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DRAFT AGENDA

MEETING OF THE CONTACT COMMITTEE OF THE SUPREME AUDIT INSTITUTIONS (SAIs) OF THE EUROPEAN UNION

20 – 21 October 2016



Supreme Audit Office of the Slovak Republic

The Heads of the SAIs of Albania, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Iceland, Montenegro, Serbia and Turkey as well as representatives of IDI, EUROSAI and SIGMA, have been invited to attend the meeting as observers.



Venue:

[Crowne Plaza Hotel](#), Hodžovo nám. 2, 816 25 Bratislava, Slovakia

Wednesday, 19 October 2016

17.00 – 19.00 [Sightseeing tour](#) in Old Historical Town

19.00 – 20.30 Welcome cocktail in [Klarisky](#) (*Klariská, 811 03 Bratislava*)

Thursday, 20 October 2016

08:00 – 12:00 **Possible informal bilateral meetings** (*Crowne Plaza Hotel, room VIENNA*)

09:30 – 10:30 *Reservation of the meeting room for SAIs of the Baltic States*

12:00 – 13:00 **Arrival of participants, refreshment** (*Crowne Plaza Hotel, restaurant*)

13:00 – 13:30 **Opening of the meeting** (*Crowne Plaza Hotel, conference room LONDON*)
Moderator: Mr. Lubomír Andrassy, SAI Slovakia

Welcome address and CC meeting opening
(*Mr. Karol Mitrik, SAI Slovakia*)

Address by the Chairman of the National Council of the Slovak
Republic (*Mr. Andrej Danko*)

1. Adoption of the agenda (*Mr. Karol Mitrik, SAI Slovakia*)
2. Approval of the draft minutes of the CC meeting held in Riga 2015
(*Mrs. Elita Krūmiņa, SAI Latvia*)

Theme I:

13:30 – 17:00

(*coffee/tea
break and
group photo
planned at
15:00 – 15:30*)

3. Seminar on EU Energy Policy and Climate

Brief discussion will be organised after each presentation.

Moderator: Mrs. Ľubica Gazdová, SAI Slovakia

- 3.1 Introduction of the theme and expectations for the seminar (*SAI Slovakia*)
- 3.2 Address by EC Vice-President Mr. Maroš Šefčovič (*video speech*)
*Mr. Dušan Chrenek, Head of the European Commission Representation
in Slovakia, will attend the seminar instead of Mr. Maroš Šefčovič*
- 3.3 ECA landscape review of EU Energy and Climate
(*Mr Phil Wynn Owen, ECA*)

The landscape review aims to provide a horizontal view of the main issues and challenges in the area of EU Energy and Climate. It builds on results of previous ECA and EU SAIs reports, analysis of EU legal and policy instruments and Member States visits. The presentation will present the preliminary outcome of the EU SAI survey, focussing on what EU SAIs, including the ECA, have said they are covering in the area of energy and climate and highlight possible issues.

3.4 A fully integrated European energy market? Consequences to design future audits (Mr. Xavier Lafon, SAI France)

Energy market full integration isn't achieved. But current impacts have already serious consequences. Integration occurs through common or correlated market prices and through interconnections. National audits are limited in their ability to deal with integration. We would like to discuss the design of future national audits that could help fixing this problem. Three ideas will be proposed: share common audit methodologies (e.g. on nuclear dismantlement costs), produce national common analysis (e.g. on renewable real production costs), program parallel audits on specific integration issues (e.g. interconnections or capacity market).

3.5 Transformation of the energy system – towards a stable electricity transmission (Mrs. Monica Rupprecht Hjort, SAI Sweden)

The electricity transmission from Sweden's national grid, within Sweden and to Europe, is of great importance to the functioning of the electricity market. One challenge is to adjust the transmission system to more renewable energy, which in general makes the system more volatile. Svenska kraftnät (the Swedish Government Authority for the Electricity transmission system) is the authority responsible for ensuring that Sweden's transmission system for electricity is safe, environmentally sound and cost-effective. Svenska kraftnät is expanding the Swedish national grid to allow transport of electricity from new wind power, to eliminate bottlenecks in the grid, and to meet society's demands for a secure and stable electricity supply. The Swedish NAO has examined the preconditions given to Svenska kraftnät by the government, so that the authority may effectively meet the need for energy transformation. The audit has also included examination of what decision support Svenska kraftnät has produced to be able to effectively manage its activities.

3.6 Audit of the energy policy implementation (SAI Poland)

The energy policy in Poland is in 90% based on the production of coal-based energy (coal and lignite). At the same time we need to decrease the emission of gases produced in the coal burning process – according to the EU energy package – and to provide electricity generation capacity, so as to satisfy the national economy needs. Investment decisions in the energy sector are made mainly by the state controlled entities. NIK is experienced in auditing this subject area, which enables to assess the activities undertaken by the government and its subordinate institutions.

3.7 The Danish Government's implementation of the EU Energy Efficiency Directive (SAI Denmark)

The presentation concerns the performance audit report "Energy savings in public institutions" submitted to the Public Accounts Committee June 2016. The purpose of the audit was to assess if the government has strengthened the effort to achieve energy savings in the public sector adequately in line with the EU energy efficiency directive issued in 2012.

17:00

Closing of the first working day

19:30 – 22:00

Official dinner (Crowne Plaza Hotel, hall ROME)

Friday, 21 October 2016

08:00 – 08:30

Poster sessions

Competition for the best poster.

Topics for poster exhibition:

- EU Energy Policy and Climate
- EU related audits accomplished during the past two years

08.30 – 11.00

Continuation and conclusion of the seminar

(Crowne Plaza Hotel, conference room LONDON)

Brief discussion will be organised after each presentation.

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3.8 Challenges of German energy transition: Audit findings

(Mr. Kay Scheller, SAI Germany)

The presentation first highlights the Federal Government's goal to reduce energy consumption in Germany and to increase the use of renewable energy resources. Then, the presentation outlines two key options the government may choose for achieving its objectives. In a next step, the German SAI's audit findings are presented.

3.9 Support of Energy Savings (Mr. Michal Rampír, SAI Czech Republic)

The Supreme Audit Office (SAO) scrutinized financial resources used for implementation of projects that aimed at energy savings and verified whether the national and EU targets in this area were achieved and whether the allotments had been used purposefully. Auditors scrutinized 25 projects and the grant awarding procedures. Also at the beneficiaries, the SAO audited 19 projects.

3.10 The Energy Efficiency Program of the Public Administration

(SAI Portugal)

The Program aims to promote the rational management of energy consumption in public administration, increasing energy efficiency by 30% until 2020. The Program consists of a set of measures to be implemented by public services in the short, medium and long-term, in public buildings and equipment. The audit aimed to assess the achievement of the targets set in the Program and the actions developed for energy efficiency measures implementation through energy efficiency services, foreseen to be implemented.

10.00 – 10.30

Coffee/Tea break

10.30 – 11.00

Proposal of the seminar conclusions

Theme II: 4. Activities of the Contact Committee and its professional partners

Moderator: Mr. Karol Mitrik, SAI Slovakia

11:00 – 12:00

4.1 Future activities and the co-operation framework of the Contact Committee

4.1.1 Taking note of the activities carried out within the framework of the Contact Committee – Status Outline
(Mr. Karol Mitrik, SAI Slovakia)

4.1.2 Report of the Task Force for Assessing the CC co-operation framework
(Mr. Klaus-Heiner Lehne, ECA)

4.2 Taking note of the activities of the Network of EU Candidate and Potential Candidate Countries
(Mrs. Iva Vasilic, SAI Serbia)

Theme III: 5. EU-related audits by members of the Contact Committee

Moderator: Mr. Karol Mitrik, SAI Slovakia

12:00 – 12:30

5.1 Does the Riga Freeport Authority successfully implement the Major Project: Development of Infrastructure on Krievu Island for the Transfer of Port Activities from the City Centre?
(Mr. Edgars Korčagins, SAI Latvia)

5.2 Insight into product safety: The practice of CE marking
(SAI Netherlands)

Theme IV: 6. Any other business

Moderator: Mr. Karol Mitrik, SAI Slovakia

12:30 – 12:45

6.1 Awarding the winner of the competition for the best poster
(Mr. Karol Mitrik, SAI Slovakia)

6.2 Next meeting, taking over by the incoming Chair
(Mr. Karol Mitrik, SAI Slovakia and Mr Klaus-Heiner Lehne, ECA)

6.3 The host of the CC meeting in 2018
(Mr. Karol Mitrik, SAI Slovakia and Mr. Ivan Klešić, SAI Croatia)

Closing of the meeting *(Mr. Karol Mitrik, SAI Slovakia)*

12:45 – 13:15

Press conference *(Crowne Plaza Hotel, room VIENNA)*

13:15 – 14:30

Buffet lunch *(Crowne Plaza Hotel, restaurant)*