



7th CEAOB plenary meeting 14 June 2018, Brussels

Short summary

On 14 June 2018 the Committee of European Auditing Oversight Bodies (CEAOB) held its 7th plenary meeting in Brussels.

Main outcomes

The members exchanged preliminary views on the 2019 work programme. The CEAOB formally adopted a publication on guidelines on the Common Audit Inspection Methodology that had been developed by its predecessor, the European Audit Inspection Group (EAIG) and published on its own website. It also adopted a questionnaire to be used by national authorities to seek information on the performance of audit committees for market monitoring purposes. The Commission gave a presentation on the options contained in the Audit Directive and Regulation and how Member States chose to implement them.

Four CEAOB member authorities gave presentations on their public oversight systems focusing on recent changes and sharing experiences and best practice with the other members.

Activities of the sub-groups

The sub-group chairs gave an update on their respective work streams:

The chair of the *International auditing standards sub-group* updated the members on the on-going analysis of differences between the ISAs and the EU and national legal framework.

The *Enforcement sub-group* chair informed the members on the recent adoption and publication of the "Report on the 2017 CEAOB Enforcement questionnaire" and plans for the next reporting period.

The *International equivalence and adequacy sub-group* chair presented the outcome of a survey on third country auditors and gave an update on on-going technical assessments of third countries.

The *Inspections sub group* coordinator reported on the recent meeting of the sub group on 4 and 5 June in Porto, Portugal. There were 60 attendees from 30 countries. The meeting included discussions with KPMG and Mazars on matters related to their audit quality plans and on inspection findings relating to those firms, updates from the different task forces of the sub group and presentations and discussion on various subjects related to inspections, in particular analyses of inspection findings recorded in CEAOB's inspection findings database.

The *Market monitoring sub-group* chair gave an update on the work on the market monitoring indicators as regards audit quality and market concentration. He also presented the proposed way forward with the audit committee questionnaire.

The task force on the fee cap presented a discussion paper summarising their reflections on the application of Article 4 of the Regulation based on input from several members. The members discussed the way forward regarding the paper.

Stakeholder outreach

As part of its stakeholder outreach activity the CEAOB invited representatives of the UK and Romanian professional bodies to present the activities of the Quality Assurance Network (QAN) on non-PIE audits. This initiative aims to improve audit quality through the promotion of best practices in quality assurance.

The CEAOB also had Prof. Annette Köhler from the University Duisburg-Essen, Germany, as a guest speaker on how to enhance audit quality from the perspective of an academic and audit committee member.

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