ADVANCING AUDIT QUALITY ASSURANCE SYSTEMS: TRENDS AND OPPORTUNITIES

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1) The status of legislation — auditing, oversight, QA and accounting

» New law approved: "No. 06/L-032 on Accounting, Financial Reporting and Auditing"

» Entry into force: January 1, 2019;

» Aligned with EU Directive and local business environment;

2) Public Oversight and QA

- » Introduction of Public Oversight Board (POB) for supervision of:
 - » Continuing education;
 - » Quality Assurance;
 - » Disciplinary system;
- » Composition:
 - » 2 members from KCFR;
 - » 2 members from PAOs;
 - » 1 member from Central Bank of Kosovo;
- » Governed by non-practitioners;
- » All auditors and audit firm are subject to public oversight;

2) Public Oversight and QA (2)

- » Lack of implementation of QA by the current regulator KCFR;
- » SCAAK has established the QA department and has conducted the following activities;
 - 1) Approval of QA regulation for SCAAK members during 2016;
 - »3 years cycle of quality inspection review
 - »Annual activity report
 - 2) Start of implementation of QA for statutory auditors, during 2017;
 - »Sample: 15 auditors selected
 - »Risk factors considered: number of audits, audit fee, hours spent on each audit engagement
 - 3) Research on quality of audited financial statements:
 - »Compliance of auditors report with ISA relevant standards
 - »Compliance of FS with relevant IFRS/IAS.
 - »Accounting years; 2013 & 2014 (finalized), 2015 & 2016 (ongoing)

3) Expected plan by 2018-2019

- » Preparations for the implementation of the new law;
 - » Establishment of POB;
 - » Approval of proposed methodology for QA;
 - » Approval of inspections annual plan;

»Strengthening capacities in the area of QA with the help of CFRR team;

