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BIG and OPEN data for EU SAs

Next steps

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Digital disruption' is very real



World's largest taxi company owns no taxi's



World's largest accommodation provider owns no real estate



World's largest phone company owns no telco infrastructure



World's most valuable retailer has no inventory



World's largest movie house owns no cinemas



World's largest recruitment agency is online



Audit transformation

Why now?

- The world is digital
- E-Government
- Evidence is digital
- Presence is digital
- Controls are digital
- Technology is ready and accessible



How to get ready?

In order to audit it all audit institutions need to:

- understand the new digital environment
- adjust their working methods
- exploit efficiently technology

And manage a very important cultural change

We are not alone

Inter-institutional cooperation

- EUROSAI IT Working Group
(Chair 2019: Poland - 2020: Estonia)
- INTOSAI:
 - Working Group on Big Data
(WGBD - Chair China, Vice chair: USA)
 - Working Group on Impacts of Science and Technology on Auditing
(WGISTA – Chair: United Arab Emirates, Vice Chair: USA)

Something for the EU?

EU audit institutions operate in the specific context of the European Union:

- legal context (constraints and rights)
- policy initiatives (EU and Member States)
- EU services, funding, infrastructures
- Institutional cooperation already in place through the Contact Committee.

Remind: e-Government



Tallinn declaration on e-Government

- Digital-by-default, inclusiveness and accessibility
- Once only
- Trustworthiness and Security
- Openness and transparency
- Interoperability by default
- Horizontal enabling policy steps

New digital services, new data and new risks => coordination, interoperability, data quality, big amount of money and common architecture

We propose...

... to create

TINA (**T**ecnology and **IN**novation for **A**udit)

What is TINA

TINA is a network of practitioners working on technology and innovation for audit who:

- *operates within the specific EU institutional, policy and regulatory context (EU SAIs)*
- *can use tools and services and participates in projects and initiatives, which are specific for EU Member States*
- *shares knowledge, advices and resources (code, tools etc.)*
- *co-creates in the context of joint projects*

Knowledge sharing

Share knowledge, advices and resources (code, tools etc.)

- **online** – ECA will setup and make available a portal.
 - ECA will setup the TINA platform in the beginning of next year,
 - **we count on you** to co-design, to fill it with useful content, and to keep it alive.
- **events for TINA**
 - (such as this Big and Audit Data conference) which can be organised by any SAI and involve the network members – we could have one “TINA conference” a year hosted by ECA.
- **participation in more general events**
 - example: propose an Audit subject in the next Datathon of the EU Open Data portal.

Joint Projects

Co-create in the context of joint projects:

- *specific for the EU*
 - *ex: Blockchain*
- *as a regional contribution to EUROSAI or INTOSAI activities*

Other activities

- **Stakeholder network on Blockchain for Audit**
- **Pisa Summer schools on digital audit**, with the 3rd edition to take place in July 2020.