Creating a national Code of Ethics

Some important considerations

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## Background

> The Swedish NAO started implementing the ISSAIs for financial audits in 2011.

- > Reference to the ISSAIs in the auditor's report requires a Code of Ethics at least as demanding as the IESBA Code.
- > Existing SNAO CoE deemed not fully sufficient.



### Relevant codes

- > INTOSAI's Code of Ethics
- > The IESBA Code
- > Other national codes, such as general codes for civil servants and codes for private sector accountants
- > Extant SNAO code



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#### Areas of consideration

- Detailed rules or conceptual code?
- How to deal with threats to ethics
- Balancing transparency and confidentiality
- Ethics committee or highlighting the line's responsibility?
- Sanctions
- Implementation
- Maintaining the CoE and its application

# A Code of Ethics must speak to the heart

