wednesday 16 October

09:00 **Experience and Information-sharing market**

For further information, please see attachment 3

Session on Assessing validity and reliability in quantitative and qualitative analyses

Chaired by the Office of Auditor General of Norway

10:00 **Keynote speech on Assessing validity and reliability in quantitative and qualitative analyses**

Dr Patrik Sieber

University of Economics, Prague

Validity and reliability of Social Cost Benefits Analysis results

10:45 **SAI experiences related to reliability and validity in auditing**

Ms Camilla C. Fredriksen

Office of the Auditor General of Norway

Ways to increase validity in audits

Mr Colm Friel

European Court of Auditors, ECA

Audit of the EU's LIFE Programme: Qualitative and quantitative analysis of data used for project selection and monitoring

Ms Madeleine Nyman

National Audit Office of Sweden

Counterfactual analyses – Energy efficiency in industries

Ms Eva Reková

Supreme Audit Office of the Czech Republic

Funds collected in accordance with Act on Hazardous Waste Management

12:00 **Lunch**

Lunch meeting for the cooperative audit on National Parks

13:00 **Speed dating**

15:20 **Excursion**

Excursion to Prague Waterworks Museum.

18:00 **Adjournment**

Thursday 17 October

Business meeting

Chaired by the Office of the Auditor General of Norway

09:00 **Progress report and other issues of the EUROSAI WGEA secretariat**

Ms Camilla C. Fredriksen

EUROSAI WGEA Secretariat

Progress report of the EUROSAI WGEA

Information on selected activities by European SAIs and INTOSAI WGEA

Ms Margit Lassi

INTOSAI WGEA Secretariat

Reporting on the INTOSAI WGEA activities

Reporting on cooperative activities

Ms Jerneja Vrabic

SAI of Slovenia

The results from the Cooperative Audit on Shipment of Waste

Mr Denys Nikitin

SAI of Ukraine

The international coordinated audits: the ACU's experience

10:30 **Break**

10:45 **Ms Lina Balenaite**

SAI of Lithuania

Cooperative Audit of National Parks: State of Play

Ms Mariya Shulezhko

SAI of Ukraine

Activities and plans of the EUROSAI Task Force on the Audit of Funds Allocated to Disasters and Catastrophes in Europe

Mr Sergey Antonov

SAI of the Russian Federation

Planned, on-going and conducted cooperative or coordinated environmental audits

11:45 **Official conclusion of the EUROSAI WGEA meeting and adjournment**

The Supreme Audit Office of the Czech Republic and the Office of the Auditor General of Norway

12:00 **Lunch**

Departure of participants

13:00– **EUROSAI WGEA Steering Committee meeting**
15:30

Tuesday 15 October 2013

Workshop session 13:00–15:00

COASTAL MANAGEMENT IN THE MEDITERRANEAN

WORKSHOP I This workshop will consist of short presentation from the member SAIs of the sub-group and a common discussion on what challenges could be further investigated by all SAIs in a potential joint audit.

Introduction to the topic of coastal management in the Mediterranean

Mr Hugues Ravenel

Le Plan Bleu

Challenges for a sustainable coastal management in the Mediterranean

Audit Experiences from Mediterranean SAIs

Mr Cyrille Schott

Cour de Comptes, France

The audit of the French Coastal Protection Agency; success and difficulties

Mr William Peplow

National Audit Office of Malta

Coastal Management: Malta's level of preparedness to deal with coastal oil pollution

13:45 approx. **Coastal management challenges in the Mediterranean countries**

By all members of the Mediterranean sub-group

Short presentations of coastal management challenges in my country

14:00 approx. **Identification of possible common audit topics**

Group discussion

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RURAL LAND USE AND SUSTAINABILITY ISSUES

WORKSHOP II The objective of this workshop is to share experiences on management risks and environmental impacts identified through audits on rural land use and management.

Margit Lassi

INTOSAI WGEA Secretariat

Presentation of the INTOSAI WGEA Land Use and Land Management Practices in Environmental Perspective

Ms Jana Vašíčková

Supreme Audit Organisation, Czech Republic

Financial means provided for the improvement of nature and landscape

Mr Tamás Fejszák

State Audit Office of Hungary

Task Performance and Property Management of National Park Directorates

Ms Anne Fikkan

Office of the Auditor General Norway

Experiences with audits on land use issues in Norway

14:00 approx. **Group session**

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URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE ISSUES

WORKSHOP III The objective of the session is to consider different methods that can be used by auditors to pursue the topics of land use and urban development, and infrastructure issues as a part of these issues.

Ms Katy Loose

National Audit Office, UK

Environmental Issues Associated with Infrastructure Development

Dr Vivi Niemenmaa

National Audit Office of Finland/European Court of Auditors (ECA)

Sustainable land-use and transportation planning – Challenges in policy coherence

Ms Alice Hahn

National Court of Audit, Netherlands

Presentation of the web dossier on land use by Netherlands National Court of Audit

Ms Viire Viss

The National Audit Office of Estonia

Auditing land-use planning issues in Estonia

14:00 approx.

Group session