

The 64th EUROSAI Governing Board meeting was held in Stockholm on 17 and 18 June 2025 in a hybrid format: Summary of Agreements





Hosted by the Swedish National Audit Office (SAI of Sweden), the **64th Governing Board (GB) meeting** was held in Stockholm on 17 and 18 June 2025 in a hybrid format due to the situation in Israel. The meeting, chaired remotely by the SAI of Israel (EUROSAI Presidency), was attended by the rest of GB members, as well as by observers and guests.

Apart from the administrative agenda, the attendees had the opportunity to take part in four professional sessions: TED-Talks on three Performance Audits conducted by the Swedish National Audit Office; a panel session by Heads of SAIs on the topic of making audit reports more accessible to the public, with the participation of the Heads of SAI Sweden, SAI Czech Republic, the European Court of Auditors (ECA), and SAI Israel (EUROSAI President); a Q&A-style dialogue between EUROSAI President and Professor Alon Tal, an Israeli expert in environmental policy and public affairs; a lecture by H.E. Mr. Li Junhua, United Nations Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, focusing on the UN's work on the SDGs. The dialogue on climate and the lecture on the SDGs were preceded by introductory remarks from the EUROSAI President, emphasizing the importance of audit work on climate and the SDGs. The professional sessions were recorded and will be shared with all EUROSAI members.

The **summary of the main discussions and agreements (SoA) of the administrative agenda items from the 64th GB meeting** is the following:

During the session of the GB held on 17th June:

- The GB approved the minutes of the 63rd EUROSAI GB meeting held in London on 30 and 31 October 2024.
- The GB approved the decision to hold the 64th Governing Board meeting in a hybrid format, due to the situation in Israel.

- After making two changes to the draft, **the GB approved the agenda for the 64th EUROSAI GB meeting**. The changes consisted of the following:
 - Item 5.1 “SG1. Professional Cooperation. New or updated ToRs of PGs”. Remove the Terms of Reference (ToR) of the Project Group (PG) on Ensuring the Right to Education for Ukrainian Children in Schools of European Countries.
 - It was agreed to switch the order of Items 15, “Approval of Coordination Team – Establishment and Composition”, and 16, “PG on Regulations”.
- The GB took note of the **report of the Chair** which highlighted his participation in various activities, such as the anniversaries of the SAIs of North Macedonia and Albania; meetings in France, including the OECD Auditors-General and Heads of SAIs' meeting on Public Financial Management at the OECD headquarters in Paris; and meetings in the United Kingdom. The EUROSAI President met with U.S. Comptroller General Mr. Gene L. Dodaro at the GAO in New York and briefed him on EUROSAI's work. The Chair also served as a judge for the ASOSAI WGEA's Third Green Vision Award and met with the executive management of the South American Development Bank, among other activities.
 
- The GB took note of the **Secretary General' report** on the activities carried out by the Secretary General and the Secretariat on behalf of EUROSAI, along with financial and administrative matters and ongoing issues on SAI independence. Two issues that needed to be discussed regarding the relationship with the regional audit institutions and the guests to be invited to the GB meetings were also pointed out.
 
- The **GB took note** of the reports from the **EUROSAI Strategic portfolios**, Strategic Goals (SGs) 1 and 2, which were presented by Ms Irena Segalovičienė and Ms Christina Gellerbrant Hagberg, respectively.

The GB then **approved** the **Terms of Reference (ToRs)** of the PGs under each portfolio:

- **Strategic Goal 1 (SG1) “Professional Cooperation”**
 - Innovations Newsletter
 - #Audit Talks
 - Parallel Audit on AI
 - Benefits and Methodologies of Real Time Audit
 - Aging Population.



○ **Strategic Goal 2 (SG2) “Institutional Capacity Development”**

- Audit English
- Data Envelopment Analysis (DEA)
- Peer Review
- Capacity Building Seminars
- Secondment Program
- IntoSAINT Moderators Training
- EUROSAT Development Activities
- Communication on INTOSAI Professional Pronouncements.



Both reports highlighted the success of the **joint SG1 and SG2 meeting** held in Bratislava in March 2025.

- The **GB took note** as well of the report of the **Network for Ethics (N.ET)**, an initiative under the SG1, presented by Ms Conceição Ventura. The Network has more than 30 partners, has produced over 200 articles, and has published 34 announcements related to ethics and integrity. The N.ET has also established ongoing coordination with other institutions, such as the IDI Anti-Corruption Policy. The need for and interest in ethics remains high.
- With respect to the information on the **EUROSAT Governance portfolios**, presented by its respective leaders:



- The **GB approved the** description and operational plan of the **Portfolio on Governance and Culture**, as well as the **EUROSAT Award for Exceptional Auditing** aimed at encouraging excellence in auditing, promoting capacity building and fostering knowledge sharing, all in line with the EUROSAT Strategic Plan.



Within this portfolio, the **GB took also note** of **OECD Seminar and Potential for Cooperation with EUROSAT**, which was presented by the EUROSAT President, who highlighted the main topics of discussion such as the Role of Independent, Agile and Innovative Supreme Audit Institutions: from Fiscal Sustainability to Artificial Intelligence; Performance Auditing for Spending Better; and The Public Debate on Financial Stability, among others.

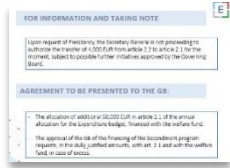

- The **GB took note** of the report from the **Communication Portfolio**, presented jointly by the Secretariat and the SAI of the Slovak Republic, which introduced new initiatives such as a YouTube channel, a LinkedIn account, and a bimonthly Highlights newsletter. The GB also took note of the information provided by the **PG** on the “**relaunch of EUROSAT’s website**”, which is expected to go live in Autumn 2025.



- The **GB took note** of the report of **Portfolio on Relations with Non-SAI Stakeholder** presented by the SAI of Italy and approved the **ToRs** of the **PGs** under the Portfolio:
 - Capacity Building on non-SAI Stakeholder Engagement.
 - EUROSAT-ECIA.

- The **GB took note** of the **Portfolio on Relations with INTOSAI and its Regional Organisations'** report presented by the Secretariat, with the intervention of the SAI of Portugal to inform about the newly established **JURISAI** organisation, which brings together SAIs with jurisdictional functions.
- The report on the **Portfolio on Emerging Issues and Forward Thinking** was presented by the SAI of the United Kingdom, and the **GB took note** as well of the information provided.
- The **GB took note** of the report of the **Portfolio on Inclusiveness**, which was presented by the SAI of the Czech Republic.
- The **GB took note of the Activity report** of each EUROSAI Working Group and Task Force:
 - Information Technology Working Group (ITWG).
 - Working Group on Environmental Auditing (WGEA).
 - Working Group on the Audit of Funds Allocated to Disasters and Catastrophes (WGAFADC).
 - Working Group on Municipality Audit (WGMA).
 - Task Force on Sustainability Development Goals (TFSDG).

During the session of the GB held on 18th June, the following decisions were made:

- The GB **took note** of the EUROSAI Financial Report and **approved** the proposal to increase the allocation of article 2.2 of the budget with the Welfare Fund in the amount of €50,000. The GB also approved the pending requests of subsidies to the SAIs of the Slovak Republic; Ukraine (secondment program); Romania, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom.
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- The GB **approved** the new **EUROSAI Standard Procedures** and a new **subsidies template** to be included as an annex to the EUROSAI Financial Rules and **agreed** to entrust the PG on Regulations with the development of the **Guidelines for the implementation** of the EUROSAI Strategic Plans, taking into account the need to simplify procedures and avoid duplication in relation to the Standard Procedures.
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- The GB **approved** the new composition of the **Coordination Team** — President, 1st Vice-President, and 2nd Vice-President — with the Secretariat serving as an observer, and entrusted it with the same authority as the previous one. It was emphasized that the establishment and functioning of the Coordination Team does not affect the authority of the Governing Board, which retains the right to approve any matter within its competence. The Coordination Team is tasked with: support the implementation of the EUROSAI Strategic Plan (ESP), including the approval of the ToRs and the closure of the PGs, in accordance with the powers delegated to it by the Governing Board, and in line with the EUROSAI Statutes and Standard Procedures; and to approve financial requests related to Chapter 2 of the EUROSAI budget, with the exception of the following cases, that shall require approval by the GB: subsidies for the hosting of EUROSAI events (included joint events with external partners) that surpass 15,000 euros; the financing of programs set up by EUROSAI (e.g. staff secondments); financial backing to non-EUROSAI members (FR 52); and expenses related to other activities/tasks of Annex III of the EFR above 15,000 euros.

- The GB **took note** of the **INTOSAI Report** and of the information on the **XXV INCOSAI** to be held in Sharm El-Sheikh (Egypt) between 27 and 31 October 2025. The EUROSAI Secretariat informed that EUROSAI had reserved a booth and had fulfilled its duty to notify the INTOSAI Secretariat that the candidates to represent EUROSAI in the INTOSAI GB are the SAIs of the Czech Republic and of the United Kingdom. Should any funds be required for the preparation of materials for the booth, a formal request must be submitted to the GB. Mr Kala recalled the previous INCOSAI experience, highlighting the importance of early preparation, and noted that, while the EUROSAI GB formally represents the organisation, it is also the responsibility of all involved to ensure proper representation.
- The GB **took note** of the **IDI Report** which included an overview of the activities carried out during the reporting period as well as upcoming programmed initiatives. It was noted that IDI has suffered a reduction in funding from the USAID. The report also outlined IDI's strategic priorities and identified those to which EUROSAI members are actively contributing.
- On behalf of the President of the Corte di Conti (SAI of Italy), Mr Mauro Orefice offered SAI Italy to host the **celebration of the next ordinary meeting of the GB in Rome (Italy)** on 26 and 27 May 2026, which the Governing Board thanked and unanimously approved.
- The GB **took note** of the Information on the progress of preparations for the **XIII EUROSAI Congress** to be held in the Slovak Republic in 2027.
- The **GB took note** of the steps undertaken for the next **ASOSAI–EUROSAI Joint Conference** to be held in 2026, which now requires a new host due to the devastation of the premises of SAI Thailand, who had initially offered to host the event.
- **Other business.** The need to establish a protocol for regulating the invitation of guests to GB meetings was raised, specifically those who are not GB members or observers but wish to attend the meetings. The session of the GB was closed by the EUROSAI President, chair of the meeting.

