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28 EU Member States





37 countries



Member States' implementation of new EU audit rules

as of April 2018

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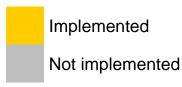
Main topics of the new EU audit rules

- Implementation status
- Prohibition of non-audit services
- Mandatory audit firm rotation
- Public oversight and delegation of tasks to professional bodies



Implementation status

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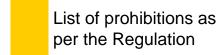
Note: Slovenia has not yet fully implemented the new EU audit rules. In Iceland and Norway, the new audit rules become applicable later (date to be set). Therefore, information on these countries in the following slides is subject to change.





Non-audit services Additional prohibitions

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'White' list approach*

Additional prohibitions



* Auditors and audit firms can only provide the non-audit services included in the "white" list.





Non-audit services

Derogation of prohibition – Tax & valuation services

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Certain tax services under the conditions of the Regulation

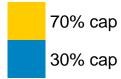
Certain tax & valuation services under the conditions of the Regulation







Non-audit services Allowed NAS cap





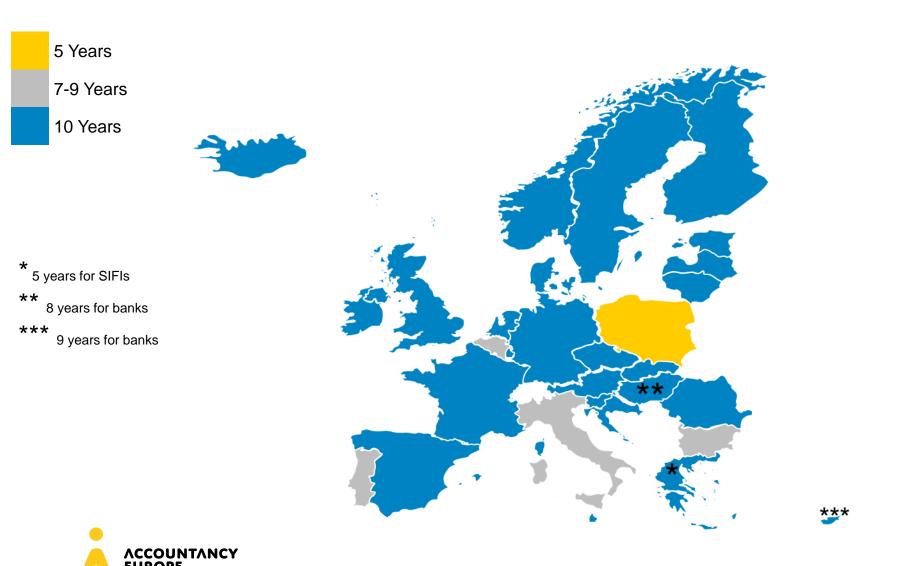




- 1. Clear trend to stick to the list of prohibitions included in the Regulation
- 2. The large majority of Member States opted for derogation of prohibition of certain tax and valuation services within the following conditions of the Regulation:
 - Impact on the audited financial statements is immaterial or none
 - Evaluation of this impact on the financial statements is documented in the additional report to the audit committee
 - Principles of independence, as included in the Directive, are applied by the statutory auditor
- 3. Only one Member State (Portugal) opted to lower the NAS cap below 70%



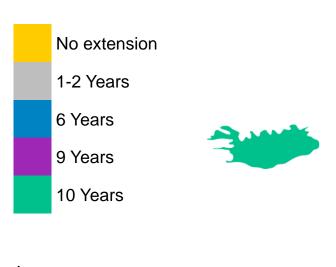
Mandatory audit firm rotation Initial duration of engagement



Mandatory audit firm rotation

Tender extension

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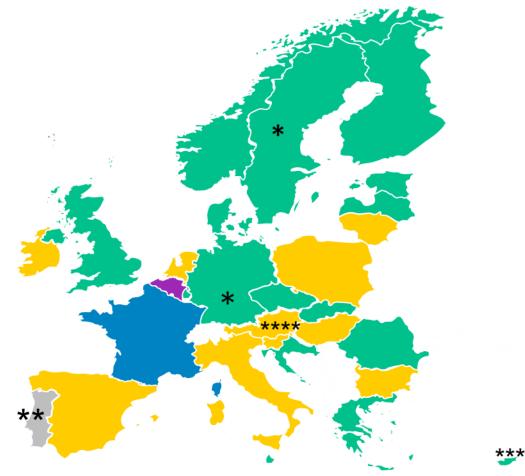


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Extension of duration not applicable to banks and insurance undertakings

Initial duration of engagement extendable up to 10 years

No extension for banks

10 years extension for existing engagements (first appointment between 2003 and 2014)





Mandatory audit firm rotation Joint audit extension

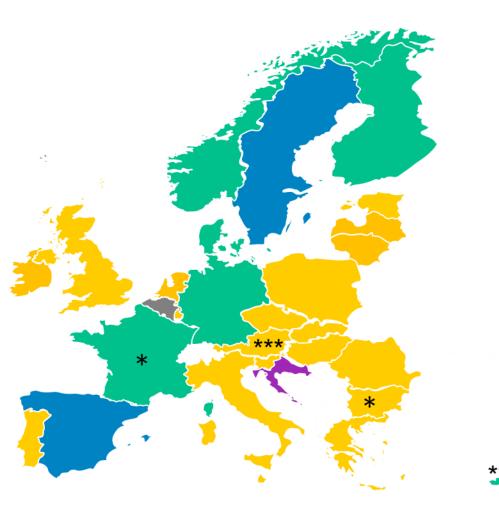
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* Mandatory joint audit

For Bulgaria it is only for banks, insurance undertakings and pension funds

- ** No extension for banks
- *** 14 years extension for existing engagements (first appointment between 2003 and 2014)





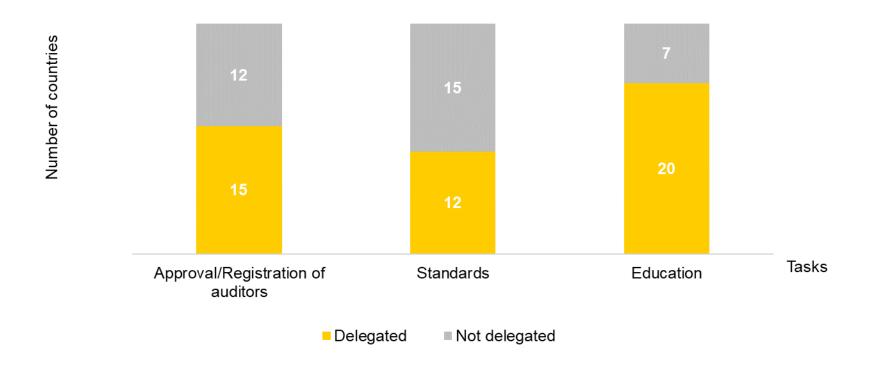
Mandatory audit firm rotation: our take

- Consistency in setting the initial duration of engagement period at
 10 years
- 2. Damageable divergences on the duration and the use of the option to allow extensions of the initial duration
 - Tender: 18 Member States with 4 different periods
 - Joint audit 9 Member States allow it with 4 different periods
- 3. Overview: **17 different mandatory audit firm rotation regimes** across the European Union



Public oversight

Delegation of tasks for audits of PIEs*

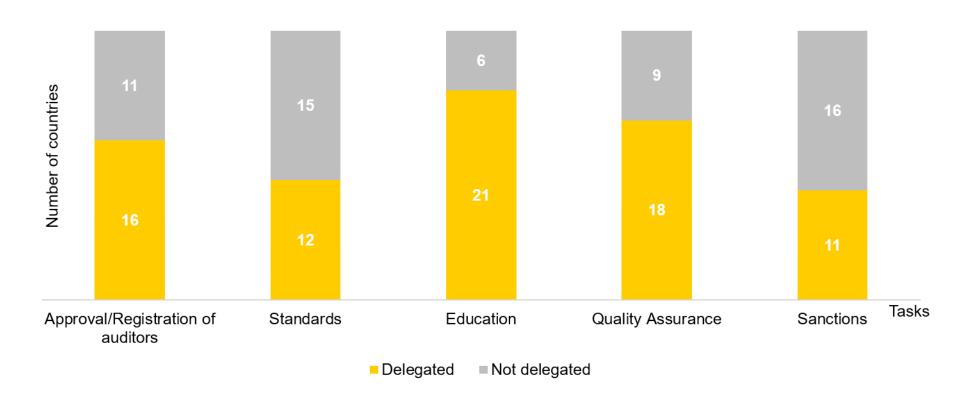




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Public oversight

Delegation of tasks for audits of non-PIEs*





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Public oversight: our take on delegation

- 1. Many Members States rely on a certain degree of delegation to professional accountancy bodies
- 2. Education and Approval/ registration of auditors, both for audit of PIEs and non-PIEs, have been delegated by the majority of Member States
- 3. Quality assurance for non-PIEs has been delegated by the majority of Member States
- 4. Professional accountancy bodies will continue to play an important role in this area working together with national competent authorities to enhance audit quality

