

External expertise in environmental audits

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Background

- 4th EUROSAI WGEA meeting - Luxembourg: Lack of skills and expertise identified as barrier to performing environmental audits.
- 6th EUROSAI WGEA meeting - Kyiv: A challenge to find independent expertise. The EUROSAI WGEA Secretariat should assist in developing a list of expertise.



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Questionnaire 2010

1. Do you use external expertise in environmental audits?
2. If yes, please include in the attached excel file the type of external expertise you have used in recent audits (subject matter expert or experts in law, economics, social science, statistics, methodology, etc)?
3. Add websites of relevant expert institutions to enclosed list

Do you use external expertise in environmental audits?

- 18 SAIs responded
 - 8 SAIs use external expertise
 - 10 SAIs do not use external
- Type of auditing system significant?
 - Courts of audit – no external expertise
 - Other systems – use external expertise



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List of audits

- 30 audits listed by the 8 SAIs
 - Subject matter expertise, legal expertise and expertise in methodological issues
- List of audits published on EUROSAI WGEA website: www.eurosaiwgea.org



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List of expert institutions

- 59 expert institutions
 - 27 international institutions
 - European 13
 - International 14
 - 32 national institutions
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Continuation of task

- Maintain lists based on input members
- Evaluation of use of lists before EUROSAI WGEA meeting in Stockholm, 2011



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