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Main challenges for EU SAIs related to access and use of information
Key results from the 2024 survey

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Initial survey among EU SAIs – results summary

- **Survey 06-07/2024** - Responses from 18 EU SAIs

- Legal basis for right of access:

  - Constitution (40 %)
  - Act of Parliament (70%)
  - Other regulation (10%)

- **Issues of top concern**

  ** IT technical issues in accessing and exploiting various platforms

  - Complex or insufficiently structured platforms and systems
  - System or network capacity, restrictions imposed by audited entities

  ** Human resources issues conditioning accessing and exploiting platforms

  - Auditors lacking data skills
  - SAIs lacking data engineers & data analysts

  ** Other fundamental issues limiting use of data obtained

  - Data format not according to required standards
  - Data quality insufficient (incomplete, inserted manually, requiring cleaning-editing-restructuring)

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- **Broadly shared issues**

  * Fundamental issues in obtaining data covered by confidentiality or secrecy

  * Complying with national law (implementing GDPR) for obtaining personal data

  * Complying with national law for obtaining other protected data
    - Certain entities denying access (banking supervisors, banks, statistical agencies, security/defense)
    - SAIs having to insist and explain access right, delaying audit process

  * Fundamental issues in obtaining data located outside audit perimeter
    - Legal access right lacking, or legal mandate being unclear

  * Fundamental limitations (purpose or activity) on use of data obtained
    - To be used for determined audit purpose only (not for other audit, data-analysis, risk assessment, monitoring, methodology study)

- **Less common issues**

  Incomplete/outdated general legal basis for access

  Incomplete/outdated general legal basis for enforcing access

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