
Cooperative audit on Air Quality

Policy, performance and audits on Air Quality

Introduction - problems of air pollution

- Transboundary problem
- It shortens your life expectancy
- Multiple sources with multiple effects
- CLRTAP and it's eight protocols to combat air pollution
- Local policy and regulations to combat air pollution
- For the majority of the EU population
Air Quality Limit Values have been met but...



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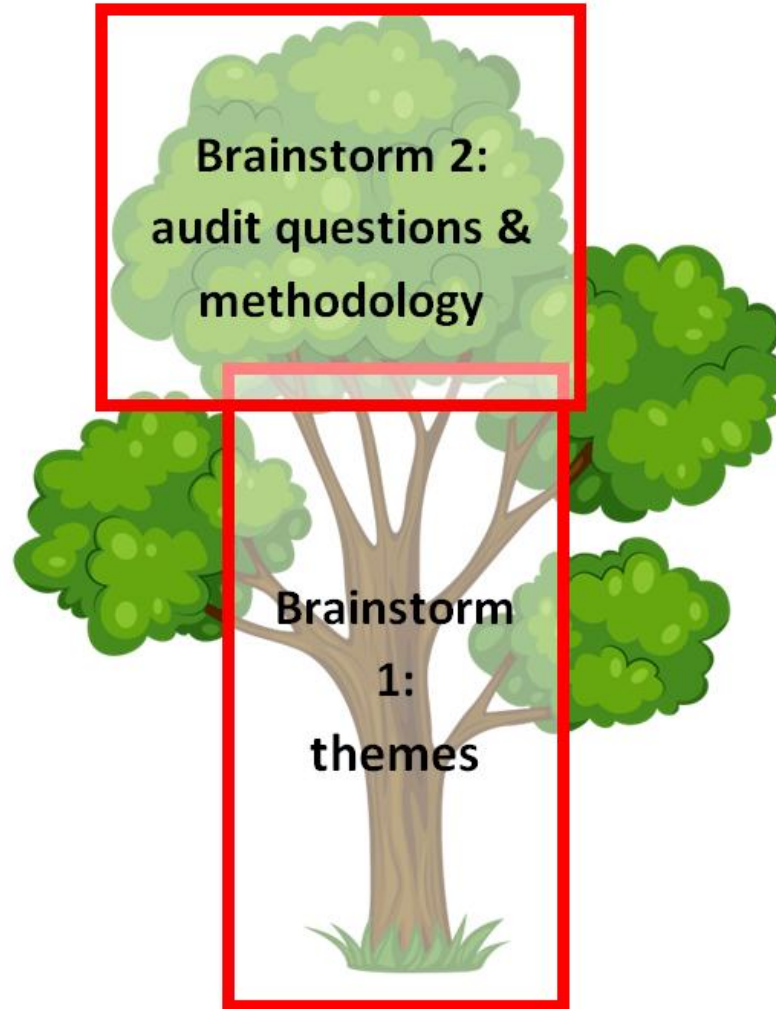
- The majority of the people is exposed to concentrations above WHO guideline levels
 - International cooperation is needed to combat air pollution
 - Local measures alone will often be insufficient to meet WHO guideline levels
 - Cooperative audit between SAIs to compare air pollution problems and local policy and measures to combat air pollution
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Activities

- Two reports: national report and joint audit
 - Two co-coordinators NCA and NIK
 - Kick-off meeting 21-22 June 2016
 - Go no go decision by 1st of October
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Kick-off meeting

- Two days, 18 SAIs
 - Goal of the meeting: set up a common audit framework for the cooperative audit on air quality and discuss project management issues
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**Brainstorm 2:
audit questions &
methodology**

**Brainstorm
1:
themes**

Kick-off meeting day 1

- Presentation by SAIs
 - Sharing knowledge and expectations
 - Brainstorm sessions in 4 working groups and plenary discussion
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Kick-off meeting day 2

- Brainstorm session day 2 results:
 - 8 themes divided over 4 groups
 - 5 SMART sub-questions per theme
 - Project management and administrative issues
 - End result day 1 and day 2:
 - draft audit framework
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Proposed main audit question

- What is the effectiveness and efficiency of measures taken by the national and local government to combat the main sources of air pollution and are these measures compliant to international and national legislation?

Proposed audit topics

1. What is the main problem in your country regarding air pollution?
 2. What governance system is in place; who is responsible for what?
 3. What rules and regulations are laid down in legislature?
 4. What policy is undertaken to tackle the problem?
 5. How is policy funded, what is the cost (direct and indirect) of the measurements taken and what are the measurable benefits (direct and indirect)?
 6. How is the status of and development in air pollution monitored and reported?
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Further activities

- Next meeting end of November beginning of December
- Finalizing audit framework
- National audit activities: start beginning of 2017 and finalized by the end of 2017
- Joint report: finalized at the end of the first quarter of 2018