
EUROSAI WGEA and ECA Joint Biodiversity Conference

Venue: European Court of Auditors

Monday, 21 October

19:00 Welcome Reception hosted by the EUROSAI WGEA Chair, SAI Estonia
Venue: DoubleTree Hilton Luxembourg, room "Espace les Continents"

Conference on Biodiversity

Moderated by the European Court of Auditors

Venue: European Court of Auditors, K2 Conference Hall

Tuesday, 22 October

9:00 **Registration and welcome coffee**

10:00 **Opening**

Mr Klaus-Heiner Lehne, President of the European Court of Auditors

Mr Janar Holm, Chair of EUROSAI WGEA, Auditor General of Estonia

10:20 **Setting the scene: Status of and key threats to biodiversity**

Prof David Kleijn, *Wageningen University*

Mr Ariel Brunner, *Birdlife Europe*

11:20 **Main biodiversity policies, results of the European Union biodiversity strategy to 2020**

Ms Anne Teller, *DG Environment of the European Commission*

Ms Eva Viestová, *Slovak Ministry of Environment*

12:30 **Group photo (K2 Hall) followed by lunch (Venue: ECA K3 6th Floor)**

13:45 **Improving the status of biodiversity in Europe**

Ms Janica Borg, *World Wide Fund for Nature*

Mr Pasi Rautio, *Natural Resources Institute Finland*



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- 15:00** **Break**
- 15:30** **Focusing an audit on biodiversity**
Group discussions
- 17:00** **Feedback from the working groups and panel discussion**
- 18:00** **Conclusions and adjournment**
Poster session (ECA K3 6th Floor)
- 19:00** **Buffet Dinner hosted by the European Court of Auditors**
Venue: K3 6th Floor

17th EUROSAI WGEA Annual Meeting

Moderated by the Secretariat of EUROSAI WGEA

Venue: European Court of Auditors, K2 Conference Hall

Day 1: Auditing Biodiversity

Wednesday, 23 October

- 9:00** **Welcome remarks**
Mr Janar Holm, Chair of EUROSAI WGEA, Auditor General of Estonia
Mr Samo Jereb, Member of the European Court of Auditors
- 9:20** **Warm-up exercise**
- 9:45** **Presentation of SAI experiences**
Results of the Mediterranean cooperative audit, *Mr Akis Kikas, SAI Cyprus and Mr William Peplow, SAI Malta*
Albania - Marine protected areas, *Ms Eva Kasmi, SAI Albania*
Does environmental monitoring data provide information about the status of forest ecosystems? *Ms Airi Andresson, SAI Estonia*
- 10:30** **Break**



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- 11:00** **SAI Presentations ctd**
- Natura 2000 network in Bulgaria, *Ms Katya Nedialkova, SAI Bulgaria*
- Funds and state property under the management of National Parks' Administration,
Mr Michal Rampír, SAI Czech Republic
- 11:30** **Group debate on a selected biodiversity topic**
- 12:45** **Lunch** (Venue: ECA K3 6th Floor)
- 13:45** **SAI presentations**
- Pressures from developments adjoining habitats of protected species, *Mr Akis Kikas, SAI Cyprus*
- Invasive alien species, *Mr Igor Vošnjak, SAI Slovenia*
- State Audit Bureau of Kuwait on biodiversity, *Ms Noura Al Zaher, SAI Kuwait*
- 14:30** **Cooperative audit on biodiversity?**
- Discussions in parallel groups
- 15:30** **Break**
- 16:00** **SAI presentations**
- The role of the Republic of Belarus in preserving the world population of European eel,
Ms Tatsiana Khaitsyna, SAI Belarus
- Biodiversity on agricultural land, *Mr Rashit Akhmetov, SAI Kazakhstan*
- Presentation on SAI Belgium's transversal SDG preparedness review, *Ms Daphne Vanrysselberghe, SAI Belgium*
- Audits on sustainable development and environment 2011-2019, *Mr Imre Nagy, SAI Hungary*
- 17:00** **Adjournment**



Day 2: Business Meeting

Venue: European Court of Auditors, K2 Conference Hall

Thursday, 24 October

- 9:00** **Searching for future EWGEA cooperative audits**
Discussion in groups (e-waste, polluter-pays-principle, climate change adaptation)
- 10:30** **Reporting on the progress of Working Groups**
INTOSAI WGEA, *Dr Vivi Niemenmaa, SAI Finland*
ARABOSAI WTEA, *Ms Munira Al-Huwaidi, SAI Kuwait*
- 11:00** **Break**
- 11:30** **Reporting on the progress of Working Groups ctd**
Progress report of EUROSAI WGEA, *Ms Tuuli Rasso, Secretariat of EUROSAI WGEA*
Chairmanship of EUROSAI WGEA, *Mr Wojciech Dudek and Mr
Mariusz Gorczyca, SAI Poland*
- 12:00** **EUROSAI WGEA Strategy 2020-2023**
Brainstorming in groups
- 13:10** **Summing up and adjournment**
- 13:30** **Lunch (Venue: ECA K3 6th Floor)**
- 15:00-16:30** **24th EUROSAI WGEA Steering Committee meeting**

