

**Terms of Reference for the EUROSAI Project Group on “EUROSAI Innovations Newsletter”****1. General provisions****1.1 Name of the Project Group:**

EUROSAI Innovations Newsletter

**1.2 Background and objective of the Project Group:****Background:**

The “EUROSAI Innovations Newsletter Project Group” is the continuation of the former “Innovations in EUROSAI Project Group”, which was led by SAIs of Germany and Lithuania and dedicated to innovative audit approaches, new ways of engaging with stakeholders, and new management concepts.

Since 2018, six issues have been published under the former PG's leadership. They introduced innovative approaches, products, and ideas of the EUROSAI member SAIs.

In December 2022, a handover took place, and the project was taken over by SAI France and the name changed to “EUROSAI Innovations Newsletter Project Group”.

Under this new PG, as in the former issues, EUROSAI members will continue reporting on their innovative initiatives, and the Newsletter will edit and publish the information, sharing its outputs with the EUROSAI community, but this time introducing some updates in the format, the reporting cycle, the language, and the number of projects per publication.

**Objective:**

The project aims to enable EUROSAI members to share their innovative approaches, methods, products, concepts, and ideas and allow them to learn from one another, ultimately paving the way for SAIs to develop new innovations.

**1.3 Link with EUROSAI Strategic Plan****1.3.1. Strategic Goal / Portfolio to which it is linked:**

The PG is linked to the SG1 “Supporting effective, innovative, and relevant audits by promoting and brokering professional cooperation” and Objective 1.2 “To support the development of innovative audit approaches and methods making use of new technologies.”

**1.3.2. No duplication or overlap with other activities of the EUROSAI Strategic Plan:**

No duplication or overlap with other activities of the EUROSAI Strategic Plan has been identified.

**2. Structural provisions**

### **2.1 Lead SAI:**

Cour des comptes (SAI of France)

### **2.2 Participants:**

7 SAIs contributed to the issue n°7: Austria, Denmark, France, Germany, United Kingdom, Turkey and the European Court of Auditors (ECA)

### **2.2 Contact person(s):**

France: Denis Gettliffe ([denis.gettliffe@ccomptes.fr](mailto:denis.gettliffe@ccomptes.fr))

## **3. Technical and procedural provisions**

### **3.1 Intended Results:**

What we wish to achieve is to create a common platform for EUROSAI members to share their innovation-oriented activities (approaches, methodologies, operations, practices, and even ideas) and thus to inform the entire community regarding those practices on the basis of semi-annual publications.

### **3.2 Benefits to EUROSAI Membership:**

The project will enable EUROSAI members to learn from each other's innovative practices and ideas and lead the way for further improvements on various aspects of better public management through the lenses of innovative audit approaches.

The articles should be very practical and contain information that should enable the readers to extend its reading in an operational way.

### **3.3 Duration & Key Milestones:**

**Duration:** January 2023- December 2024

#### **Key milestones:**

- Format to be decided (February, 2023)
- Selection of the topic for the first publication and call for contributions to the EUROSAI members (March, 2023)
- Collection of the contributions from the EUROSAI members (May, 2023)
- First publication for 2023 (June, 2023)
- Second publication for 2023 (December, 2023)
- First publication for 2024 (June, 2024)
- Second publication for 2024 (December, 2024)

### **3.4 Working Methods:**

E-mails, videoconferences, and in-person meetings only when deemed necessary.

### **3.5 Necessary Resources:**

- <b>Financial</b>	Financial support for language translation purposes (translation into official EUROSAT languages); business trips if necessary; otherwise, depending on format of the publication
- <b>Other</b>	Human in-kind contributions (translation into official EUROSAT languages by EUROSAT member SAs)
- <b>Request to EUROSAT</b>	To be discussed (translation needs if not provided by EUROSAT member SAs; otherwise, depending on format of the publication)

### **3.6. Reference documents and materials:**

- Innovations in EUROSAT I-IV (2013-2016)
- EUROSAT Strategic Plan 2017-2024
- General Procedures for the ESP 2017-2024

## **4. Accountability provisions**

The project group will inform the co-leaders of Strategic Goal 1 of the progress and outcomes of the project. The publication of the "EUROSAT Innovations Newsletter" in its decided format will be available to all EUROSAT members.