

EUROSAI
 Brainstorm: what Challenges do SAIs have to face in the next ten years?

Legend

- 🏆 Winner
- 👤 Challenges
- #: is the number of the challenge

Other

- 6 due to financial crisis > new requirements by European Commission (2 pack - 6 pack)
 - We need to cover
 - Requirement super national
 - Control whether countries meet these new requirements not checking on the budget
 - Does the SAI need to control whether countries need requirements?
 - Figures, budget has to be correct
- 8 to promote human and social rights through audit activity
 - Start thinking about financial/ social justice in the audit topics chosen every year
- 11 ageing society: who do we represent? Old vs Young inhabitants
 - What to look at? Older workers
- 31 diversity in staff qualifications and lifetime employment
 - Tunnel vision inhibits the relevance and value of our work
- 32 More demand for accountability/ demonstration for value of money of public services. Government to be more efficient
 - Measure value for money of the recommendations SAIs give to auditees in their audits
 - Develop indicators SAI can use for measuring efficiency of public services
- 7 How to improve the implementation/ utilization of audit reports
 - Effectiveness of audit report depends on credibility of the SAI
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 - Auditees
 - General public
 - Parliament
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 - Inside and foresight vs oversight
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 - Show more guts
 - Present it directly and specifically for specific citizens/ groups
 - Not afraid to go in the private sector, themes respond to society
 - Makes our work more influential, bigger impact
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 - Added value of audits depends on the acceptance of recommendations
- 35 Make audit report more public because the are only addressed to the president of the republic
 - Recommendations are not well implemented
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 - We become obsolete if our clients ignore our recommendations
 - Press
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 - Competition from private consultants (or lack of)
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 - Institutional sustainability, credibility and reputation relevance
- 34 pressure from political parties to (not) report findings & hide information (= independence)
 - It harms independence of SAIs
 - We should use the press effectively
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 - We need the right priorities
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 - Flexibility
 - Innovation
 - Aging workforce
 - Result: using new media/ technology
 - Improve old procedures & practices
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 - People driving the change
 - Continuous training
 - Implement ideas into action
 - Strategic issues
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Communication

- 1 how to communicate properly with the public and smartly demonstrate the value of our work
 - We must matter to the public and keep in touch with them
 - Meet their expectations
 - Be accessible
- 3 how to deliver relevant information/ messages to the public, in the audit field, in a new media/ digital era
 - New specialized files/ skills in marketing SAI reports, while paying attention to information security
 - Improve impact of audit reports
 - Spread accurate/ relevant information
- 4 communication is getting faster. sharing information, we have to keep up
 - Innovating & communicating process
 - Speeding communication
 - How to use new channels of communication (Facebook, Twitter)
 - Simplify language/ message for fast delivery 140 - characters)
 - Get more online interactive
- 18 keeping up with new media
 - Short message
 - Quicker research
 - Open to public
 - Responsive
 - Visualization
 - Change presentation methods
 - Open access to all public documents (competition by other researchers)
 - Giving message during audit on Facebook

Innovation in SAIs

- 5 Being supreme: no need for innovation > no competition
 - Standardization prevents innovation
 - Innovations: breaking the rules
 - Change mindset: room for experiment/ pro active
 - Innovation is only way to add value
 - No added value - industry dies
 - Added value with Open Data
 - How to make your point in the flow of information
 - How to make things visual
 - How to change demography in a SAI? young vs senior
 - How to make everyone in the organisation innovative?
 - How to choose the best source for audit evidence (in the vast amount of information)
 - How to get our message to a single person
- 24 zero error culture is a barrier to innovation
 - Timelags
 - Outdated findings
 - Loss of political and public interest in our work
 - Loss of impact
 - Out of business
- 30 lack of innovation in the public sector including the SAI
 - The SAIs audit can become obsolete
 - Not adopted to new realities
 - Need to be realistic & pragmatic in audit

Knowledge sharing

- 10 keeping the knowledge flowing within the organisation (people, dispersed, fluctuation, less time to document)
 - Shortcuts
 - Phonebook
 - Topic specialists
 - Calling people is faster
- 12 communication
 - Internal communication between employees
 - External communication/ cooperation between SAI or other organisation
 - Increase knowledge & expertise
- 14 integrate global cooperation vs national mandate (crisis financial), environment to audit global issues
 - More project management skills
 - Resources?
 - Collaboration & communication tools
- 26 using information and knowledge across SAIs in most effective way
 - More informal/ open/ accessible
 - Globalisation
 - More dynamic
 - We should adjust to that
 - This moment: not enough links so it stops/ or is too slow
- 28 globalisation of the worldwide economy creates needs for interchange of data between SAIs. Risk of audit gap
 - The political sector has begun to have connection to the private sector (national & international)
 - SAIs audit should adapt

Growth of data

- 9 overload of information/ data (open data)
 - Our added value
 - Concentrate on our mission and our added value
- 16 the rapid development of new technology software using financial and IT software by clients (subject to audit)
 - Need more education and knowledge about these software and how to audit this & extract info from them
- 17 the growth of data: separating the signal from the NOISE
 - To make efficient, comprehensive relevant and right analysis
- 25 all the data information in the public sector becomes electronic data
 - Various IT management systems
 - Institutions have a lot of databases (electronic) which are very hard to audit with present resources
 - SAIs should adopt their audit teaching and be specialized in IT as well
 - We need more IT resources & IT training