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Environmental Auditing

EUROSAI WGEA Progress Report October 2009 - October 2010

The 8th EUROSAI WGEA meeting,
Texel, Netherlands, October 2010

Outline of the presentation

- Goals and administrative status
- Organisation of and contribution to meetings and seminars
- Communication and cooperation
- Other activities



EUROSAI WGEA's strategic goals

1. Facilitate concurrent or coordinated environmental audits
2. To initiate and implement audits within the area of climate change
3. Develop methodology and build capacity
4. Identify and develop governance practices and organisational structures to ensure the ongoing and effective functioning of EUROSAI WGEA
5. Establish coordinated and effective processes between EUROSAI's working groups, INTOSAI's working groups and other relevant organisations and institutions

Administrative status

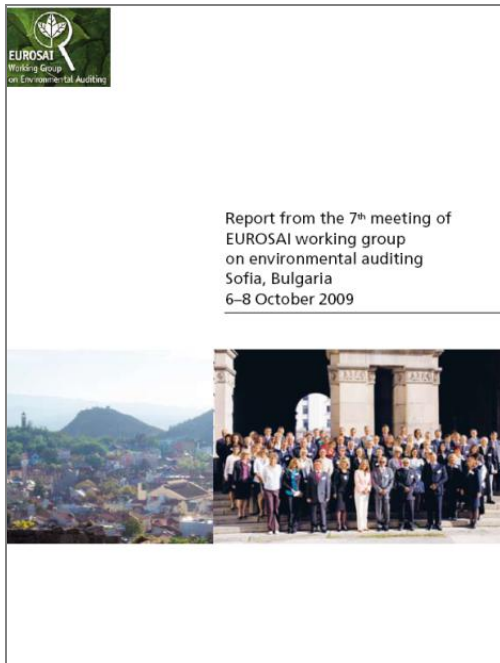
Member

- No changes in the members - 44 member SAIs

Steering Committee

- Two EUROSAI WGEA SC meetings
- Next SC meeting tomorrow

The EUROSAI WGEA annual meetings



- 7th EUROSAI WGEA meeting
- followed up and prepared
meeting report
- Prepared for 8th EUROSAI
WGEA meeting

EUROSAI WGEA seminar on auditing climate change



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- At the European Environment Agency, Copenhagen, March 2010
- Relevant to audits - lessons learned and best practice
- Invited speakers from EEA and auditors
- Three parallel workshops:
 - Flexible mechanisms
 - Energy sector issues seen from a climate change perspective
 - Adaptation to climate change (based on INTOSAI WGEA guidance)



Other seminars and meetings



- INTOSAI WGEA
 - Meetings with the secretariat
 - 9th SC meeting
 - The 13th INTOSAI WGEA members meeting

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- XVIII EUROSAI Training Committee



- EUROSAI TF on the Audit of Funds Allocated to Disasters and Catastrophes (Ukraine)



- EURORAI meeting, Spain, 2009
- Sub-target groups meeting

Environmental audits



- EUROSAI audit in climate change (Poland)



- Protection of the Black Sea from pollution (Ukraine)



- Adaptation to climate change



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Other activities



- Website
- Use of external experts in audit activities
- Exchange of knowledge and expertise among SAIs
- Surveys
- Lessons Learned



Dissemination



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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR



Dear colleagues,

It is my great pleasure sending you this edition of the EUROSAI WGEA newsletter. In its new design it carries interesting updates from our members. The new visual identity has been created in cooperation with the development of the working group's new website launched in June this year. I hope you will find the website relevant to your daily work.

In March this year we organised at the EEA premises in Copenhagen a 'Climate Change Seminar'. I would like to use this opportunity thanking all participants for their commitment to presentations, discussions and workshops. I'm grateful for all the thorough and extensive work done by the European Supreme Audit Institutions within this area and for the willingness to sharing experiences with colleagues. Climate change issues have and will receive great attention among the SAIs. It is encouraging to take note of the interest expressed in my initiative for a cooperative audit on adaptation to climate change. In the coming months I hope we will be able to identify a common ground for the cooperation and consequently launch the project.

The Secretariat and the Netherlands Court of Audit are preparing for the annual meeting which will be held in the Netherlands this autumn. Among the interesting agenda items are sustainable energy and impact of environmental audit. I am pleased to inform you that keynote speakers from the United Nations Environment Programme and the International Energy Agency have confirmed their participation.

Finally, I want to wish you happy summer holidays and will be looking forward to seeing you in the Netherlands in October.

Sincerely yours,
Jorge Kovacs
Chair of EUROSAI WGEA
Auditor General of Norway

UPCOMING EVENTS

The 8th annual EUROSAI WGEA meeting, Texel, Netherlands
The meeting will be held 6-7 October 2010. The main topics of the meeting are related to sustainable energy and impact of environmental audits. Experts from the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and the International Energy Agency (IEA) are among the invited speakers.

Prior to the annual meeting, on 4 October, a training seminar based on the EUROSAI guide on how to audit sustainable energy will be organised. We are very grateful to our colleague from the Supreme Audit Office of the Czech Republic who will carry out the training.

We encourage you to prepare information material, posters and/or handouts, to be presented during the meeting. This is an excellent opportunity to exchange information with your colleagues on recently conducted, ongoing or planned environmental audit activities.

Updated information about the meeting will be posted on the website.

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- Two issues of EUROSAI WGEA Newsletter
- Contributed with articles and news briefs in :
 - EUROSAI Newsletter
 - EUROSAI Magazine from Copenhagen meeting
 - INTOSAI WGEA Newsletter (Greenlines)



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GREENLINES

Message from the Chair of WGEA

Feature Story

News Briefs from Around the SAI World

It has been some time now since the 12th meeting of the INTOSAI WGEA in Costa Rica. When looking back on the biggest gathering in the history of INTOSAI Working Groups, it reassures me that we are on the right track—environment is receiving the proper attention and, within the INTOSAI community, environmental auditing is progressing. At least 192 representatives from 66 countries attended the meeting, including 20 Heads of SAs.

I hope all the project leaders developing guidance materials had a chance to gather lots of good ideas from the discussions and workshops held to develop guidance drafts. The feedback questionnaire showed that these interactive sessions were also much appreciated.

Environmental Impact of Government Policy Lessons Learned from Thailand's New Intermodal Airport

This story touches on an issue that has only rarely appeared on the WGEA's agenda of environmental and sustainability issues, but which has come to affect a growing number of urban areas worldwide—noise pollution, particularly as it relates to aviation. The audit findings discussed below were presented by Thailand's Office of the Auditor General at the WGEA's January 2009 meeting in Costa Rica. The very positive response to that presentation led Greenlines to request that the OAG prepare this article.

ANGOLA: Court of Auditors undertakes serious efforts to engage in environmental auditing

CANADA: Commission on Sustainable Development tables reports on a wide range of environmental, health, and sustainability issues

COOK ISLANDS: Audit Office undertakes review of water systems and waste streams

CZECH REPUBLIC: Supreme Audit Office begins major audit on renewable energy resources

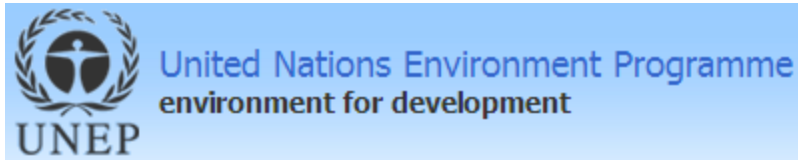
ESTONIA: NAO audited governmental regulation and activities associated with mining sand, gravel, limestone and dolomite

INDONESIA: Board of Audit uses Geo-Scania Technology to

- COP15

Communication and cooperation

- European Environment Agency (EEA)
- International Energy Agency
- UNEP
- Natuur en Milieu





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Thank you for your attention !