

Status Outline of EU SAI Contact Committee Activities

June 2015

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Name of WG/Network/TF	Working Group on Structural Funds VI
Purpose/Mandate	In 2013, the Contact Committee mandated the Working Group on Structural Funds to continue its reviews and to carry out a parallel audit on “Analysis (of types) of errors in EU and national public procurement within the structural funds programmes”.
Status/Outcome/Results in 2015	The members of the Working Group finished their national audits and submitted their country reports to the Working Group. Subsequently the Core Group compiled a draft final report. The Working Group adopted the final report in April 2015 by written procedure. The composite final report will be submitted to the Contact Committee in June 2015.
Links to relevant WG/Network/TF reports/documents	http://www.eca.europa.eu/sites/cc/en/Pages/WorkingGrouponStructuralFunds.aspx
Activities this year (meetings etc.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20/21 January 2015: Meeting of Core Group to draft final report • 25/26 March 2015: Meeting of Working Group to discuss the draft final report; adoption of the final report by written procedure (April 2015)
WG/Network/TF members and observers	<p><u>Members</u>: SAIs of the Czech Republic, Germany, Italy, Latvia, Malta, the Netherlands, Poland, Portugal and the Slovak Republic.</p> <p><u>Observers</u>: SAIs of Bulgaria, Estonia, Finland, Hungary, Sweden and the ECA.</p> <p><u>Core Group</u>: SAIs of Germany (Chair) and the Netherlands</p>
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Activity Plan for 2016	Subject to a mandate by the Contact Committee the Working Group would like to continue its work and to carry out a parallel audit on “contribution of the Structural Funds to the Europe 2020 strategy in the areas of education and/or employment”.

Name of WG/Network/TF	Working Group on Activities on Value-Added Tax
Purpose/Mandate	<p>Forum for exchanging experiences about how the EU VAT system works, with special emphasis on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • monitoring developments in the area of VAT; • administrative cooperation between Member States; • measuring VAT loss due to fraud and assessing the effectiveness of anti-fraud policies; • tackling intra-EU VAT Fraud; • promoting cooperation on VAT audit.
Status/Outcome/Results in 2015	<p><u>Core Group 1</u></p> <p>In November 2014 the first meeting for the CG1 new mandate was held in Rome with the participation of the SAIs of Italy (Chair), Finland, Hungary, Poland and Spain as members and Germany, the Netherlands and Romania as observers. It was decided to start the new activity with an initial analysis by CG1's respective tax authorities concerning the level of implementation of the Reverse Charge. The information collected, once shared with and commented by CG1 members, is expected to constitute the basis for the detection of the most significant practices on this issue to further develop in a parallel/coordinated audit of the implementation of the Reverse Charge to be discussed during next plenary meeting in Rome.</p> <p><u>Core group 2</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information update by the European Commission on recent developments at EU-level such as: measures to further enhance administrative cooperation, development of social network analysis tools etc. • Analysis of the replies of the questionnaire on "Deregistration in VIES" – presentation of the draft summary • identification of new topics of interest such as e-commerce • The SAI Germany presented its audit results concerning e-commerce. • The Dutch administration gave an insight into their approach towards this topic. • Elaboration of a common concept for the audit of e-commerce is planned which could be used as template for other SAIs.
Links to relevant WG/Network/TF reports/documents	<p>http://www.contactcommittee.eu</p> <p>CIRCABC</p>
Activities this year (meetings etc.)	<p><u>Plenary</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>15 and 16 September 2015: Plenary meeting in Rome</u> <p><u>Steering Committee</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>8 April 2015: Handover Takeover Meeting in Bucharest</u> <p><u>Core Group 1</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 and 11 November 2014: Meeting of Core Group 1 in Rome • December 2014: a questionnaire on Reverse Charge Mechanism was spread among VAT WG members

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beginning of year 2015: collection of replies to Reverse Charge Mechanism questionnaire • May 2015: Synthesis of the replies spread among participants of the survey and first draft of notes. • September 2015: Presentation of the results of the survey during the plenary meeting in Rome <p><u>Core group 2</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 17-19 December 2014: Workshop of the SAIs of Belgium and Germany on the questionnaire “Deregistration in VIES” • 26-27 February 2015: Meeting of core group 2 in The Hague • September 2015: Presentation of the parallel audit on EUROFISC during the plenary meeting in Rome
WG/Network/TF members and observers	<p>Members: SAIs of Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Cyprus, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain and the United Kingdom.</p> <p>Observer: SAI of Greece, European Court of Auditors.</p>
Name of contact person/chair of WG/Network/TF	<p>Giovanni Coppola (SAI of Italy) – Chair of Working Group, Liaison Officer and Head of the International Relations Office ufficio.relazioni.internazionali@cor.teconti.it</p> <p>Chairmanship of the Working Group is on a rotational basis. Since April 2015 the Chair of the Working Group is the SAI of Italy.</p> <p>The previous chair of the WG was the SAI of Romania (October 2012 – April 2015).</p>
Activity Plan for 2016	<p>Promote a strong interaction and synergy between the two Core Groups. Communication of the outcomes of the activity of the WG with concise but updated information both on CIRCABC and on Contact Committee website.</p> <p><u>Core group 1</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting to be defined after the decisions adopted during the plenary in Rome. <p><u>Core group 2</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting in spring 2016 in Belgium or Germany • Joint activities in the area of e-commerce

Name of WG/Network/TF	Joint Working Group on Audit Activities (JWGAA)
Purpose/Mandate	<p>Originally a Candidate Countries Working Group set up to promote and facilitate small-scale, practical, hands-on co-operation between Candidate Country and EU Member State SAIs, the (renamed) Joint Working Group on Audit Activities (JWGAA) was established in 2002.</p> <p>The 2004 Contact Committee confirmed the JWGAA as a key element of the post-May 2004 EU enlargement framework with a mandate to contribute to maintaining working links and co-operation between the SAIs of the Contact Committee and the Presidents' Network (accessing, candidate and potential candidate countries).</p> <p>JWGAA supports the Presidents' Network (PN) by providing professional, organisational and technical advice.</p>
Status/Outcome/ Results in 2015	<p>Annual Activity Report for the Contact Committee on bilateral and multilateral audit activities.</p> <p>Presentations at EU and PN LO Meetings.</p> <p>JWGAA poster listing key achievements since the last meeting.</p> <p>For a full list of events and activities supported by the JWGAA since the last meeting, see the <i>Activities</i> section below.</p>
Links to relevant WG/Network/TF reports/documents	<p>www.contactcommittee.eu</p> <p>CIRCABC</p>
Activities since last meeting (meetings etc.)	<p>Third Workshop on Parallel Performance Audit co-ordinated by the JWGAA with the support of the Swedish NAO and the ECA (November 2014, Belgrade).</p> <p>Fourth Workshop on Parallel Performance Audit co-ordinated by the JWGAA with the support of the Swedish NAO and the ECA (February 2015, Skopje).</p> <p>Meeting of the Liaison Officers of the Presidents' Network (March 2015, Ljubljana).</p> <p>Final Workshop on Parallel Performance Audit co-ordinated by the JWGAA with the support of the Swedish NAO and the ECA (May 2015, Luxembourg – ECA premises).</p> <p>JWGAA chair attended all meetings.</p>
WG/Network/TF members and observers	<p><u>Members</u>: All members of the Contact Committee and Presidents' Network.</p> <p><u>Observers</u>: N/A</p>

Name of contact person/chair of WG/Network/TF	<p><u>Contact persons and chair:</u> Dragos Budulac, Romanian Court of Accounts, dragos.budulac@rcc.ro</p>
Activity Plan for 2015-2016	<p>Facilitating CC support to specific network meetings, conferences, seminars, workshops, projects or initiatives, in cooperation with the Swedish NAO and ECA</p> <p>(e.g. <u>Workshop on materiality and sampling in financial audit</u> and <u>Roundtable event on audit reports and opinions</u> as well as a <u>New parallel performance audit/cooperative audit project</u>).</p> <p>Explore future possibilities for co-operation with the European Commission in organising relevant joint activities in fields of interest for NT SAIs (such as a performance audit event targeted at SAIs in the enlargement countries).</p> <p>Report to the 2016 Contact Committee and EU SAI Liaison Officers, as well as to the Presidents' Network SAI Liaison Officers Meeting.</p>

Name of WG/Network/TF	Network on National SAI Reports on EU Financial Management
Purpose/Mandate	The purpose of the network is to exchange information on EU financial management and to discuss what can be done in and with (overall) EU reports in order to enhance the development of common elements in these reports (thereby enabling country comparisons). Ideally this can result in specific activities being undertaken by more or less independent subgroups of interested members. Furthermore, the network uses its page on circabc as its platform for information exchange among its members.
Status/Outcome/Results in 2015	In 2014 EU SAIs were asked to bring forward ideas, suggestions and proposals for future activities of the network. Regretfully concrete proposals have not been received. In addition no SAI has asked the network to help it organize a seminar on EU financial management in 2015. As a consequence the Network has remained inactive so far in 2015. Recently a taskforce of liaison officers under chairmanship of the ECA has been set up to evaluate and come up with proposals for enhancing the cooperation among SAIs which could include delegating tasks to existing working groups or networks of the Contact Committee. For example the network could be asked to look into the annual summaries sent to the EC and develop proposals to strengthen the set up / functioning of accountability at the member state level. At present the network is awaiting the results of the discussion among the LOs before taking a decision on its future.
Links to relevant WG/Network/TF reports/documents	
Activities this year (meetings etc.)	No activities to report on in 2015
WG/Network/TF members and observers	The network is open to all EU SAIs. The following SAIs have participated in activities of the network in the past: Netherlands (chair), Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Sweden, Turkey, the UK and the European Court of Auditors.
Name of contact person/chair of WG/Network/TF	Contact person for the network is Jan van den Bos – Netherlands Court of Audit (jmm.vandenbos@rekenkamer.nl) The rotating chairmanship of the network is presently held by the NCA.
Activity Plan for 2016	In the light of the outcome of the activities of the LO Cooperation Taskforce the network will reassess its viability and come with a proposal on whether to continue or close down.

Name of WG/Network/TF	Agricultural Experts Network
Purpose/Mandate	The network was established at the Contact Committee meeting of December 2004 on the initiative of Mr Bernicot, the former French Member of the Court. The purpose of the network has been to enable supreme audit institutions and the European Court of Auditors to exchange operational and professional information at an informal level. The network specifically aimed at involving those with direct responsibility for auditing EU agricultural funds.
Status/Outcome/Results in 2015	The network has remained inactive for another year. In total, users from only nine SAIs activated their access to the network, following its migration to the new CIRCABC platform at the beginning of 2013. On 4 July 2014, the ECA (Chamber I Directorate) sent an email to all the users of the Network, with a copy to all EU SAI Liaison Officers, describing the situation of the network and stressing the need to revive it in order to generate genuine activity. In its message, the ECA also stated its intention to step down from leading the network by 2015 at the latest and invited the SAIs to consider taking over this responsibility. Given that there have been no volunteers so far, the ECA proposes that the network be closed down, as previously suggested.
Links to relevant WG/Network/TF reports/documents	CAP Information Network https://circabc.europa.eu/faces/jsp/extension/wai/ecas/ecaslogin.jsp EUROPA > European Commission > CIRCABC > eca > cap
Activities this year (meetings etc.)	No activities to report in 2015.
WG/Network/TF members and observers	Members: Selected staff from the SAIs of Bulgaria, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Romania and Sweden, and selected staff from Chamber I of the ECA. Observers: none
Name of contact person/chair of WG/Network/TF	Contact person: Michal Machowski, ECA, michal.machowski@eca.europa.eu Chair: Dean of Chamber I of the ECA
Activity Plan for 2015 and 2016	Hand over leadership of the network to an interested SAI or close down the network at the Contact Committee meeting in June 2015.

Name of WG/Network/TF	Network on Fiscal Policy Audit
Purpose/Mandate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Fiscal Policy Audit Network was founded in 2008 (Contact Committee Resolution CC-R-2008-4), based on a joint activity proposal presented by the SAIs of Finland and Sweden. The CC Resolution CC-R-2009-03 further recognized the Network. • The purpose of the Network is : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – to improve methodologies and practices in auditing national fiscal policy, by making use of best practice and sharing of information between SAIs active in this subject area; – constitute a network of practitioners and sharing information with SAIs interested in the subject area. • The activities of the Network cover benchmarking (best practices, gathering data), information sharing and organising workshops and seminars to disseminate the available information on Fiscal Policy Audit related topics.
Status/Outcome/Results in 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Network’s focus is on developing best practice and information exchange. The Network serves as a forum for fiscal policy audit professionals, with the aim to share methodological questions and know-how. • The annual seminars have served as a fruitful meeting-point for practitioners from different SAIs. The seminars have covered a range of themes, from discussing audit methodology to presenting various audit results or audit topics. The participation in seminars has been active. The recent economic coordination developments in the EU post-financial crisis context have been a major focus of the discussions. • The Network proposes to conduct a parallel audit under the theme Underlying Risks to the Sustainability of Public Finances; the objective is to launch the parallel audit in 2016.
Links to relevant WG/Network/TF reports/documents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Links to the network extranet: • https://verify.poutapilvi.fi/vtv/http/www.vtv.fi/extranet
Activities this year (meetings etc.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Network’s Annual Seminar [was] hosted by the SAI of Portugal in Lissabon, on the 5th June 2015. • The main theme [was] the preparatory discussions for a parallel audit as well as discussions on the recent developments of the Banking Union and of the Fiscal Compact. • Through participants’ presentations, the seminar also [covered] the following themes: recent audit work regarding the sustainability of public finances, monitoring public deficit, national fiscal rules and fiscal frameworks.

WG/Network/TF members and observers	<p><u>Members:</u> SAIs of Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, Finland, Poland, Portugal, Slovenia, Sweden, France, Spain and the European Court of Auditors</p> <p><u>Observers:</u> Representatives of the SAIs of Estonia, Denmark, Germany, Hungary, Ireland, Latvia, Lithuania, the Netherlands, Portugal, Turkey and Greece the UK have participated in network meetings.</p>
Name of contact person/chair of WG/Network/TF	<p><u>Contact person:</u> Ms Meri Virolainen, Principal Fiscal Policy Auditor, National Audit Office Finland, email meri.virolainen@vtv.fi</p> <p><u>Chair:</u> Ms. Tytti Yli-Viikari, Deputy Auditor General of Finland, Fiscal Policy Audit & Evaluation, mail tytti.yli-viikari@vtv.fi</p>
Activity Plan for 2016	<p>A parallel audit under the theme Underlying risks to the sustainability of public finances will be launched in 2016.</p> <p>A Fiscal Policy Audit Network seminar will take place in spring 2016 in order to continue the information-sharing and methodological information dissemination.</p> <p>The network will continue to exchange information and improve methodologies and practices in auditing issues material to the overall situation of the public finances and material to fiscal policy and budgeting.</p> <p>The Network will be informed on the developments of the Banking Union and of EPSAS. The Network will discuss the following themes: the effectiveness of tax policy and the implementation of the European economic governance (including the Fiscal Compact) and SAI activities linked to the audit of their national implementation.</p>

Name of WG/Network/TF	Network on Europe 2020 Strategy Audit
Purpose/Mandate	Forum for sharing experience and knowledge in the audit of Europe 2020 Strategy related topics and a useful tool in the articulation of the activity of SAI's - CC Resolution 2012.
Status/Outcome/Results in 2015	<p>The Network is conducting preparatory work towards the launch of parallel audits covering topics of the Europe 2020 Strategy in 2016:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - During February 2015 EU SAI's and ECA were asked to indicate to the Network chair their interest in participating in a parallel audit. The most supported theme was <i>Promoting competitiveness through better education, research, development and innovation</i>, with the positive feedback from three SAIs that indicated their willingness to perform a parallel audit in the target area of education following the SAI of Hungary proposal presented to the October 2014 Contact Committee meeting. - The Network is organizing the 2015 annual joint seminar to be held in Lisbon, in 4-5 June, in strong articulation with the Network on Fiscal Policy Audit. The Seminar will be a forum for discussion and experience sharing concerning SAIs activities with respect to Europe 2020 Strategy Audit and will have a specific part devoted to parallel audits methodologies.
Links to relevant WG/Network/TF reports/documents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CIRCABC Website • Finish National Audit website (www.vtv.fi) • Portuguese Court of Auditors website (www.tcontas.pt or more directly http://www.fpan-europa2020.tcontas.pt/default.aspx)
Activities this year (meetings etc.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joint Seminar of the Fiscal Policy Audit Network and Europe 2020 Strategy Audit Network, Lisbon, 4-5 June 2015.
WG/Network/TF members and observers	<p><u>Members:</u></p> <p>The activities of the Network are open to all EU SAIs. 16 SAIs will participate in the 2015 joint seminar: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Netherlands, Portugal, Slovakia, and Sweden, and also the European Court of Auditors.</p>
Name of contact person/chair of WG/Network/TF	<p><u>Contact person:</u> Ana Furtado (Director) - anafurtado@tcontas.pt</p> <p><u>Chair:</u> José Luis Pinto Almeida (Member of the Portuguese Court of Auditors) - (pinto.almeida@tcontas.pt)</p>
Activity Plan for 2016	<p>The Europe 2020 Strategy Audit Network Chair proposes continuing the Network activities in 2016 in order to strengthen SAI's best practice cooperation on control measures for the implementation of the national guidelines linked to Europe 2020 Strategy.</p> <p>In this context, a major aim of the Network chair in 2016 will be the launch of parallel audits, under the mandate of the Contact Committee.</p>

Name of WG/Network/TF	Task Force on EPSAS (European Public Sector Accounting Standards)
Purpose/Mandate	In 2013, the Contact Committee decided to set up a Task Force of interested SAIs. The aim was to monitor the process launched by the European Commission to develop European Public Sector Accounting Standards, to take a role in the working groups of the COM and to report to the CC.
Status/Outcome/ Results in 2015	On 25-26 February 2014, the EPSAS TF of the EU SAI Contact Committee met in Bonn for sharing lesson learnt. The outcomes of this meeting were presented at the past Contact Committee meeting in October 2014. They were used as input for a resolution inviting SAIs to continue to liaise with the national finance ministries, to contribute to the work of Eurostat's Task Forces and to make the resulting information available to all Member States.
Links to relevant WG/Network/TF reports/documents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • http://www.eca.europa.eu/sites/cc/en/Pages/EPSAS-Task-force.aspx
Activities in 2015 (meetings etc.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No meeting.
WG/Network/TF members and observers	<p><u>Members</u>: SAIs of Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, the Czech Republic, Estonia, European Court of Auditors, Finland, France (chair), Germany (chair), Hungary, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, the Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden and the UK</p> <p><u>Observers</u>: SAI of Germany and France</p>
person/chair of WG/Network/TF	<p><u>Chair</u>:</p> <p>Jean Raphael Alventosa (SAI of France) Christine Rabenschlag (SAI of Germany)</p> <p><u>Contact person</u>:</p> <p>SAI of Germany: Ralf Olheide, ralf.olheide@brh.bund.de SAI of France: Lionel Vareille, LVareille@ccomptes.fr</p>
Activity Plan for 2016	Following the Commission's announcement that no separate communication on the EPSAS will be published in the short term, the EPSAS Task Force will work to actively monitor the development of the Commission's proposal for a framework regulation. The reporting SAIs of France and Germany will continue monitoring current developments and, from September 2015, will report in particular on the activities of the EPSAS Working Group.

Name of WG/Network/TF	Task Force on the European Banking Union
Purpose/Mandate	The Contact Committee (CC) decided in October 2014 to set up a Task Force on the European Banking Union. The mandate of the Task Force is to prepare a collaborative audit on banking supervision and to conduct a comprehensive mapping survey on the EU SAIs' national mandates in auditing banking supervision.
Status/Outcome/Results in 2015	The European Court of Auditors conducted a mapping survey on the EU SAIs' national mandates in auditing banking supervision which was finalized in May 2015. The German SAI conducted an orientation audit on banking-supervision activities performed by German Central Bank and the German Financial Supervisory Authority at less-significant credit-institutions.
Links to relevant WG/Network/TF reports/document	Not yet available
Activities this year (meetings etc.)	<p>26/27 March 2015: Meeting of Task Force to discuss the preliminary results of the mapping survey conducted by the European Court of Auditors, to share lessons learnt, to discuss possible approaches for a parallel audit as well as the Task Force's next steps.</p> <p>In May 2015 the results of the mapping exercise were sent to all TF members by the ECA and the English translation of the questionnaire and audit programme of the German SAI's audit were distributed among all TF members. Further on a parallel/joint audit shall be prepared in 2015.</p> <p>A second meeting of the TF is scheduled for September 2015.</p>
WG/Network/TF members and observers	<p><u>Members</u>: SAIs of Austria, Cyprus, Germany, Greece, Malta, the Netherlands, Sweden and the European Court of Auditors.</p> <p><u>Observers</u>: SAIs of Finland, Hungary, and Romania.</p> <p><u>Core Group</u>: SAIs of Germany, the Netherlands, and the European Court of Auditors</p>
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Activity Plan for 2016	Subject to a mandate by the Contact Committee the Task Force would like to continue its work and to carry out a parallel audit on "Banking Supervision".

Name of WG/Network/TF	Task force for assessing the Contact Committee co-operation framework
Purpose/Mandate	The purpose of the task force is to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • review and assess the strengths and weaknesses of Contact Committee cooperation, focusing on the last five years; • assess where the challenges lie for making the Contact Committee cooperation most effective; and • make proposals for meeting those challenges and determining the next steps.
Status/Outcome/Results in 2015	The task force was established at the meeting of the liaison officers on 19 March 2015 in Ljubljana following a written consultation procedure.
Links to relevant WG/Network/TF reports/documents	http://www.contactcommittee.eu CIRCABC
Activities this year (meetings etc.)	Survey aimed at collecting the SAIs' views on the strengths and weaknesses of the current cooperation framework and the SAIs' expectations.
WG/Network/TF members and observers	SAIs of Denmark, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, the Netherlands, Austria, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Sweden, the United Kingdom, and the European Court of Auditors (chair)
Name of contact person/chair of WG/Network/TF	Contact person: Elisabeth Franco, Head of Unit, Liaison Office and Protocol, European Court of Auditors, liaison.officer@eca.europa.eu Chair: Geoffrey Simpson, Liaison Officer, European Court of Auditors, liaison.officer@eca.europa.eu
Activity Plan for 2016	Analyse the results of the survey, assess where the challenges lie, and make proposals for meeting the challenges and determining next steps. Present results to the Contact Committee at its meeting in 2016 or by written procedure in case of urgency.