

## Terms of Reference for the Project Group on “EUROSAI Regulations” (Updated version 2021)

### 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS

#### 1.1 Name of the Project Group:

Project Group on EUROSAI Regulations.

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

The objective of the PG is to make sure that EUROSAI has regulations in place to properly operate under the European and Global challenging context in which its members perform their duties.

For that purpose, the PG will ensure that the necessary amendments are made to the main EUROSAI Regulations (mainly EUROSAI Statutes, Standard Procedures, Financial Rules and Communication Framework) to reflect the enhancements of the governance, structure and modus operandi of EUROSAI foreseen in the EUROSAI Strategic Plan 2017-2024. In the case of the Statutes, the convenience of this revision would be approached taking into account efficiency and opportunity reasons.

#### 1.3 Link with EUROSAI Strategic Plan:

##### 1.3.1. Strategic Goal/Portfolio to which is linked

There is no link to the strategic goals but to the governance principles of the ESP; that is, the output supports the operationalization of the governance structure, as envisaged in chapter 4 of the EUROSAI Strategic Plan 2017-2024 “Enhanced EUROSAI Governance and Modus Operandi”. The PG is linked to the Portfolio on “Overall Governance and Culture”, led by the Presidency (SAI of Czech Republic) for 2021-2024.

##### 1.3.2. No duplication/overlaps with other activities of the ESP

Neither duplication nor overlaps have been identified. Coordination between this PG and that preparing the new ESP 2024-2030 and the General Procedures for its implementation has been ensured by the participation of the Secretariat and Presidency in both PGs.

## 2. STRUCTURAL PROVISIONS

**2.1 Lead SAI:** Spanish Court of Audit (SAI of Spain) - EUROSAI Secretariat.

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### 2.3 Participants:

The Secretariat will invite a small number of SAI members (5/6) to join the Project group. Considering the specific content and scope of this group -that is, EUROSAI Regulations-, the criteria to invite them will be the following: outgoing, current and incoming Presidencies and EUROSAI members very knowledgeable on EUROSAI/INTOSAI governance and modus operandi, while at the same time trying to avoid overburdening those members who play any relevant role as key player in EUROSAI. Additional members and invited experts (internal or external to the Organization) could be called up to join or contribute to the work of the PG, if needed.

## 3. TECHNICAL / PROCEDURAL PROVISIONS

### 3.1 Intended Results:

The PG aims at supporting EUROSAI with an updated and operational regulation which facilitates a good governance, flexible modus operandi and enhanced communication.

The documents produced or reviewed will be put forward for approval to the Governing Board and, also for endorsement by the Congress in the case of the any amendment or revision of the EUROSAI Statutes or the Communication Framework.

### 3.2 Benefits to EUROSAI Membership:

The EUROSAI Regulation will reflect the current EUROSAI modus operandi and practices and will support the institutionalization of the new governance structure as envisaged by the EUROSAI Strategic Plan 2017-2024.

### 3.3 Duration & Key Milestones:

Duration: From XI Congress (2021) to the XII Congress (2024)

As explained the activity of the PG will be permanent, so no particular milestones will be set. Permanent monitoring of the regulations already mentioned (which implies review, update and development, if needed) will be performed to make sure they are suitable and address the needs of the Organization, its activities and membership.

### 3.4 Working Methods:

The PG will mostly work in remote (video conferencing, e-mail and phone calls). In-person meetings will be held if deemed necessary and preferably taking the most of other physical meetings to which the majority of the PG members attend. Wide consultation of the draft documents will be ensured. PG members will share their views in an open, clear, transparent and inclusive way.

### 3.5 Necessary Resources:

The participating SAIs will bear their own costs related to their involvement in the PG. If face-to-face meetings are needed, arrangements to minimize the related costs will be made (e.g scheduling the meetings together with other meetings where most PG members will attend, venue with direct flight connections, efficient agendas...).

### 3.6 Reference Documents

- EUROSAI Strategic Plan 2017-2024
- Memorandum on enhanced EUROSAI governance and structure (updated version 2021)
- General Procedures for the ESP 2017-2024
- EUROSAI Communication Framework (2021)

## 4. ACCOUNTABILITY PROVISIONS

Lead SAI of the project group (Spanish Court of Audit) will report on progress and results at the forthcoming and future GB meetings and XII Congress following the procedure defined in the General Procedures for the ESP.