

3rd meeting.

Paris, November 8-9th 2012

Cour des comptes – Paris

Minutes - Statement of decision

1- Agenda and last statement of decision (Nov 12) adopted

2- Presentation on Intosai's CBC last meeting and Eurosaï GT1's main challenges

- general agreement on the need to simplify and make the operational plan more simple (restructuring numbering in addition to the official task name ; reconsidering the contents of the tasks)
- general agreement on the need to reconsider the pertinence of the 7 “task groups”, currently not correlated with the 4 strategic goals
- general agreement on the need to reinforce ownership and prioritization so that GT1 chair can have and give a general overview of what happened during the year to all members

3- Key developments in SAIs

- general presentations made during the meeting will be distributed to everyone
- agreement on the need to expand our knowledge of the international activity of the SAIs (throughout a very short and synthetic survey) for dissemination
- agreement on the need to focus during the next meeting on good practices relating to dissemination of international activities within an SAI (outside the international department) in order to maximize cross-fertilization

4-Task groups presentation

Sweden and Romania were absent

- Georgia implemented task 1.2.1.1 (collection of existing information regarding the capacity and professional developments need)
- Latvia implemented tasks 1.1.1.1 and 1.1.1.2 (identify relevant information available on the websites; compose all the information into a database and evaluate its homogeneity)
- Slovakia implemented task 1.3.4.1 (disseminate the peer review guide of Intosai) and gave interesting insights into tasks 1.3.3.1 and 1.3.4.2
- UK is implementing task 1.2.4.1 (listing of innovations)
- Hungaria is implementing task 1.4.1.1 (questionnaire on independence to be circulated).

5/6- Operational plan review

-agreement on the possibility to suppress or modify tasks if redundant or duplicated
-France proposal, to be circulated, discussed and validated + presented to GT4 with a short explanation note in order to justify changes

Renewed operational plan

-numbering : adding a new “simplified number” corresponding to the task 4-figures numbers

-responsibility -moving from the 7 taskgroups to 4 task groups directly correlated with the strategic goals. The “coordinators” are in charge of asking the others at least twice a year (between each GT1 meeting) how they are moving forward and of reporting any progress or difficulty identified to GT1 chair

TG1 “availability of data” for Strategy 1 “establish the conditions ensuring maximum use of available data, products and experience of others engaged in the field of capacity building” (Latvia, Spain, Sweden) with Latvia as coordinator (ie)

TG2 “identification of needs and innovations” for Strategy 2 “establish the operational framework for facilitating capacity building development” (Georgia, Romania, UK) with Georgia as coordinator (idem)

TG3 “strategic support” for Strategy 3 “facilitate and support the development of strategies for capacity building at SAI level” (Slovakia, Portugal, France) with France as coordinator

TG4 “independence” for Strategy “take active steps to strengthen and support SAI independence” (Hungary, Austria, France) with Hungary as coordinator

-responsibility –sharing the burden :

Latvia confirms it is ready to coordinate/present the results of Strategy 1.1 having Spain, Sweden, Hungary and itself involved in the fulfillment of the corresponding key projects.

Slovakia confirms it takes tasks 19 and 20.

Portugal agrees to undertake Task 18 of the OP.

Hungary confirms it takes task 24 with France helping if needed

Romania suggests the EUROSAI Secretariat would be more appropriate to put online the INTOSAI peer-review guide and to download new operational plan and Latvian database (Task 15).

Austria proposed to undertake one or 2 tasks on the reviewed plan (22 to be confirmed, 23 ok).

Macedonia said will not be able to undertake any task of the draft OP in the near future.

Ukraine, Estonia, Cyprus, do not have any assigned task for the moment : please refer to the operational plan and check with your office if you can support in any way, now or in the near future, any task of the plan.

-priorities and dates : taken from the former operational plan and marginally adjusted

-content of the action : please refer to the table

As promised, we circulate the draft plan and ask for comments before 15 December

We have reviewed every task, proposed for some a new naming and been very specific within the “expected outcomes column” to make sure we move forward. Please correct and complete if something is missing or not clear.

Strategic goals (renamed “strategies according to the Portuguese suggestion) remain wholly.

Key projects level remains constant but we underline the important words in them that we would like to keep + have suppressed only 2 key projects corresponding to no task.

After suppressions (8) ,merging (3) and creation (3) + renumbering, we have 24 tasks (including 3 that are considered completed in 2012 ; 5 on “permanent watch” ; 11 priority 1 (2013) ; 4 priority 2 (2014) ; 1 priority 3 (2015-17)

7-Training issues

- Czech colleagues gave an overview of the GT3's works. It was agreed that all projects related to training issues should be transmitted to GT3. France as chair of GT1 is invited to next GT3 in Warsaw.
- IDI gave a presentation on their actions. It was agreed that a new action task within the operational plan (responsible : France) would be created to “Promote knowledge of IDI tools, notably the Capacity development database, the new call of proposals and PMF” ; also it was agreed that France would identify with Spain and IDI possible ways of IDI offering training seminars (for ISSAI facilitators, for help to draft proposals etc.) within non eligible SAIS on a cost-recovery basis.
- France gave a presentation on possible ways forward (for example Eurosai fellowship or certificate).

8-Other issues

- Spain gave an overview of the renewed financial rules.
- Azerbaijan request and possible ways forward with IDI were mentioned
- For Eurosai-Asosaicooperation, it was agreed that we could make our documents available for any ASOSAI request ; that we shall try to identify our capacity building counterparts and invite them to our next GT1 meeting.

9-Conclusion

Operational plan to be sent for final validation before end of 2012

Next meeting to take place before April 2013 (before next GT4)

One day only : morning on dissemination issues within EuroSAIs (how to make good use of international knowledge in the national context of the SAI ?), afternoon on the operational plan actions progress.