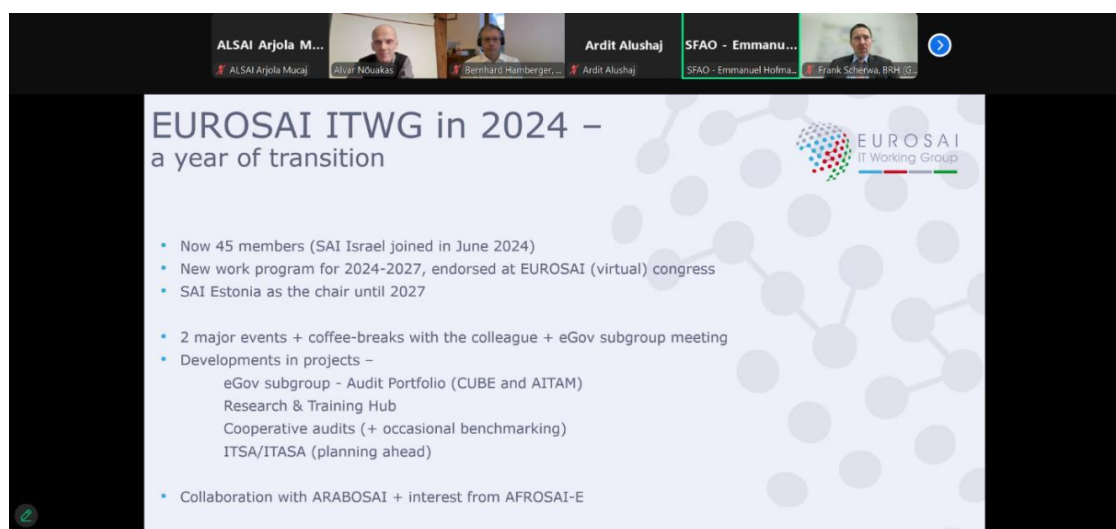


EUROSAI IT Working Group (ITWG) meeting held online

On 29 November 2024, an online meeting organized by the EUROSAI IT Working Group (ITWG) was held with the participation of its member SAIs.

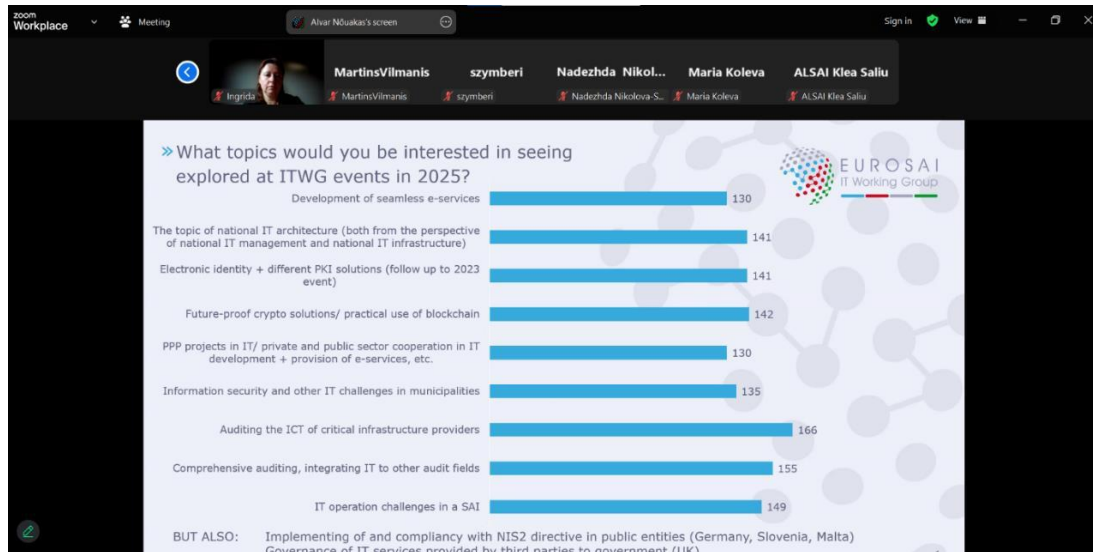
The meeting opened with a brief overview of the key activities carried out in 2024. The year was considered a transitional yet highly significant one. ITWG reached 45 members, following the accession of the SAI of Israel in June. In addition, the new Work Plan for 2024–2027 was approved during the EUROSAI Virtual Congress in 2024.



The meeting continued with a discussion on a list of potential topics to be further explored and developed during upcoming ITWG meetings throughout 2025. These topics were proposed as part of the summer 2024 survey and are presented below:

- Comprehensive auditing by integrating information technology into other audit areas;
- ICT audits of critical infrastructure providers;
- Information security and other information technology challenges in municipalities;
- PPP projects in the field of information technology / the role of the private and public sectors in the development of information technology and the provision of electronic services to citizens;
- Future-proof crypto solutions / practical use of block chain;
- Electronic identity and various PKI solutions;
- National information technology architecture (from the perspective of both national IT management and national IT infrastructure);
- Development of seamless electronic services;
- Implementation of and compliance with the NIS2 Directive in public entities;
- Electronic services provided to the government by third parties.
- Among the topics receiving the highest number of votes in the survey were:
- ICT audits of critical infrastructure providers;
- Comprehensive auditing by integrating information technology into other audit areas;
- Challenges related to the operation of information technology within an SAI.

- Future-proof crypto solutions/ practical use of block chain.



The ITWG Secretariat is planning an IT audit training course focusing on innovations in the field, such as artificial intelligence, block chain, cloud solutions, and other emerging technologies. The curriculum entitled “Auditing Artificial Intelligence in the Public Sector” is currently under development, with participation confirmed so far by the SAIs of Slovenia, the Netherlands, Estonia, the United States, Israel, and Germany.

Furthermore, the European Court of Auditors (ECA) and Israel have proposed strengthening cooperation in the field of Artificial Intelligence, taking into account rapid technological developments and the opportunities they provide for audit processes, including the practical application of AI within SAIs and in audits of government activities. To achieve this objective, a regular exchange of information among experts in the field was proposed, along with the development of a dynamic matrix for continuous monitoring of the topic.

As a member of this Working Group, the Albanian Supreme Audit Institution (ALSAI) was represented at the meeting by auditors from its IT Audit Department.