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Group Meeting

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Operational objectives, derived from strategy

1. Encouraging working together
2. Strengthening methodological knowledge at SAI
3. Providing platform(s) for pragmatic information and knowledge exchange
4. Intensifying contact with relevant partners (e. g. PAS, research)
5. Raising transparency about WGEPPP activities

Decision on a project group on « Assessing the impact of performance audits »



Outcome of last meeting in Oct 24: Continue working on this subject with the aim of having a sustainable and widely applicable basis for SAI's work in the area.

Update / proposed steps as of 16 April 24:

1. Latest by end of June 2024, get consent of the Working Group on desirable outcome in form of an “assessment framework” (product name to be defined) and have project team (consisting of three to four SAI) defined.
 - *SAIs Lithuania, Madagascar and Spain have expressed their interest in participating*
 - *It requires buy-in from a significant number of members, 18 SAI are represented today. Your vote please: launch this activity or not?*
2. The Project team would draft a framework and circulate it to all SAIs for comments and discussions during the next WGEPPP forum in 2025. The draft framework would ideally consist of a few broad areas and specific Key Performance indicators (KPIs) and their description under each of these broad areas.
3. Simultaneously, we would call for case studies/examples of evaluations done by SAIs for specific Performance Audits. This would then help us to fine-tune/expand the framework further.

Decision on a project group on « Assessing the impact of performance audits »



Discussion results:

Of 18 SAIs present, all were in favour of such a project group. The project group will consist of members of the following SAI:

- India (Lead)
- Spain
- Lithuania
- Czech Republic
- Morocco
- Switzerland

Our Action Plan: What did we agree to do, and where are we today?



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| 1 | <p>WGEPPP Forum / every 3 years / participants: leaders and practitioners from all interested SAI Focus on subjects of general interest (methodologies, practices, experiences), international collaboration and review of past period. Award ceremony for “best” performance audit / evaluation</p> <p><i>Update:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ <i>Forum 2025 will take place in Bern</i>▪ <i>Objective remains: First award to be presented</i> |

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| 2 | <p>WGEPPP Meeting / annual / participants: people in charge of performance audits incl. evaluations from WGEPPP members (1 day)</p> <p>Focus on subjects relevant for those who organize performance audits: organizational matters, value contribution and measurement, topic selection etc. Feedback on WGEPPP value contribution.</p> <p><i>Update:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ <i>Thank you, dear colleagues from Bucharest, for having us in 2024 !</i> ■ <i>For 2026: Please elaborate possibilities to host a future meeting</i> ■ <i>Basic question remains open: virtual or in-person? Hybrid is not an option though.</i> <p><i>Suggestions for subject(s) :</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ <i>How to make “good” recommendations and how to follow-up on their implementation</i> ■ <i>Improving collaboration with parliament, government and agencies</i> ■ <i>How Digital Transformation changes our work (as audit subject and/or impact on SAI work)</i> <p><i>Other suggestions? Your preferences?</i></p> |

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| 2 | Discussion results: |
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While the forum 2024 will take place in Switzerland, SAI India and Morocco kindly offer to host the meetings in 2026 and 2027. Thank you very much for the hospitality you express!

The initial suggestions for possible topics were evaluated as follows (no. of participants in favour)

- How to make “good” recommendations and how to follow-up on their implementation (10)
- Improving collaboration with parliament, government and agencies (4)
- How Digital Transformation changes our work (9)

Other suggestion from the participants:

- Ex-ante and real-time Evaluationen versis ex-post Evaluations

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3 **WGEPPP Flashes** / online / participants: performance audit / evaluation **practitioners**
Focus on discussion of real performance audits incl. evaluations. The presented case studies will not be presented at Forum again to avoid repetition. Presented audits are candidates for "WGEPPP award".

Update:

- *Already five flashes, with presentations from France, Sweden, USA, Switzerland and Spain*
- *Wanted: Lead for the next Flash, 20 November*



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| 4 | <p>WGEPPP award: Best performance audit / evaluation. Award panel: France, India, Latvia, Spain and Switzerland</p> <p><i>Update:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ <i>Criteria and instructions for submission will be made available in autumn</i>▪ <i>Subsequently, reports can be submitted</i>▪ <i>The award will be presented at the Forum in 2025, which will take place in autumn 2025</i> <p>Discussion results:</p> <p>The award panel will consist of</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Alfredo Campos (SAI Spain)▪ Agnese Jaunzeme (SAI Lithuania)▪ SAI Indien (individual to be confirmed)▪ SAI France (individual to be confirmed) |

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| 5 | <p>WGEPPP collaboration space on Internet / open to members</p> <p><i>Update:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ <i>Technical issues resolved, new email address</i> ■ <i>Launch of new website WGEPPP – Home, migration nearly completed</i> |
| 6 | <p>Joint or parallel audit (case-by-case). Each SAI will have the possibility to propose sufficiently motivated topics and to identify members interested in participating or even leading the group.</p> <p><i>Update:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ <i>In 2024, we will prepare a parallel audit on “implementation of the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and Their Disposal with a focus on Electrical and Electronic Equipment</i> |

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| 7 | <p data-bbox="206 244 1824 297">One article per year in INTOSAI magazine (following a forum or a meeting)</p> <p data-bbox="206 372 512 425"><i>Status update</i></p> <ul data-bbox="206 434 2423 672" style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="206 434 2277 486">■ <i>2023 : Article “How do SAI measure their impact?” from Andrea Häuptli, published Feb 2024¹</i><li data-bbox="206 562 2423 672">■ <i>2024: Article planned on «practice of SAIs in choosing their performance audit and evaluation topics” - autumn 2024</i> |

¹ [How do Supreme Audit Institutions measure their impact? Results from the Annual Meeting of the INTOSAI Working Group on Evaluation of Public Policies and Programs \(WGEPPP\) - INTOSAI Journal](#)



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**What is missing,
what can we improve?**



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What is missing, what can we improve?

- Working Group should create more formalized reports, guidelines and other tools for SAI
- Working Group should consider how the consultation work of methodologists can be strengthened
- Working Group should consider how it can increase its visibility, also outside the members and observers, e.g. vis-à-vis other SAI
- Development of e.g. econometric models (such as GAO, NAO UK) that SAIs can use, e.g. to assess the effectiveness of SAIs. Otherwise, increasingly share the practices of SAIs so that it is easier to see how this is done in other countries (possibly supported by a sharing platform on the Internet site)
- Working Group should also work with evaluators and performance auditors outside of SAI, e.g. practitioners from the private sector, academics.
- Working Group members should strive to build capacity services with each other, e. g. providing technical assistance
- At meetings, use more case studies rather than presentation of (often) institution-specific processes