

# Supreme Audit Institutions' cooperation with National Statistical Institutions

## Results of 2014 survey

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### Questionnaire

- Replies from 26 SAIs of EU MS

### Key examples of cooperation

- Signing a cooperation agreement
- Exchanging information / data on results of audits, statistical information, NSIs' work plans or SAIs' audit programmes, methodology, etc.
- Meeting on a regular basis
- Participating in seminars or training programmes

### SAIs' assurance of the quality of upstream data

- Auditing (to different extents) the quality of the EDP upstream data
- Exchanging views with NSIs or other key players involved in EDP reporting
- Participating in Eurostat's Upstream Dialogue Visits in the Member States

### Potential areas of cooperation

- Access to all databases of NSIs, also other than public
- Role of SAIs in verification of quality of data from / to the NSIs
- When developing the results of comprehensive audits
- Cooperating in the context of EPSAS or accountability regarding EMU

### Constraints on cooperation

- Different powers and responsibilities of SAIs and NSIs
- Lack of access to other than public databases of NSIs or difficult access to data e.g. on the EU funds' use
- NSIs' concern for their independence