Conference on Relations between
Supreme Audit Institutions
and Parliaments of EU Candidate and
Potential Candidate Countries

AGENDA

Budva, 18-19 November 2013
hosted by the State Audit Institution of Montenegro

Co-ordination, Technical and Financial Support:
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and the Joint Working Group on Audit Activities (JWGAA)
Monday 18 November 2013

09.00-09.30   Registration

09.30-10.30   Opening of the Conference and adoption of the Agenda
Dr Milan Dabović, President of the Senate, State Audit Institution of Montenegro

Opening speech
Mr Željko Šturanović, Vice President of the Parliament of Montenegro

Opening speech
Dr Radoje Žugić, Minister of Finance of Montenegro

Welcome address
Mr Milan Martin Cvikl, member of European Court of Auditors and
Ms Karen Hill, Head of the SIGMA programme

Theme I: Roles and responsibilities of Parliaments, SAIs and Governments in the accountability system

10.30-10.45   Importance of well-functioning accountability systems in EU Member States and the related requirement in the accession negotiation Chapter 32 for an effective working relationship between SAIs and Parliaments
Mr Mitja Drobnic, Head of the EU Delegation, Montenegro

10.45-11.20   Presentation on the accountability triangle from perspectives of SAIs, Parliament and Government
Mr Milan Martin Cvikl, member of European Court of Auditors

11.20-11.50   Coffee break

Theme II: Co-operation between Parliaments and SAIs in Network countries: state of play

11.50-12.10   Introduction and overview of the main issues identified in the short Country Papers
Ms Ulrika Klingensierna, Senior Adviser, SIGMA
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<td>Discussion moderated on the basis of the Overview on the basis of short Country Papers from each participating SAI: Co-operation between SAI and Parliament from Network countries, challenges and the way forward</td>
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Theme III: Practices in EU Member States (continued)

09.00-09.10 Opening of Day 2 of the Conference  
**Dr Milan Dabović**, President of the Senate, State Audit Institution of Montenegro

09.10-10.25 Presentation on experiences in EU Member States followed by a Question and Answer session  
Presentation by **Dr Jacek Mazur**, Advisor to the President of the Supreme Audit Institution of Poland  
Presentation by **Mr Jan Pieter Lingen**, SIGMA expert, from Parliament’s perspective – the example of the Netherlands  
Presentation from Parliament’s perspective by **Ms Chiara Goretti**, Economic Advisor of the Minister of Finance and former acting head of the Parliament, Budget Service Committee, Italy

10.25-10.45 Coffee break

Theme IV: Towards a pro-active approach

10.45-11.30 Discussion moderated on the basis of the presentations made during the conference  
Discussion moderated by **Ms Ulrika Klingenstierna**, Senior Adviser, SIGMA

11.30-11.45 Draft conclusions  
**Mr Jan Pieter Lingen**, SIGMA expert

11.45-12.00 Summing up and closure of the Conference on Relations between SAIs and Parliaments by **Co-Chairs**

12.00 Lunch