



# IntoSAINT Post

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*IntoSAINT is a self-assessment instrument for SAIs that they can use to analyse their integrity risks and assess the maturity level of their integrity management systems.*

*An IntoSAINT moderator can facilitate an integrity self-assessment for a Supreme Audit Institution. The self-assessment takes place in a structured two-day workshop. The instrument is targeted at corruption prevention and leads to management recommendations to support the integrity of the organisation. The self-assessment results in a report that enables the Supreme Audit Institution to design a tailor made integrity policy and at the same time increase the integrity awareness of employees.*

*IntoSAINT was developed by the Netherlands Court of Audit. We support the use of the instrument internationally. Are you interested? For additional information about IntoSAINT, or if your SAI would be interested in a moderator training or an IntoSAINT workshop, please contact [i.dehaan@rekenkamer.nl](mailto:i.dehaan@rekenkamer.nl) or [m.wilbrink@rekenkamer.nl](mailto:m.wilbrink@rekenkamer.nl) or [m.janson@rekenkamer.nl](mailto:m.janson@rekenkamer.nl)*

## Seminar on findings Integrity project SAO Hungary

The State Audit Office of Hungary shared its experience regarding the integrity of the public sector on an international seminar.

Forty foreign state audit professionals arrived at Szarvas, Hungary on 3 March to attend a five day seminar held by the State Audit Office of Hungary (SAO). Especially the Supreme Audit Institutions (SAIs) of Asian and African developing countries were invited; however a number of professionals from European countries of the Balkan region attended the event, which supported the anti-corruption work of SAIs of developing countries. The SAO presented its findings about its Integrity Project started in 2009, and the professionals of the Netherlands Court of Audit and the Supreme Audit Office of Poland-as lecturers- also shared their experience.

### Fight against corruption primary mission of SAO

The SAO puts great emphasis on the fight against corruption and sets it out as a primary mission. This fits into the SAO's strategy, in which the integrity-based, transparent and accountable public spending and the SAO's engagement in the fight against corruption and fraud appear as priorities. The Hungarian and international experience in the fight against corruption shows that a wider approach- beyond criminal law- is necessary for the sake of successful actions. An approach that focuses on the practical implementation of social and public administrative values, on strengthening and continuously developing the organizations' ability to resist corruption, and on providing personal impeccability of those working in public service.

The SAO familiarized itself with the Dutch approach of corruption risk assessment and risk analysis validating the requirements of integrity-based public service during a so-called "twinning light" European Union project with the cooperation of the Netherlands Court of Audit between 2007 and 2008. The knowledge acquired helped the SAO to work out its own methodology, and start the Integrity Project in 2009.

### "Hungarian model"

The SAO's integrity surveys mean a certain "Hungarian model" that is unique even on European levels in the fight against corruption. In 2013 the SAO conducted the assessment -that was expanded to the whole Hungarian public sector- for the third time. Last year a record number of 1500 institutions participated in the completion of the questionnaire, most of which volunteered



to take part in a long-term cooperation.

The aim of the integrity survey is to reveal areas and critical processes of budgetary institutions exposed to the threat of corruption, to measure the level of protection against vulnerability to corruption, and to improve the integrity based audit practice and develop organizational culture of public institutions. Internationally uniquely the SAO used GIS tools for the assessment of the public sector's corruption risks, with the help of which completed questionnaires by the institutions were processed and corruption risk indexes were calculated based on the replies received. Indexes calculated to individual institutions were displayed on a map, and were made available on the SAO's Integrity Website. Transparency is an essential part of integrity-based public administration. The SAO's operation can be characterized by an internationally unique level of transparency that includes full transparency in its own operation and transparency in the state operation.

### **During the seminar**

The aim of the five day seminar was to promote the methodology of the integrity surveys carried out by the SAO and to transfer the related knowledge in order to strengthen the integrity of the public sector. During the seminar, participants learned about the methodology of the integrity survey and practiced the main elements of their successful implementation, that include identifying the corruption risks of the public sector, evaluating the development of controls established to fight against corruption, the compilation of the questionnaires that serve as a basis for the survey, and the analysis and utilization of the results of the survey results.

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*Also see: [www.asz.hu/en/home](http://www.asz.hu/en/home)*

For Intosaint-moderators more information about the seminar like the programme and powerpoint-presentations is available on the IntoSAINT moderator web-site.

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## News from the regions

### ARABOSAI

As a follow-up of IntoSAINT the Cour des Comptes Tunisie (CdC) organised from 24-26 March a three-day workshop to increase the integrity awareness and skills related to integrity dilemma's at the CdC and in the ARABOSAI-region. We were honoured that ARABOSAI-colleagues from Mauritania, Kuwait, Morocco, Egypt and Algeria also attended the workshop.

The workshop consisted of exploration of the concept of ethics and integrity in the public sector and the exchange of experiences on integrity issues and ways to solve them. The intended results of the workshop were:

- renewed awareness of integrity issues amongst CdC employees and management;
- raised awareness of integrity issues in ARABOSAI region;
- raised awareness among stakeholders on integrity issues and the works of the CdC.

At the final day of the training colleagues of CdC and Egypt presented the results of the workshop to the G-17 (17 boardmembers of CdC with President). The president of the CdC, dhr. Kharrat, was very interested in the training and suggested to implement the training in the regional offices of the CdC and to include dilemma awareness in the introduction program of new CdC employees.

### EUROSAI

The NCA is hosting the IX EUROSAI from 15-19 June in The Hague. The theme of the congress is Innovation and the conference will be filled with workshops prepared by are EUROSAI colleagues. And of course we will be presenting a special workshop on IntoSAINT. More information on the congress: <http://www.euroesai2014.nl/>

### OLACEFS

After two moderator workshops in its office in September 2013, the Auditoría Superior de la Federación de México (ASF) continued with further implementing its new integrity policy, as well as organisational culture measures within the institution. The ASF has implemented a third national moderator workshop scheduled on March 24th up to the early of June 2014 (virtual and in-person phases).

The Tribunal de Cuentas de la Unión (TCU ) of Brazil is planning two IntoSAINT workshops in the months of April and May 2014.

The further implementation of IntoSAINT in the OLACEFS region will be encouraged through the OLACEFS committees on Capacity Building (chaired by Peru) and on Public Ethics, Governance and Transparency (chaired by Mexico). A Regional Implementation Plan of IntoSAINT for 2014 has been developed and will be launched at the OLACEFS in this year. Information about IntoSAINT in this region is made available by the website [www.olacefs.com](http://www.olacefs.com).

#### Agenda 2014

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| • National Moderator-training ASF Mexico | March-June 2014 |
| • IntoSAINT-workshops TCU Brazil         | April-May 2014  |
| • Moderator-training ASEANSAI (Vietnam)  | Dec 2014        |