

Status Outline of EU SAI Contact Committee Activities

October 2017

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Name of WG/Network/TF	Working Group on Structural Funds VII
Purpose/Mandate	In 2015, the Contact Committee mandated the Working Group on Structural Funds to carry out a parallel audit on the 'Contribution of Structural Funds to the Europe 2020 Strategy in the areas of Employment and/or Education'.
Status/Outcome/Results in 2017	The participating SAIs completed their national audits on the basis of the common audit plan and submitted their country reports to the Core Group. Based on the country reports the Core Group drafted the composite report in spring 2017. The Working Group discussed and adopted the composite report by August 2017.
Links to relevant WG/Network/TF reports/documents	http://www.eca.europa.eu/sites/cc/en/Pages/WorkingGrouponStructuralFunds.aspx
Activities this year (meetings etc.)	February 2017: Meeting of the Core Group in Malta to prepare the composite report May 2017: Meeting of the Working Group in Rome to discuss the composite report August 2017: Adoption of the composite report by written procedure
WG/Network/TF members and observers	<u>Members</u> : SAIs of the Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Italy, Latvia, Malta, the Netherlands, Poland, Portugal and the Slovak Republic <u>Observers</u> : SAI of Bulgaria and ECA <u>Core Group</u> : SAIs of Germany (Chair), the Netherlands and Malta
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Activity Plan for 2018	The Working Group proposed to terminate its work in October 2017.

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 2017	<p>In September 2015, the Plenary meeting of the VAT WG was held in Rome with the participation of the SAls of Italy (Chair), Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Finland, Germany, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, The Netherlands, Poland, Romania, Spain and ECA as members and DG TAXUD as observer.</p> <p>During the Plenary, in a dedicated session, the WG had the opportunity to share the experiences about the analysis on VAT policy and its strengths and weaknesses, with TAXUD and Italian Tax Administrations.</p> <p>The main topics discussed on that occasion included administrative cooperation, fight against VAT evasion and a preliminary evaluation of the new tools recently introduced for combating evasion. The Bundesrechnungshof presented the results of its audit on e-commerce.</p> <p>Conclusions of the Plenary meeting:</p> <p><u>Core Group 1</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • possible launch of a parallel audit; • a comprehensive report to be drafted, based on the results of the questionnaire, together with close analysis on the extension of the Reverse Charge Mechanism in the future. <p><u>Core Group 2</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • focus on e-commerce with an approach aiming to have separate reports from countries in CG2, for comparison purpose.
Links to relevant WG/Network/TF reports/documents	<p>http://www.contactcommittee.eu/sites/cc/en/Pages/WorkingGrouponValueAddedtax.aspx</p> <p>CIRCABC</p>
Activities this year (meetings etc.)	<p><u>Core Group 1</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • possible launch of a parallel audit; • a comprehensive report to be drafted, based on the results of the questionnaire, together with close analysis on the extension of the Reverse Charge Mechanism in the future; • core groups' next meeting in Rome scheduled 23-25 October 2017. <p><u>Core group 2</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • recent developments in the EU, including measures to enhance administrative cooperation and coordination (with reference to news and updates from the EC);

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • summary and analysis of the responses to the questionnaire on “Deregistration in VIES” for cross-border transactions on goods or services; • identification of new areas of interest, such as (cross-border B2C) e-commerce. • core group met in September 2017
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>
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Activity Plan for 2018	<p>Promote a strong interaction and synergy between the two Core Groups.</p> <p>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"> • address some recent developments, relating not only to the Reverse Charge, but also to the Split Payment on purchase made by public administration (through the Split Payment, those who supply goods and services to Public administration will no longer include VAT in their invoices, as the same administrations will directly pay VAT to the tax office), and then • analyze the results of these two mechanisms <p><u>Core group 2</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • parallel audit on e-commerce (Bundesrechnungshof and SAI of Czech Republic): after a time of preparation, the audit has just started. The relevant milestones have been defined; • “platform” on e-commerce to be provided for other interested SAIs: the Bundesrechnungshof drafted an outline audit concept which might be useful for any interested SAI, who already know about this project since it has been promoted via the Liaison Officers and also at the VAT WG’s meeting in Rome in September 2015. All WG members received a survey on “e-commerce”, the first results of which were discussed at the core group’s last meeting. The survey covers various aspects and possible audit areas in the field of e-commerce, such as online/offline trade or electronic services and merchandise.

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 (acceding, 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 2017	<p>The second Parallel Performance Audit project (PPA II) was completed, 6 SAIs completed the cycle of workshops as well as finalised their individual audit reports within the field of public procurement.</p> <p>Workshop in Financial Auditing was implemented.</p> <p>Joining the preparatory working group dedicated to the Conference on the relations between SAIs and Parliaments organised in November 2016.</p> <p>Supporting the Fraud and Corruption event in Tirana in June 2017.</p> <p>Participating in the support team for identifying the priorities of the PN as a sound premises for a new Work Plan for 2017 and beyond.</p> <p><i>For a full list of events and activities supported by the JWGAA since the last meeting, see the Activities section below.</i></p>
Links to relevant WG/Network/TF reports/documents	<p>www.contactcommittee.eu</p> <p>CIRCABC</p>
Activities this year (meetings etc.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conference on the relations between SAIs and Parliaments (including an analytical framework) supported by SIGMA (November 2016, Ankara) • Fourth workshop within the Parallel Performance Audit II project with the support of the Swedish NAO and ECA (December 2016, Tirana) • Fifth workshop within the Parallel Performance Audit II project with the support of the Swedish NAO and ECA (March, 2017, Skopje) • Meeting of the Liaison Officers of the Presidents' Network (May 2017, Stockholm). • Sixth workshop within the Parallel Performance Audit II project with the support of the Swedish NAO and ECA (June 2017, Belgrade) • Conference on Fraud and Corruption event supported by SIGMA and Swedish NAO (June 2017, Tirana)
WG/Network/TF members and observers	<p><u>Members</u>: All members of the Contact Committee and Presidents' Network.</p> <p><u>Observers</u>: SIGMA</p>

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Activity Plan for 2018	<p>Facilitating CC support to specific network meetings, conferences, seminars, workshops, projects or initiatives, in cooperation with the ECA and SIGMA as well as with other interested EU Member State SAI.</p> <p>Series of <u>Workshops on Financial Auditing to be started in October 2017</u></p> <p>Optional Workshop at each of the participating SAIs to follow up on lessons learned and results of the <u>PPA II</u> project.</p> <p>Support the upcoming new Work Plan for 2017 and beyond for the PN.</p> <p>Report to the 2018 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 Fiscal Policy Audit
Purpose/Mandate	The purpose of the network is to improve methodologies and practices in auditing national fiscal policy and public finances, by making use of best practice and sharing of information between SAIs active in this subject area.
Status/Outcome/Results in 2017	<p>The annual seminar in Malta was an important meeting-point for the network members. The participation in seminars has been very active in recent years as many SAIs have directed audit work towards fiscal policy issues. Even as the economic outlook is turning more positive, budget constraints stay relevant in fiscal policy. Many of the presentations shared a common point-of-view of discussing how governments could ensure the effectiveness and quality of public finances when there is less leeway to spend.</p> <p>The results of the parallel audit about the underlying risks to the sustainability of public finances will be brought to the attention of the EU Contact Committee meeting in October 2017. The parallel audit group is chaired by Sweden and other participating countries include the Netherlands, Finland, Portugal, Latvia and Slovak Republic.</p>
Links to relevant WG/Network/TF reports/documents	www.contactcommittee.eu CIRCABC
Activities this year (meetings etc.)	<p>The National Audit Office of Malta hosted participants from 18 SAI's of EU Member States and the European Court of Auditors (ECA) at the Fiscal Policy Audit Network annual meeting in Floriana on 30th of May 2017.</p> <p>The participants discussed current fiscal policy and public finance related audits in the participating Member States as well as issues of European Economic Governance. The completed parallel audit concerning underlying risks for sustainability of public finances was presented to the seminar participants. The fiscal board of Malta also gave a presentation on the current state of public finances and budgetary frameworks in Malta. ECA presented its preliminary observations from an ongoing audit on the EU Economic Governance, focusing on the functioning of the preventive arm of Stability and Growth Pact.</p> <p>There was a discussion about the design and topics of future parallel audit work. Many potential topics were raised and it was generally agreed that parallel audits are a useful tool also for national audit objectives.</p>
WG/Network/TF members and observers	<p>Members: SAIs of Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, Finland, Poland, Portugal, Slovenia, Sweden, France, Spain and the European Court of Auditors</p> <p>Observers: Representatives of the SAIs of Estonia, Denmark, Germany, Hungary, Ireland, Latvia, Lithuania, the Netherlands, Turkey, Greece, Cyprus, Malta, Slovak Republic and the UK have participated in network meetings.</p>
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Activity Plan for 2018	The next meeting for the Fiscal Policy Audit Network will be organized in May/June of 2018. The agenda of the meeting will focus on sharing of information about national audit work in the area of fiscal policy, public finances and European Economic

	Governance. The topic of a possible parallel audit will also be discussed in the Network meeting.
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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 SAIs - CC Resolution 2012.
Status/Outcome/Results in 2017	<p>The Network's Annual Seminar, jointly with the Fiscal Policy Audit Network, was hosted by the SAI of Malta on the 31st May 2017; the seminar's conclusions acknowledge the Network that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • work from the parallel audits presented at the Seminar proved to be an important way to develop common approaches with a positive impact in the production of comparable results; • from the questionnaire conducted by the Chair of the Network, participants took note that since 2012, 16 SAIs worked on 155 audits, covering the five headline targets; education was identified as a priority for auditing at a national level and climate and energy was identified as the most relevant issue to be worked at a coordinated level; • participating SAIs were called to reflect on the future of the Network, which may occur through the conduction of a survey and presentation of its results in the 2018 Seminar, in order to make a concrete proposal to the 2018 Contact Committee.
Links to relevant WG/Network/TF reports/documents	<p>Finish National Audit Office website (www.vtv.fi)</p> <p>Portuguese Court of Auditors website (www1.fpan-europa2020.tcontas.pt/)</p>
Activities this year (meetings etc.)	<p>A questionnaire was sent to all EU SAIs on 23rd February with the aim of gathering information on the audits conducted since 2012 on the Europe 2020 Strategy related topics, in order to: i) take a stock of the five headline targets covered by the audits; and ii) share SAIs' view on major topics for auditing at a national level or through parallel audits.</p> <p>The 7th Session of the Network on Europe 2020 Strategy Audit was held in Malta on 31st May 2017, with the aim to continue stimulating SAIs' work on audits conducted in the area of the Europe 2020 Strategy, and to share the results of the parallel audits conducted in 2016.</p>
WG/Network/TF members and observers	<p><u>Members:</u></p> <p>The activities of the Network are open to all EU SAIs. 17 SAIs participated in the 2017 seminar: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Ireland, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, and Sweden, and also the European Court of Auditors.</p>
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Activity Plan for 2018	<p>Network activities should continue promoting SAI auditing on how the use of public funds is contributing to the achievement of Europe 2020 Strategy targets.</p> <p>The Network Chair might conduct a survey on SAIs views about the future of the Network in order to make a concrete proposal to the 2018 Contact Committee. The annual seminar is planned for May/June 2018.</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 2017	<p>The reporting SAIs of France and Germany have continued to monitor ongoing developments, in particular the activities undertaken by the EPSAS Working Group and their sub-working groups (“cells”). Furthermore, they conducted a survey among Task Force members to gather information about the current state of accounting and the position towards EPSAS in the respective member states.</p> <p>However, the Task Force did not reach a consensus on a joint position towards the COM and the European Parliament regarding the EPSAS-Project. Since the German SAI opposes the mandatory implementation of EPSAS, it was not in the position to support the draft statement of the CC on implementing EPSAS.</p> <p>At the CC meeting, the SAI of Germany explained its opposing position towards EPSAS and the underlying considerations. It also informed the CC about an impending Special Report to the German Parliament on this subject. Both the French and the German SAI resigned from the position of co-chair of the task force. In addition, the German SAI has lately decided to quit its participation in the Task Force.</p>
Links to relevant WG/Network/TF reports/documents	http://www.eca.europa.eu/sites/cc/en/Pages/EPSAS-Task-force.aspx
Activities this year (meetings etc.)	Meeting on 26/27 June, Paris
WG/Network/TF members and observers	<u>Members</u> : SAIs of Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, the Czech Republic, Estonia, European Court of Auditors, Finland, France (chair; until October 2017), Germany (co-chair; until October 2017), Hungary, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, the Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden and the UK.
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Activity Plan for 2018	The SAI of the Netherlands intends to hold a meeting in February 2018, which – amongst others – will serve to discuss the future of the Task Force and explore possibilities to follow up on EPSAS and to keep the CC informed.

Name of WG/Network/TF	Task Force on the European Banking Union (under the umbrella of the Network on Fiscal Policy Audit)
Purpose/Mandate	The Contact Committee (CC) decided in October 2014 to set up a Task Force on European Banking Union. The current 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 2017	<p>Five SAIs participate in the parallel audit: Austria, Cyprus, Finland, Germany, the Netherlands, and 16 other SAIs contributed to the activities of the TF by responding to a questionnaire on banking supervision. Some participating SAIs faced difficulty accessing ECB and NCA documents needed to perform the parallel audit, and/or were unable to share national audit results within the TF on time due to confidentiality requirements. As a consequence the joint report has not completed in time for the CC meeting in October 2017. Instead it will be submitted to LO officers for approval via written procedure by November 2017.</p> <p>The TF chairs are liaising with the European Commission regarding the upcoming Art. 32 review of the SSM-regulation (SSM: Single Supervisory Mechanism), which was originally scheduled to be published by December 2015. The TF has been informed that the SSM Review is now expected to be published in fall 2017. The TF intends to propose to the CC a response to the publication, which will be agreed via written procedure.</p>
Links to relevant WG/Network/TF reports/documents	Not yet available
Activities this year (meetings etc.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2-3 February 2017: Plenary meeting in Luxembourg to discuss first country results, exchange information with ECA and draft structure of joint audit report • 16-17 March 2017: Core Group Meeting in Bonn to progress work on the joint report structure and prepare for the meeting of Liaison Officers • 15 May 2017: Core Group Meeting in Bonn to discuss ongoing issues with national audits and prepare next steps • 3 July 2017: Meeting of the Core Group with ECA in Luxembourg to discuss the upcoming COM SSM Review • 4-5 September 2017: Plenary Meeting of Full Task Force and External Guests in The Hague to discuss draft final report, a possible reaction by the CC to the SSM review and an extension of the TF mandate to audit a new topic. • November 2017 (tbc): Finalization and written agreement of joint report by LO-Officers • December 2017 (tbc): Publication and potential launch of joint report
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>
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	<u>Chair:</u> The Netherlands Court of Audit and the German SAI
Activity Plan for 2018	The Taskforce is expected to meet again in early 2018 to plan its potential next parallel audit on national activities preparing for banking resolution.

Name of WG/Network/TF	Expert network on the independent assessment of national public economic policies
Purpose/Mandate	<p>Enhancement of cooperation among SAIs with reference to the independent assessments in the reports presented to national Parliaments.</p> <p>Realize a framework based on the experiences related to reporting on and evaluating the national economic policy at all levels of Government in order to exchange the "best practices" with the interest to examine the methodologies followed as well as the relationships among the most important national economic institutions.</p>
Status/Outcome/ Results in 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Questionnaire spread among EU SAIs for analyzing the variety of models of Fiscal Councils implemented across Europe. • Replies of the questionnaires collected, synthetized and shared with member SAIs which discussed the document in the Seminar held in October 2016. • The need for SAIs to find a balance between their obligations related to auditing budgetary discipline and those related to the evaluation of services provided to citizens. • The need for SAIs to find a balance between the functions related to budgetary discipline and those related to sound management of public resources and the evaluation of (the quality of) services provided to citizens.
Links to relevant WG/Network/TF reports/documents	http://www.eca.europa.eu/sites/cc/en/Pages/Expert-network-on-the-independent-assessment-of-national-public-economic-policies.aspx
Activities this year (meetings etc.)	<p>The first meeting, including a Seminar session, was held in Rome on 6-7 October 2016 with the attendance of all members of the network.</p> <p>Each SAI brought its own experience in this context, while showing their different views on the assessment of public policies by the Fiscal Councils.</p> <p>One the conclusions was that SAIs should organise trainings to strengthen relevant methodologies and techniques and other CC SAIs are welcome to join and contribute to the activities of the network.</p>
WG/Network/TF members and observers	<p><u>Members:</u> the SAIs of Italy (Chair), Croatia, France, Lithuania, Malta, Poland and Slovak Republic</p> <p><u>Observers:</u> Slovenia</p>
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Activity Plan for 2018	Implement training actions to strengthen SAIs methodologies and techniques for assessing fiscal maneuvers. Capacity building is indeed a key factor to reinforce the authoritativeness of SAIs' assessments and confirm their ability to provide the expertise needed to guide Government action. These themes will be the subject of the next meeting, in which the current members of the Expert Network warmly invite other Supreme Audit Institutions to participate. Next meeting scheduled in January 2018.

Name of WG/Network/TF	Working group on preventing and combatting irregularities and fraud
Purpose/Mandate	<p>Enhancement of cooperation among SAIs with reference to the prevention and fight against irregularities and fraud aimed at protecting EU revenues.</p> <p>Promotion of common monitoring actions in the different Member States, formulate ameliorating proposals to improve the current European Regulations and develop best practices in order to reach a comprehensive harmonization of the activities concerning the prevention and fight against irregularities and fraud.</p>
Status/Outcome/ Results in 2017	<p>Analysis of the results emerged in the context of the Hercule Programme 1 and 2 and of the Seminar on “Prevention and fight against irregularities and fraud aimed at protecting EU revenues: profiles of harmonization and coordination within the activity of the SAIs” held in September 2014 at the Corte dei conti, under the Italian Presidency of the EU, and organized together with the Presidency of the Council of Ministers - Department of European Affairs, and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.</p> <p>Individuation of the perspective instruments of cooperation, in particular: the supply of an international data base for SAIs on the basis of the experience developed for the national and OLAF databases.</p>
Links to relevant WG/Network/TF reports/documents	http://www.eca.europa.eu/sites/cc/en/Pages/Working-group-on-preventing-and-combatting-irregularities-and-fraud.aspx
Activities this year (meetings etc.)	Scheduled meeting: 13-15 November 2017.
WG/Network/TF members and observers	<p><u>Members</u>: the SAIs of Italy (Chair), Belgium, Croatia, France, Latvia, Portugal, Romania, ECA</p> <p>Observers: Lithuania</p>
Name of contact person/chair of WG/Network/TF	<p>Giovanni Coppola (SAI of Italy) – <u>Chair of Working Group</u>, Liaison Officer and Head of the International Relations Office</p> <p>ufficio.relazioni.internazionali@corteconti.it</p>
Activity Plan for 2018	Following the meeting, there is the intention to launch an experimental phase for the collection of the information in a common database.