



## EU CONTACT COMMITTEE

### 2015 JOINT SEMINAR

#### FISCAL POLICY AUDIT NETWORK AND EUROPE 2020 STRATEGY AUDIT NETWORK

Lisboa, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> June 2015

### 4<sup>th</sup> June 2015 (Thursday)

9.15 – 10.30 Opening session (Auditorium, Tribunal de Contas)

- *Guilherme d'Oliveira Martins, President of Tribunal de Contas, Portugal*
- *Tytti Yli-Viikari, Deputy Auditor General of Finland*

Guest speaker

- *Miguel Poiares Maduro, Minister in the Cabinet of the Prime Minister and for Regional Development, Portugal*

10:30 – 10:45 Coffee break (Vip Grand Lisboa Hotel)

10:45 – 12:45 Parallel audits: sharing methods and practices

- *Chaired by Tytti Yli-Viikari (Finland) and Ana Furtado (Portugal)*

12:45 – 14:00 Lunch hosted by Tribunal de Contas (Vip Grand Lisboa Hotel)

### 14:00 – 15:30 **Europe 2020 Strategy Audit Network**

*(Chaired by Tribunal de Contas, Portugal)*

#### **Theme I –** Auditing progress towards EU 2020 targets

“Recent audit results on Europe 2020/Increased cooperation between ECA and Member State SAIs”

Presenter: *Katja Mattfolk, European Court of Auditors, 15 min*

“Selection and Using of Appropriate Indicators”

Presenter: *Juraj Kolarovic, Supreme Audit Office of the Slovak Republic, 15 min*

“People as resources: Tools and interventions to support social integration of poor and vulnerable communities”

Presenter: *Michaela Hodoušková, Supreme Audit Office of Czek Republic, 15 min*



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## **Theme II – Promoting employment**

“Effects of EU structural funds: counterfactual impact evaluation using postal code data”

Presenter: *Ville Vehkasalo, National Audit Office of Finland*, 15 min

“Training support for persons given redundancy notices at Volvo Cars – retrained for work?”

Presenter: *Lena Unemo, Swedish National Audit Office*, 15 min

15:30 – 15:45 Coffee break

15:45 – 16:45 **Europe 2020 Strategy Audit Network**

## **Theme III – Promoting competitiveness through better education, research, development and innovation**

“Cooperative audit on information systems following graduates in finding employment”

Presenter: *Gyula Zoltán Pulay, State Audit Office of Hungary*, 15 min

“Achieving growing and higher-quality employment rates by further education and qualification”

Presenter: *Detelina Hadjieva, National Audit Office of Bulgaria*, 15 min

“Expenditure on research, development and innovation (RDI)”

Presenter: *Jitka Kabátková, Supreme Audit Office of Czech Republic*, 15 min

16:45 – 17.15 Summary of the Europe 2020 Strategy Audit Network session

19:15 Departure from Vip Grand Lisboa Hotel

20:00 Dinner hosted by Tribunal de Contas  
(*Centro Cultural de Belém*)

## **5<sup>th</sup> June 2015 (Friday)**

### **Fiscal Policy Audit Network**

(*Chaired by the National Audit Office of Finland*)

9.00 – 10.15 Introduction

Discussion on recent developments in Fiscal Policy related themes  
*The discussion is chaired by Tytti Yli-Viikari*



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10.15 – 10:30 Coffee break

10:30 – 12:30 Fiscal Policy Audit Network

“Government’s taxation policy in 2011-2014: Policy decisions and implementation”

Presenter: *Meri Virolainen, National Audit Office of Finland, 20 min*

“State aids to the financial system and their impact on the sustainability of public finances”

Presenter: *Teresa Nunes, Tribunal de Contas, Portugal, 20 min*

“Survey of the members of the Parliament – an interactive approach as a means for auditing the state budget planning process”

Presenter: *Maruta Kanepa, The State Audit Office of the Republic of Latvia, 20 min*

“Sustainability of local government finances”

Presenter: *Sini Salmi, National Audit Office of Finland, 20 min*

12:30 – 14:00 Lunch hosted by Tribunal de Contas (Vip Grand Lisboa Hotel)

14:00 – 15:30 Fiscal Policy Audit Network

“Current Audit work”

Presenter: *Lena Unemo, Swedish National Audit Office, 15 min*

“Ongoing and future audits of the European Court of Auditors (ECA) in the field of fiscal policy and European economic governance”

Presenter: *Andreja Rován and Albano Martins Dias da Silva, European Court of Auditors (ECA), 30 min*

“Audit of banking supervision”

Presenter: *Uwe Schreiner, Bundesrechnungshof, Germany, 30 min*

15.30 -15.45 Inspiration for the Parallel audit discussion: Experiences from the Netherlands

Presenter: *Mark Smolenaars, Netherlands Court of Audit*

15.45-16.00 Parallel audit topic discussion

*The discussion is chaired by Tytti Yli-Viikari*

16:00 – 16.15 Coffee break

16:15 – 16.30 Summary of the Fiscal Policy Audit Network work sessions

16.30 – 17.00 Conclusions of the Joint Seminar