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## CONCLUSIONS

### *Conclusion I – Parallel audits and sharing knowledge on audits at national level*

The Network is an important forum to exchange and stimulate SAIs' work on the Europe 2020 Strategy both work performed as parallel audits and at a national level. In particular, since last year's Lisbon Seminar several SAIs started performing work in the field of the Europe 2020 Strategy both in a **coordinated way** – 11 SAIs are conducting a coordinated audit within the Working Group on Structural Funds on the “Contribution of the Structural Funds to the Europe 2020 Strategy in the areas of Employment and/or Education” and 3 other SAIs are conducting a coordinated audit on “Revealing the good practices of graduate career tracking systems” – and at a **national level** - 2 SAIs have ongoing work arising from Network inspiration for audit themes: “Effectiveness of EU regional policy” and “Investment in vocational education and training and the labour market needs”.

The work and methodologies shared by the Working Group on Structural Funds are a best practice for SAI coordinated work.

### *Conclusion II – Auditing challenges: the quality of Europe 2020 indicators and targets*

The Network is an important forum to involve SAIs on auditing the implementation of the Europe 2020 Strategy. SAIs could give particular attention to develop tools for auditing the quality of Europe 2020 indicators and targets.

### *Conclusion III – 2017 Network activities*

Network activities should continue promoting SAI auditing on the extent to which national measures will contribute to the achievement of Europe 2020 Strategy targets.

For 2017 the Network chair proposes to the Contact Committee to conduct a survey in order to collect information on audits carried out by SAIs since 2012 on Europe 2020 Strategy related topics.

The participants in the Seminar called on the chair to consider making a follow up of the developments related to the Europe 2020 Strategy and inform the participants at the next seminar. Some SAIs expressed the view that there are potential benefits to be derived from the participation of representatives of the European Commission in the next Seminars.