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# Group Meeting Results

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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

# Our Action Plan: What did we agree to one year ago, and where are we today?

Nr.	Activity
1	<p><b>WGEPPP Forum</b> / every 3 years / participants: <b>leaders and practitioners</b> from all interested SAI (2 to 3 days)</p> <p>Focus on subjects of general interest (methodologies, practices, experiences), international collaboration and review of past period. Award ceremony for best performance audit (based on cases presented in regional virtual sessions)</p> <p><i>Update:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ <i>Format will be kept for the next Forum in 2025</i></li><li>■ <i>Award can be organised in a different way as well (see slide 6)</i></li></ul>

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2	<p><b>WGEPPP Meeting</b> / annual / participants: people <b>in charge</b> of performance audits incl. evaluations from WGEPPP members (1 day)</p> <p>Focus on subjects relevant for those who organise 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"> <li>■ <i>Meetings should not be in Switzerland – member and observer SAI are very welcome to elaborate possibilities to host a future meeting. The next WGEPPP meeting in 2024 will be organised in Bucharest with the Romanian SAI.</i></li> <li>■ <i>The members present agreed that a face-to-face meeting would be most effective for networking reasons.</i></li> <li>■ <i>For more travel efficiency, the present members agreed to spread the meeting over two days: Starting early afternoon and finish at early afternoon the following day.</i></li> </ul> <p><i>Suggestions for subject(s) (Topics preferred by the members present are marked in bold.):</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ <b>«Picking the Winners»: How to chose the “right” topic at the “right” time</b></li> <li>■ <i>How to make “good” recommendations and how to follow-up on their implementation</i></li> <li>■ <i>Improving collaboration with parliament, government and agencies</i></li> <li>■ <b>How Digital Transformation changes our work (as audit subject and/or impact on SAI work)</b></li> </ul>

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### 3 **WGEPPP Flashes** / online 3 to 4 times per year / participants: performance audit / evaluation practitioners (90 min max)

Focus on discussion of real performance audits incl. evaluations. Idea to have 2 (or max. 3) regional self-organising hubs Americas & EU, APAC. Annual list of chosen subjects. SAI are invited to "inscribe" as active presenter of a practical case. These case studies will not be presented at Forum again to avoid repetition. Presented audits are candidates for "WGEPPP award".

#### *Update:*

- *The next Flash on November 29 will be led by the Spanish Court of Auditors.*
- *According to the present members, there is no need for a separate regional flash for the members because of the different time zones.*
- *An exchange of the annual programmes was suggested to identify interesting projects, but was not considered necessary by the members.*
- *In general, the members are satisfied with the current form of the flashes.*

#### *Award*

- *In preparation for next Forum, reports can be submitted to an "award panel", which selects the "winner".*

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4	<p><b>WGEPPP award:</b> Best case study from practitioner sessions. Panel: 5 SAI including SFAO.</p> <p><i>Update:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ <i>As discussed at previous slide</i></li> <li>■ <i>The panel members will be the SAIs from France, India, Latvia, Spain and Switzerland.</i></li> </ul>
5	<p>WGEPPP collaboration space on Internet / open to members Caution: Currently, there are practical issues with site access.</p> <p><i>Update:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ <i>Serious issues continue: security issues with certificates, resulting in blocked access to WGEPPP Site. Recently, additional problems with mails in both directions – do not arrive at recipient.</i></li> <li>■ <i>Please: send a mail right now to us; might get some further helpful insight for IT to fix the problem.</i></li> </ul>

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6	<p><b>Joint or parallel audit</b> (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"> <li>■ <i>In 2024, we will prepare a parallel audit on “Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and Their Disposal” with focus on Electrical and Electronic Equipment. Current discussions with Austria and Germany.</i></li> <li>■ <i>Any other country (e.g. receiving countries) interested in participating can contact us.</i></li> </ul>
7	<p><b>One article per year in INTOSAI magazine</b> (following a forum or a meeting)</p> <p><i>Status update</i></p> <p><i>Based on this meeting, an article about “Meaningful indicators to assess our impacts and how to improve the practices of SAIs” will be drafted.</i></p>

# Your opinion: Does Action Plan require an update?

Keeping the objectives in mind

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**What is missing / what can we improve / what works well?**



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for your contribution  
for your energy