

**EU CONTACT COMMITTEE 2018 JOINT SEMINAR
FISCAL POLICY AUDIT NETWORK AND EUROPE 2020 STRATEGY AUDIT NETWORK**

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Europe 2020 Strategy Audit Network

CONCLUSIONS

The Network's participants

Recalling:

- The Europe 2020 Strategy Audit Network was created in 2009 by a Contact Committee Resolution, with the mandate to be a forum for sharing experience and knowledge in the audit of Europe 2020 Strategy related topics and a useful tool in the articulation of the activity of SAIs;
- The Network Seminars proved to be a good forum to reinforce cooperation and coordination among SAIs, mainly through information sharing on SAIs work on the implementation of the Europe 2020 Strategy and a source of inspiration on new audit topics at national and cooperative level.

Taking note of the main issues covered by the presentations during the Seminar, particularly:

- The Briefing Paper on “Future of EU finances: reforming how the EU budget operates” from the European Court of Auditors;
- Results of the national audits conducted by SAIs of Bulgaria, Finland, Italy and Portugal in the Europe 2020 strategy related topics;
- Information about ECA audit work in the field of the Europe 2020 Strategy;
- Results of the questionnaire on the future of the Network.

Considering that the main results of the questionnaire on the future of the Network express the view of:

- Reinforcing the continuity of the Network given the benefits that can be obtained from future work;
- Looking forward, suggesting the usefulness of a landscape review on SAI's audit results and main recommendations concerning the Europe 2020 Strategy.

Considering:

- The objectives and targets established in the Europe 2020 Strategy and the substantial public resources allocated to it, both at European and national level;
- The timeframe of the Strategy with projects arriving to their end with implications in terms of audit results and recommendations.

Agree to:

- Set up a core group with the aim of coordinating a review on the Europe 2020 Strategy, in order to produce a synthesis report/communication on results and recommendations of audit reports already carried out by SAIs, as well as, as far as possible, on the experiences and lessons learned in terms of achievements, failures, systemic strengths and weaknesses of the Strategy and its implementation;
- Present the synthesis report/communication to the 2020 Contact Committee;
- Mandate its chair to present the conclusions of this seminar to the 2018 Contact Committee for endorsement.