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Learning and development while auditing

- > Quality monitoring
 - Management (per unit and managing body audit department)
 - Legal advisors
 - External reference persons
 - Seminars with internal discussants
- > Subject matter experts –methods
 - Special advisers in method
 - Can participate in audits and support with expertise
 - Questionnaires
 - Qualitative methods: case method, interview methos
 - Quantitative methods: econometrics and statistics, cost benefit analysis, static and dynamic microsimulation, measuring efficiency and productivity, using data from National Statistics Sweden
 - Audit methods
- > Quality assessment: follow up cycle



Guidelines, courses and other activities

- > The performance audit process PA process manual
 - "Farm to table approach"
 - Links to other relevant guidelines, such as guidelines for clearer language
 - Developed continuously.
 - Recent additions: PA methodology, PA according to legislation and standards,
- > Framework agreement with Statistics Sweden on supply of statistics combined with internal support
- Courses
 - Mandatory courses
 - Optional courses
 - Course program developed continuously: recent addition course in AI and machine learning
- > Internal conferences and planning activities
- > Networks of colleagues: internally and externally
- > International development work
 - Lecturing and coaching colleagues in other countries applying knowledge



Priorities – guidance, support, inspiration

- > From cold and peer reviews
 - Datadrive
 - Quantification
 - Causality impact analysis
- > SNAO annual audit plan/ Longterm plan
 - Risk analysis: external trends, risks for society, risks and problems close to audit: public finances;
 government management, follow-up and reporting; government organisation, responsibility and coordination
- > Focus effort (round up) twice a year:
 - 3E analysis and priorities per Parliament Committee, prioritises audit ideas
- > Ongoing strategic intelligence continuously during the year: individually and in groupings within each PA unit

