

European conference in Stockholm paves the way for auditing of the future

On 12–15 September, the Swedish National Audit Office is hosting the Young EUROSAI Conference (YES). It is directed to young auditors from audit institutions within EUROSAI and the ambition is that it will contribute to the development of auditing work of the future.



The YES Conference is a platform for international exchange among young auditors, 35 years or younger, and the purpose is to share new ideas and solutions to challenges that audit institutions face today and in the future. This is the fifth time the conference is being held. It brings together around 90 people from public audit institutions in Europe.

YES 2022 is organized and hosted by the Swedish National Audit Office. It will include interactive workshops and lectures on various topics, held by a range of speakers in different areas of expertise. The conference will also include social activities, where participants can get acquainted with their colleagues while exploring the best of Stockholm.

The main theme of the conference is experimental culture. In a rapidly changing society, it is important that SAs seek new methods and ways of working to stay relevant. To do so, we need to test new things - to dare to fail, in order to learn and to succeed, while always being a trustworthy and independent actor. The conference will approach the theme from three perspectives: the individual auditor, the audit profession, and the organizational culture.

As individual auditors we need to feel encouraged to share ideas and experiment. This is especially important for young auditors who may have other perspectives that can contribute to the development of the SAI. We should also be able to constantly increase our knowledge and skills throughout our career.

Technological progress creates new risks that we need to consider and changes how we perform our tasks. We need new professional tools and methods for auditing in order to stay relevant. The programme also touches on experimental approaches in auditing, how data analysis can be used, and how artificial intelligence and new technology can help streamline auditing.

In order to both generate and implement new ideas, the organizational culture needs to allow innovation and creativity. The SAI leadership must involve the staff and promote modernization of the organization. The conference will highlight issues such as change management, leadership and what is needed in an organization to promote an experimental culture.

The results from the conference will be shared with all members of EUROSAI. The SAIs are encouraged to implement the suggestions from the participants of the conference to create future-proof organisations that promote its young employees and encourage new ways of thinking.

Social media posts about the conference use the hashtag **#YES2022STHLM**.

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