

EUROSAI WGEA 2022-2023. Progress Report to EUROSAI Governing Board

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Through its activities, the EUROSAI WGEA aims to promote a spirit of cooperation based on integrity, open communication and professional excellence. This is achieved by pursuing the main strategic goals: (1) encourage and support professional cooperation; (2) facilitate knowledge and experience sharing.

Cooperation and experience sharing activities are often interrelated. EUROSAI WGEA contributes to fulfilling these aims through various activities. The main activities of the working group in the period 2020-2040 are listed in Annex 3 of the EUROSAI WGEA Strategic Plan. Presented below is the activity plan, complemented with the 'status' column for updates on the progress of each activity.

Activity	Comment	Status
Organising meetings	Annual Meetings are generally organised in September-October. Topics are identified based on members' feedback and agreed by the Steering Committee. Training seminars or other topical meetings are organised based on needs.	EUROSAI WGEA 20th Annual Meeting, titled Environmental protection in turbulent times, in the hybrid formula, was held in November 2022. Spring Session 2023, titled Climate Change: Progress Made in Adaptation Efforts, in the hybrid formula, was held in May 2023.
Conducting and supporting cooperative audits	Cooperative audits in the period of 2020-2024.	Plastic waste (led by SAI of Poland) completed in April 2022.
Promoting, using and developing e-learning tools (Massive Open Online Courses, webinars) in cooperation with stakeholders	MOOC on auditing water issues (project led by SAI Estonia)	Two Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs) running from January to April 2023: Auditing Waste Management (23 January – 19 February); Auditing the Sustainability of Infrastructure (06 March – 02 April). The courses were fully online, free of charge and self-paced. The courses have been developed under the auspices of INTOSAI WGEA by the

		<p>project lead – the National Audit Office of Estonia – in close collaboration with various supreme audit institutions as well as the University of Tartu. Many European audit offices have contributed to the training materials with their cases. Participants successfully completing all tasks received a certificate from the University of Tartu.</p> <p>Recently the MOOC on Auditing Waste Management earned an honourable recognition by receiving an e-course quality label from the Estonian Quality Agency for Higher and Vocational Education. The quality label is an acknowledgement of excellent results in the application of digital technology in the learning process.</p>
<p>Publishing EUROSAI WGEA Newsletter</p>	<p>Published biannually (containing information on completed and ongoing activities, including those resulting from the Strategic Plan)</p>	<p>Newsletters are available online here.</p>
<p>Distributing information</p>	<p>At the EUROSAI WGEA webpage and via other online media tools; Maintained continuously</p>	<p>Maintained continuously</p>
<p>Cooperation within INTOSAI</p>	<p>Participating actively as a region in the framework of INTOSAI WGEA. Sharing information and reporting at</p>	<p>EUROSAI WGEA was represented at the following event: 19th INTOSAI WGEA Steering Committee Meeting, Kingdom of Morocco, March</p>

	<p>the meetings of INTOSAI WGEA, maintaining contacts with other regional working groups on environmental auditing.</p>	<p>2023; INTOSAI WGEA General Secretary presented during all EWGEA plenary events.</p>
Cooperation with external stakeholders	<p>E.g. inviting experts from relevant institutions to EUROSAI WGEA events, consulting with experts during cooperative audits, popularizing public sector environmental audits and EUROSAI WGEA work</p>	<p>In 2022 and 2023, EUROSAI WGEA Secretariat has collaborated with the Directorate-General for Environment of the European Commission, European Environment Agency, International Institute of Polish Academy of Sciences - European Regional Centre for Ecohydrology under the auspices of UNESCO, University of Malta in finding experts to contribute to EWGEA events.</p>
Carrying out other cooperative projects	<p>Other cooperative projects (research projects, seminars, etc.) initiated by members according to interest</p>	<p>EWGEA Member SAIs have started participating in Global Cooperative Audit of Climate Change Adaptation Actions (CCAA) initiated by INTOSAI Development Initiative and INTOSAI WGEA</p>

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