



ECA measures taken in view of the COVID-19 pandemic

The European Court of Auditors (ECA) has taken the necessary steps to be able to continue providing an effective public audit service in the EU, and deliver timely audit reports, opinions and reviews, during the COVID-19 pandemic, as far as this is possible in these challenging times. At the same time, we express our gratitude to all those who work to save lives and fight the pandemic, in Luxembourg, in the EU and around the world. We also remain committed to support the Luxembourgish government's policy in safeguarding public health. We are mitigating the effects of the ongoing health crisis on our staff and have taken precautionary measures to minimise to the extent possible the risk for them and their families.

Information note

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Overall, good progress made by the EU Auditors in meeting their strategic goals

Today, the European Court of Auditors (ECA) has published an [international peer review report](#) on the progress made in implementing its strategy for the period 2018 to 2020.

The ECA works on the basis of multi-annual strategies. Its 2018-2020 strategy, adopted in July 2017, focuses on fostering trust in the EU through independent audit and providing insight into what works in the EU and what does not.

In 2019, a team of peers from the Supreme Audit Institutions of Estonia (Riigikontroll), Denmark (Rigsrevisionen), the Netherlands (Algemene Rekenkamer) and the United States of America (Government Accountability Office) reviewed the implementation of this strategy. The review will also provide an input to the formulation of the ECA's next strategy for the period 2021 to 2025.

In particular, the peers assessed the extent to which the ECA has achieved its strategic goals and the desired effects, namely to:

- improve the added value of the Statement of Assurance (SoA) in the context of today's EU financial management;
- focus its audit work more on performance aspects of EU action; and
- get clear messages across to its audiences.

The peers also make a number of recommendations to progress further in each of these areas.

The ECA welcomes the review and thanks the peers for their constructive recommendations. In response, the ECA has developed a set of actions to be delivered by the end of the year and in the context of preparing its next strategy.

The peer review report "*Assessing the implementation of the European Court of Auditors' Strategy for 2018-2020*" is available on the [ECA website](#) in English.

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