

Cour des comptes

INCOSAI XXII Presentation of the Working Group on Programme Evaluation

7-11 December 2016



EVALUATION WORKING GROUP (EWG) MANDATE

« Help SAIs which practice evaluation or wish to do so by providing them with methodological tools and practical recommendations » (creation of EWG in 1992)

Decisions requested : approval by Governing Board of the endorsement version of the guidelines, and endorsement of final INTOSAI GOV 9400 by XXII -INCOSAI



- Achievements of the last three years
- INTOSAI GOV developed
- Work plan for 2017 2019
- Decision areas for Governing Board and Congress

ACHIEVEMENTS



Three Evaluation Working Group meetings respectively in November 2014, June 2015 and June 2016

Objective of the meetings :

- reach a consensus on the distinctive characteristics of evaluation and its methodology
- establish guidelines, a principle-based document, not a « standard » belonging to INTOSAI GOV category
- discuss and decide on the focus of the guidelines on the evaluation of public policies



MAJOR ISSUES

CRUCIAL IMPORTANCE OF KNOWLEDGE SHARING

Guidelines are even more necessary since evaluation of public policies could involve specific risks:

- \rightarrow close to politics, even to political philosophy
- \rightarrow far from SAIs usual methods
- \rightarrow has to deal with new and not always robust techniques



II. INTOSAI GOV DEVELOPED



STAGE 1 – PROJECT PROPOSAL

Drafting of the project proposal by EWG : June – July 2015

•Approval of the Project Proposal by KSC

- □ <u>15 July 2015</u>: project proposal and guidelines sent to KSC for approval.
- □ <u>15 October 2015</u>: KSC Steering Committee : approval of the project proposal



Drafting of the exposure draft by EWG : October 2015

Approval of the exposure draft by KSC

□<u>17 February 2016</u>: after exposure draft was approved by the KSC, the document was posted on the issai.org website

□<u>17 February - 14 May 2016:</u> Exposure period : 149 comments were received, from 8 SAIs and international organizations. Out of the 6 international organizations contacted, 3 sent comments: the OECD (67 comments), the UN (23 comments) and the World Bank (6 comments).



STAGE 3 : ENDORSEMENT VERSION (1/2)

Analysis of comments received by EWG

- □ <u>14 May to 31 May 2016</u>: analysis of the comments received during the exposure period
- <u>1 June 2016</u> : new draft of the guidelines sent to EWG members with table including comments and responses to these comments.
- <u>20 June 2016</u>: EWG meeting dedicated to discussions on the new draft of the guidelines: minor changes to the document, technical rather than substantial.

Drafting of the endorsement version by EWG

- □ <u>1 July 2016</u>: Draft endorsement version sent to EWG members for comment.
- <u>11 July 2016</u>: drafting of the endorsement version according to comments received from EWG members
- <u>13 July to 31 August 2016</u>: Translation of the final endorsement version in the 5 official languages.



STAGE 3 : ENDORSEMENT VERSION (2/2)

•Approval of the endorsement version by KSC and by the Governing Board

- September 2016: Endorsement version sent to KSC for approval Done
- December 2016 : Endorsement version sent to Governing Board for approval

STAGE 4 : FINAL ENDORSEMENT OF FINAL INTOSAI GOV 9400

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WORK PLAN 2017 – 2019 (1/2)

- Invitation to SAIs performing evaluation of public policies to join
- Organization of annual professional events :
 - (i) on issues of methodology
 - (ii) on ease studies in a specific sector

> 2017 : methodological workshop on the optimal continuation of socio-economic studies and use os statistical data

> 2018 : seminar on evaluation cases in the health (or education) sector

> 2019 : methodological workshop



WORK PLAN 2017 – 2019 (1/2)

At each event, the opportunity will be considerated to partner with national or international professional association of evaluators



DECISION AREAS FOR GOVERNING BOARD AND CONGRESS

Governing Board to refer final INTOSAI GOV 9400 to the INCOSAI

Congress to endorse the final INTOSAI GOV