



SAIs motivation to perform peer-review

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Is motivation needed?

Motivation is the reason for people's actions, desires, and needs.

A **need** is something that is necessary for an organism to live a healthy life.

SAI motivation (in peer-reviews) is mainly related to the necessity of assessing its activities in order to improve performance, to build credibility, and thus to see if the institution "is living a healthy live" ...



History and EU Context

- The Romanian High Court of Accounts was established in 1864
- Dissolved in December 1948
- Re-established in 1992, as a collegial body, headed by a President
- In 1995, Romania applied for EU membership
- In December 1999 at the EU Council in Helsinki it was decided to extend the negotiations with five Central and Eastern countries (incl. Romania)
- Already in the period 2001 - 2007 the SAI of Romania was engaged in 3 Twinning projects with EU SAIs



Previous Peer-reviews

- Before UE accession (2007)
 - OECD/Sigma peer-reviews in 2000 and 2006.
- After EU accession
 - Self assessment performed in 2015
 - A peer-review planned for 2016/2017 but postponed
 - Rescheduled for 2018/2019
 - Preparatory process ongoing



2000 Peer-review

- The purpose was to provide recommendations for possible changes and improvements in order to develop the RCA towards being a **fully performing SAI** in line with international standards and good European practice
- The review was designed to encompass both **the activity and internal functioning of the organisation**, and the relationship with its institutional environment, including the impact of the RCOA work
- Recommendations very well received and the implementation rate was high (90%)
- Created an “ appetite” for repeating the exercise at the RCA level



2006 peer-review

- More limited scope of the review, focusing on the most important aspects of the SAI activity developments
- Final Report presents conclusions and provides recommendations for the most relevant challenges and opportunities to be taken into account in order to find the best solutions applicable in the national context
- The review was focused not only on the activities at the central level but also at the regional and local level (a sample of our 42 local chamber of accounts)
- Recommendations well received but the implementation rate was not so high as previously (67%)
- Internal assessment of the implementation actions – 2012 report and measures taken



2018/2019 planned peer-review

- Discussions with the new top-management.
- Informal discussions with the SAI of Slovakia – meeting in Bratislava in January 2018
- Internal analyse of the output of the meeting in SK
- Defining the scope of the review
- Informal discussions with several EU SAIs as potential peer-reviewers



Thank you for attention

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