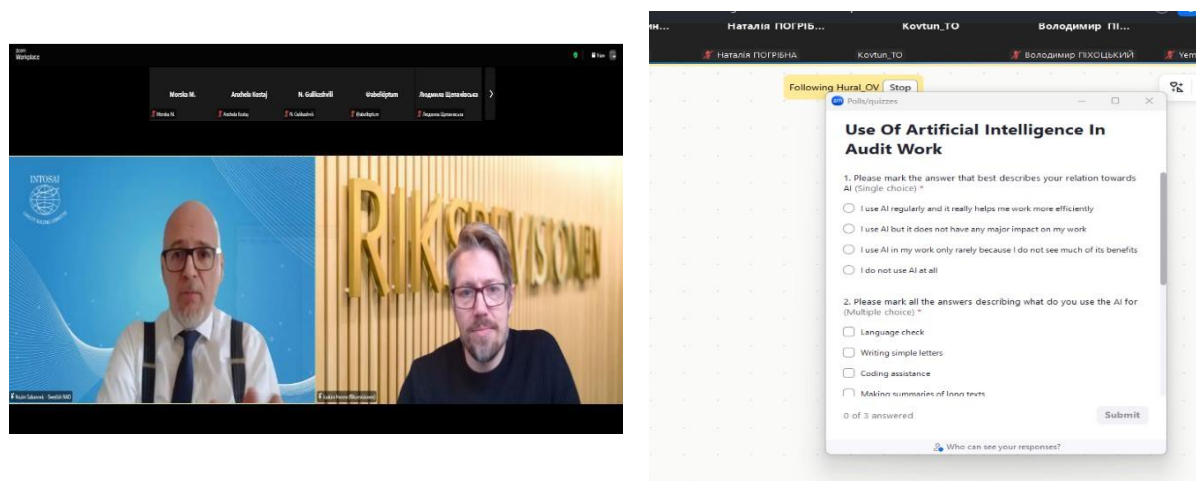


Webinar on Artificial Intelligence, organized by the Swedish National Audit Office (SNAO)

On 5th of March, the Swedish National Audit Office (SNAO) organized the webinar on Artificial Intelligence (AI) where attended representatives from several Supreme Audit Institutions (SAIs). The event was also joined by three auditors from the Information Technology Audit Department in ALSAI.

The webinar focused on the application of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in public sector auditing, highlighting its significant potential benefits, including improved efficiency, greater accuracy and the ability to rapidly analyze large volumes of data, thereby enhancing audit quality and effectiveness.

The discussions also addressed the potential risks associated with AI, such as bias in data, the possibility of misuse or abuse, and the need for robust data governance to ensure the ethical, transparent, and responsible use of AI technologies. Participants noted that these challenges can be particularly difficult to address for SAIs operating in complex and demanding audit environments, where effective governance and oversight are essential for the trustworthy adoption of AI.



During the webinar, participants made full use of the Zoom platform's interactive features by responding to live polls on the use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in audit work and by submitting questions on various aspects of AI implementation. These questions were addressed and discussed by the two presenters, who emphasized that while AI has the potential to enhance efficiency and expand analytical capabilities, it cannot replace professional human judgement in the audit process.

The webinar concluded with a shared recognition of the need for the careful and responsible adoption of AI in auditing, particularly in environments where maintaining robust quality assurance and control mechanisms remains a significant challenge. Participants agreed that AI should serve as a tool to support auditors' work rather than replace their expertise, critical thinking, and professional judgement.