

Call for New Organiser: EUROSAI Workshop on Investigations

We invite SAIs with experience in conducting investigations to take on the responsibility of organizing the next Workshop on Investigations for EUROSAI members.

About “Investigations”

The concept of “investigations” was initially introduced by the SAI of the UK. An investigation is a rapid and responsive “audit,” typically completed within three months. It provides factual insights using the unique SAI mandate, without drawing conclusions or recommendations. The goal is to contribute facts to a topical public debate.

Due to the positive experience, the SAI of the UK established a Project Group on “Reactive and Rapid Audit Reporting” within EUROSAI. The group was active from 2018 to 2023.

First in-person workshop in 2023

The concept of investigations was discussed in several online workshops among EUROSAI members. Since then, more and more members have adopted investigations in various ways, with positive results. In the final activity of the EUROSAI Project Group in summer 2023, 28 participants from 15 SAIs attended an in-person workshop. They focused on developing investigation plans based on their own work programmes.

Next workshop?

There is considerable interest among SAIs to exchange practical experiences related to investigations, particularly due to the novelty and unique nature of this product. As the leader of Strategic Goal 1, we strongly encourage a follow-up in-person workshop to repeat and build upon the success of the 2023 event. This will be a valuable learning opportunity for the organizing SAI as well. Key details to consider for the next workshop include:

- **A 3-day training** focused on drafting an audit plan for impactful investigations. The workshop will combine theory from participants’ own experiences with practical exercises.
- **Collaborative leadership:** Other SAIs may be invited to lead parts of the workshop. The Netherlands Court of Audit is willing to contribute.
- **Target audience:** The workshop is designed for SAIs interested in or already experienced with investigations.
- **Interactive format:** To maintain a hands-on learning environment, participation is recommended to be limited to 25 people.

What’s in it for you?

Taking the lead in organizing this workshop will provide your SAI with a platform to showcase expertise, foster collaboration, and deepen its understanding of investigations. It is also a valuable and enjoyable opportunity for professional development and international networking.

If your SAI is interested, please contact Ms Gretė Maziliauskaitė, SAI Lithuania, and Mr Karsten Asbahr, SAI Germany, co-leaders of EUROSAI Strategic Goal 1:

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