



HELLENIC REPUBLIC

National Transparency Authority (N.T.A.)

Risk Based Audit Plan (RBAP) Methodology



NATIONAL TRANSPARENCY AUTHORITY

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Agenda

The objective of this presentation is to describe the key steps of development the audit plan of the National Transparency Authority (N.T.A.), based on the Risk Based Audit Planning (RBAP) methodology.



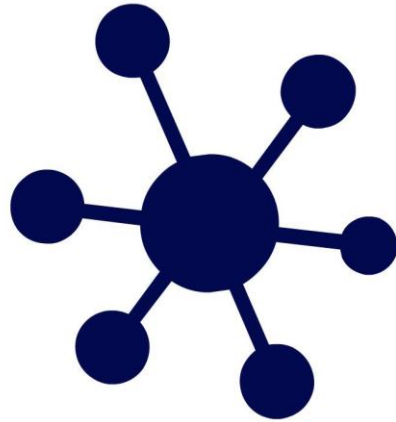
Key points of RBAP project



Summary of RBAP methodology

Type of Audits

NTA's audits



Ad hoc/
complaint's
driven

- Investigation of complaints
- Targeted audits following complaints

Systemic

- Apply RBAP methodology

Development of NTA's Audit Plan based on risk analysis

Key Points of RBAP project

The RBAP methodology:

- Is designed to meet the needs and requirements of the Greek public administration (tailor made).
- Utilize qualitative and quantitative criteria for the assessment of risks factors to prioritize NTA's audits.
- Is based on best practices and International Auditing Standards.

Benefits of implementation

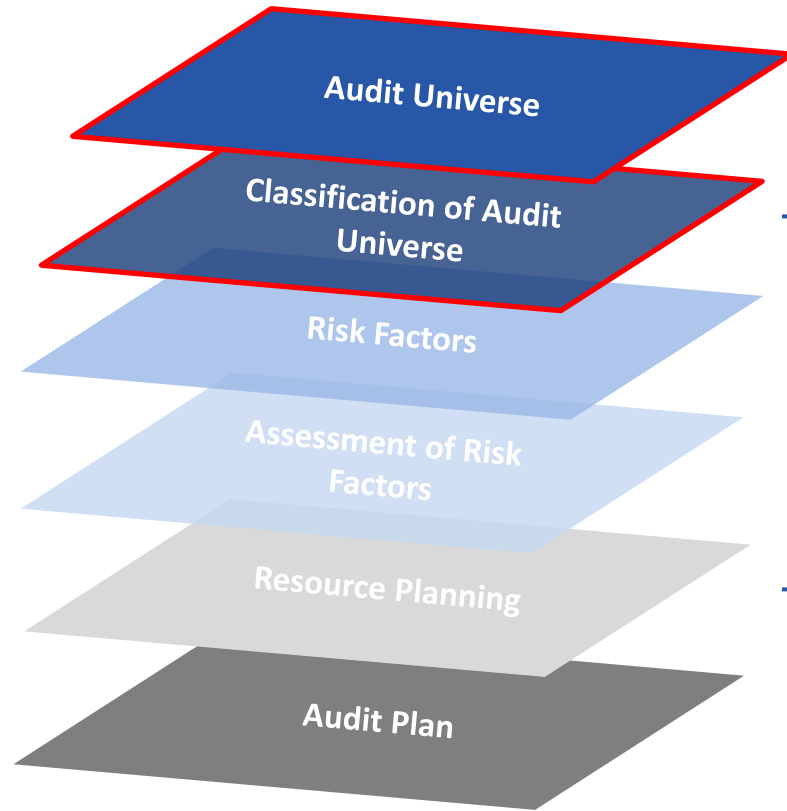
- ✓ **Effective audit planning**, with emphasis on targeted audits in high risk entities and high-risk operations
- ✓ **Strengthening operational ability** of NTA's Inspection and Audit Unit
- ✓ Scientific and objective approach for the selection of auditable entities
- ✓ **Optimum utilization of audit resources**
- ✓ Better **scheduling** of audits



NTA's 1st Strategic Objective: Enhancing Audit

RBAP methodology (I)

Phases



Audit Universe

Mapping of NTA's auditable entities, according to the provisions of article 83(1) of Law 4622/2019 (Authority's Establishment Law).

Classification of Audit Universe

Thematic classification of auditable entities into:

- Clusters i.e. HEALTH, EDUCATION etc.
- Sub-clusters i.e. HOSPITALS, UNIVERSITIES

Note: Each auditable entity has a unique 9-digit code that indicate the cluster and sub-cluster to which it belongs.



**> 25.000 auditable entities
in public & private sector**



13 thematic clusters



**130 thematic
sub-clusters**

RBAP methodology (II)

Phases



Risk Factors

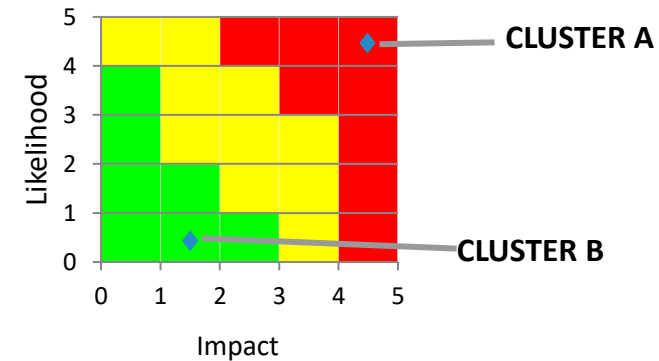
Risk weighted factors for assessing the risk of each cluster, sub-cluster and entity.

Risk factors:

1. **Impact** related factors i.e. Governmental & NTA's priorities etc.
2. **Likelihood** related factors i.e. number of complaints, number of previous audits etc.

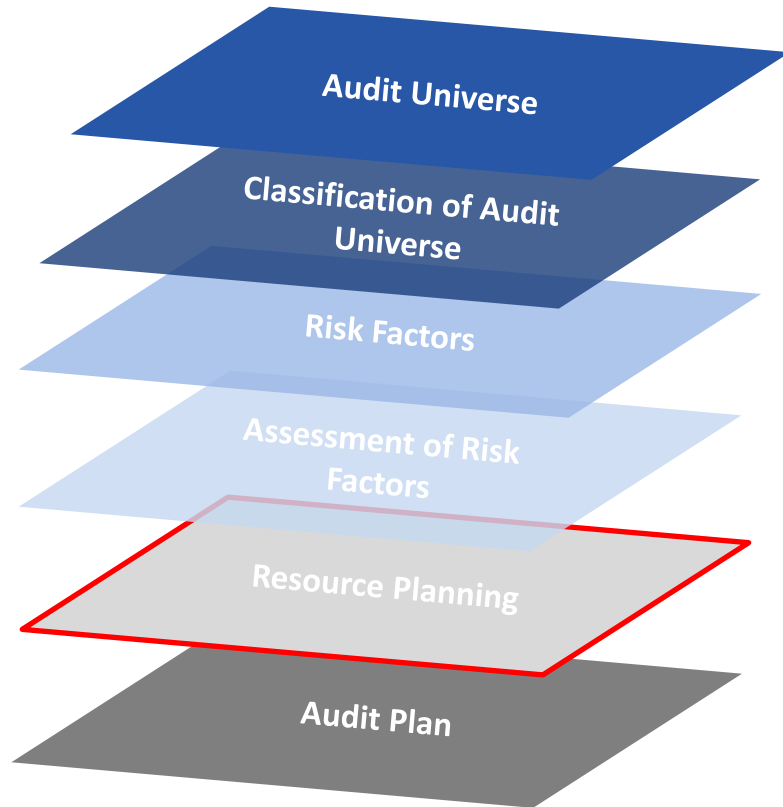
Assessment of Risk Factors

- i. Rating
- ii. Scoring & ranking of clusters, sub-clusters and entities



RBAP methodology (III)

Phases



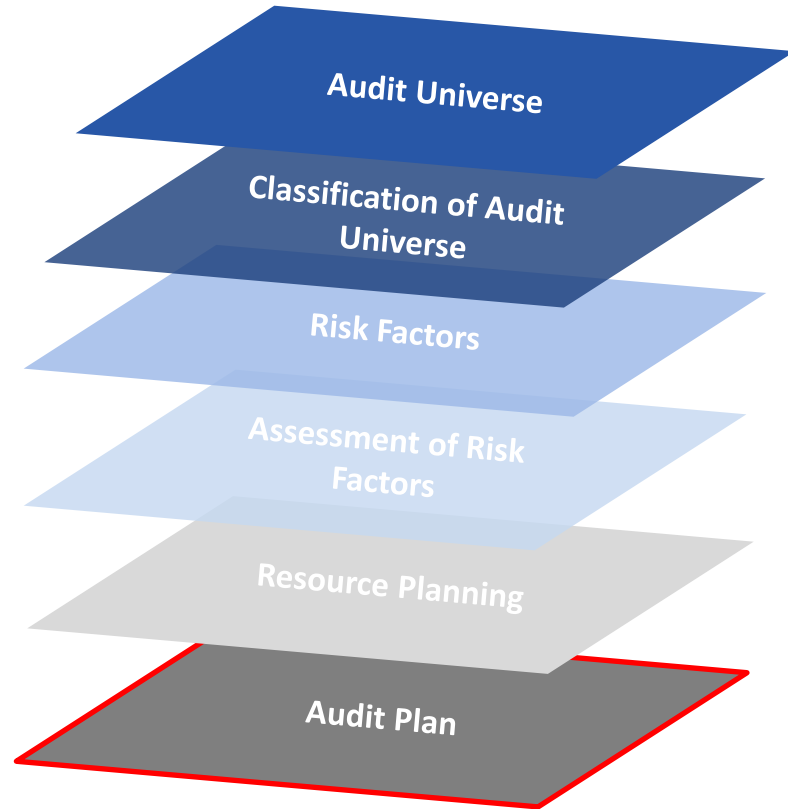
Resource Planning

- 1. Estimation of available audit man-days & number of audits** by type of audits (ad hoc, systemic) and by NTA's Thematic Sectors/Regional Services (separate organizations units under the Inspections and Audits Unit)
- 2. Allocation of audits** to: i) high risk thematic clusters ("red clusters"), ii) high risk thematic sub-clusters ("red sub-clusters") and iii) Regions (geographical breakdown)

At least one audit assignment should be located to every region in Greece.

RBAP methodology (IV)

Phases



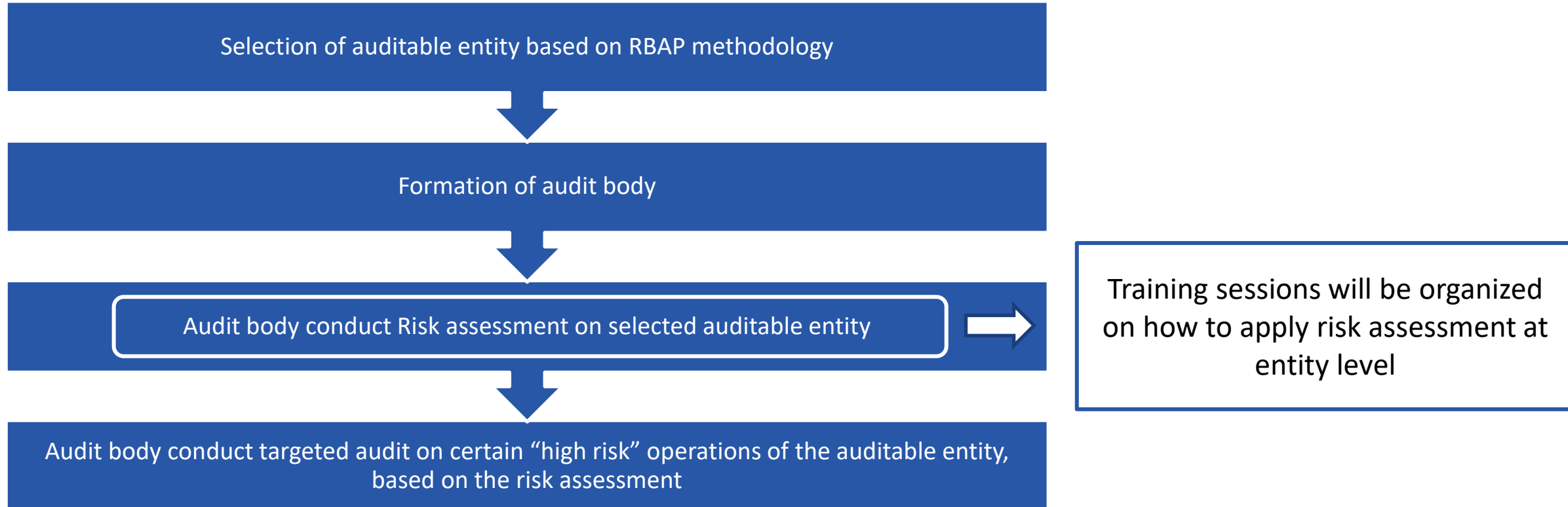
Audit Plan

Develop NTA's Plan for **systemic** audits based on:

- i) the assessment of risk factors
- ii) available audit resources.

Risk Based Audit Plan is approved by the Governor of the National Transparency Authority and the Head of Inspections and Audits Unit.

Risk Assessment at entity level



Key Issues_Critical Success Factors



Thank you



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