



Sindicatura de Cuentas
del Principado de Asturias

Regional External Public Sector Audit Institution

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Position of the institution	<p>Act of the Principality of Asturias 3/2003, of March 24, of the Audit Office. In its development, the Statutes of the Organization and Operation of the Audit Office of the Principality of Asturias.</p> <p>The Audit Office of the Principality of Asturias is the institutional body in charge of the external audit of the economic and financial activity performed by the public sector of Asturias, irrespective of the powers assigned to the Spanish Court of Audit.</p> <p>In carrying out its responsibilities, the Audit Office of the Principality of Asturias operates in full respect of the legislation and enjoys complete functional independence to achieve its purposes.</p>
Audit remit	<p>The Audit Office of the Principality of Asturias has the role of auditing the economic and financial activity of the public sector of Asturias, ensuring its compliance with the principles of legality, efficiency and effectiveness.</p> <p>Similarly, the Audit Office plays an advisory o consultative role, in all aspects of the matters falling within its remit, to the Parliament and the local authorities in the Principality of Asturias.</p> <p>Finally, the Audit Office of the Principality of Asturias exercises the powers delegated to it by the Spanish Court of Audit in the terms set forth by its own legislation.</p>

	<p>The public sector within the autonomous community for the purposes of the Act of the Audit Office of the Principality of Asturias includes:</p> <p>a) The administration of the Principality of Asturias and its agencies, entities, institutions, foundations and public enterprises, with a majority shareholding or effective control, direct or indirect, of the Principality, irrespective of whether they are governed by public or private law.</p> <p>b) Local authorities situated in the territories of the Principality of Asturias and its agencies, entities, institutions, foundations and public enterprises, with a majority shareholding or effective control, direct or indirect, of the local authorities, irrespective of whether they are governed by public or private law.</p> <p>c) Public universities of the Autonomous Community (University of Oviedo), as well as their agencies, entities, institutions, foundations and enterprises, irrespective of whether they are governed by public or private law.</p> <p>d) Contributions to consortia/trusts, foundations or any other entity from the subjects of the public sector of Asturias.</p> <p>e) Grants, credits and guarantees and other economic aid, granted by public sector bodies of the Autonomous Community to any natural or legal persons.</p> <p>f) Public funds coming from the bodies mentioned in letter a) of this article which are managed by any entities, consortia/trusts, agencies or public enterprises.</p> <p>g) Direct and personal tax exemptions and tax reductions.</p>
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Internal structure	<p>The Audit Office of the Principality of Asturias is fully empowered to develop its organization and legal framework in accordance with its own governing regulations. The Audit Office is composed of the following bodies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The Board, made up of the 3 members, which also includes the person holding the General Secretariat, with the right to speak but not to vote. b) The members of the Board, appointed by the Parliament of the Principality of Asturias, by a three-fifths vote, between those with university degrees, preferably in law or economics, who are highly qualified and have more than ten years of experience in the matters dealing with the function of the Audit Office. They enjoy security of tenure during their six-year appointment period, with the exception of those causes stated in law, and may be re-elected just once. c) The President, elected by the Parliament of the Principality of Asturias, by a three-fifths vote, immediately after the election of the three members of the Board and from amongst themselves. d) The General Secretariat, whose head is appointed by the Board, at the proposal of the President, between those with university degree, who are highly qualified in the matter and with a minimum of five years of experience.
Staff	<p>The President performs the executive management of the staff and the administrative services of the Audit Office of the Principality of Asturias. For its part, the Board is responsible for approving the draft budget, the staff requirements, the schedule of staff positions, the schedule of senior management positions, the public employment offer and the calls for recruitment procedure.</p> <p>The schedule of staff positions and the schedule of senior management positions are the two technical planning instruments through which the staff organisation is carried out. The current schedules were approved in 2017 and partially modified in 2018 as far as the system of provision of some posts is concerned.</p> <p>At present (June 2018), 24 people work at the Audit Office of the Principality of Asturias, including the auditing area, the General Secretariat and the Technical Department (not including the three members of the Board and the secretary general). Most of these people (20) are statutory officers, one is temporary employee, one is contract staff and two more are temporary personnel.</p>
Total budget 2017	3,230,447 euros (initial budget)
President	Avelino Viejo Fernández

Region

Name of the region	Principality of Asturias
Official website	www.asturias.es
Capital city	Oviedo
Area of the region	10,602.48 km ²
Population	1,034,960 inhabitants (2017)
Lower administrative levels	municipalities (councils): 78 associations of municipalities: 16 smaller local corporations (rural parishes): 39
Regional budget 2017	4,096.15 million euros (initial budget)
Debt	4,244 million euros; 18.7% of the GDP (2017 financial year-end)