Focus areas of the State Audit Office of Hungary’s audits related to air pollution and climate change policy
SAO’s mandate and audit activity

Fundamental law Article 43

Act LXVI of 2011 on the State Audit Office of Hungary

SAO Strategy

Mid-term audit concept
Audit on the Impact of Actions Taken Against Air Pollution and in the Field of Climate Policy (2011)

Follow-up audit on the impact of the measures to combat air pollution and in the area of climate policy (2015)

Audit on carbon credits – Compliance audit on the management of carbon credits (Planned for 2nd half of 2015)
Audit on the Impact of Actions Taken Against Air Pollution and in the Field of Climate Policy

OBJECTIVE
To evaluate whether government and local government actions ensured the implementation of objectives arising from international obligations, national interests and regulations.

FOCUS AREAS
- Fulfilment of international commitments concerning the reduction of air pollution and climate protection
- Measures aiming at the reduction of air pollution and greenhouse gas emissions caused by the energy and transport sector
- Utilisation of national and EU funds aimed at the reduction of air pollution and climate protection
Audit on the Impact of Actions Taken Against Air Pollution and in the Field of Climate Policy

MAIN FINDINGS

Hungary has fulfilled its international obligations and complied with the regulations set out in the EU Directives to reduce air pollution and climate protection.

Due to lack of funds the professional staff decreased, five laboratories ceased, the monitoring system was not modernised.

There was no strategy for reducing air pollution. The National Climate Change Program was elaborated with a one-year delay.
Follow-up audit on the impact of the measures to combat air pollution and in the area of climate policy

FOCUS AREA

Evaluation of the implementation of the action plans prepared to utilise recommendations
Audit on carbon credits
Compliance audit on the management of carbon credits

FOCUS AREAS

Regularity of carbon credit management

Changes of and cooperation between institutions related to the carbon credit trade system

Conformity of investments financed from the budget with the defined climate policy objectives
Thank you for your attention