

Training Seminar on Climate Change: Focus on Data

Venue: Park Inn by Radisson Danube, Bratislava

Tuesday, 25 September

9:00 Morning Session

Welcome speech and opening of the seminar, *Mr Karol Mitrík, SAI Slovakia*

Remarks by Mr Norbert Kurilla, State Secretary of the Ministry of Environment of the Slovak Republic

Introductory exercise, *SAI Estonia*

Key data supporting climate policy in Europe, *Mr Francois Dejean, European Environmental Agency*

Independent mitigation/adaptation data and online analysis tools, *Mr Johannes Friedrich, World Resources Institute*

10:30 Break

11:00 Exercise on using data connected to climate change

12:30 Lunch

13:30 Afternoon Session

Auditing climate change at the European Union level – European Court of Auditors perspective, *Mr Robert Markus, European Court of Auditors*

Climate change data in environmental auditing, *Mr Alfredo Gomez, U.S. Government Accountability Office*

14:30 Break

15:00 Exercise on planning a climate change audit

16:00 Adjournment

19:00 Welcome Reception

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Auditing Climate Change

Wednesday, 26 September

9:00 Opening

Mr Karol Mitrik, President of SAI Slovakia

Mr Janar Holm, Chair of EUROSAI WGEA, Auditor General of Estonia

Introduction to the agenda, *SAI Estonia*

9:20 Climate change policies: trends and developments

Climate change impacts and efficiency of policy measures in Europe, especially in Slovakia. *Prof Milan Lapin, Comenius University*

EU climate policy, 2030 climate targets and implementation mechanisms. *Ms Terhi Lehtonen, DG Climate Action, European Commission*

10:30 Group photo, Break

11:00 The climate challenge – an OECD perspective on policies and finance,
Dr Simon Buckle, Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)

Panel discussion: *Challenges and opportunities of climate change policies in Europe*

12:00 Lunch

13:00 Audits conducted by SAIs related to climate change

Fragmentation of governmental responsibilities as a challenge for climate change policy. Audit example: Flood protection, *Mr Sascha Baum, SAI Germany*

Effectiveness of allocated funds to mitigate climate change in Latvia and financial impact of audit results, *Mr Janis Salenieks, SAI Latvia*

Flood prevention measures in Slovakia, *Mr Vladimir Matus, SAI Slovakia*

Review of climate change audits by GAO, *Mr Alfredo Gomez, U.S. Government Accountability Office*

14:30 Break



15:00 **Parallel sessions**
Discussion in groups: topics for cooperative audit(s) from 2020 onward

16:00-17:30 **Time allocated for side-meetings**

Increasing the Impact of Environmental Audits

Thursday, 27 September

9:00 **Experience and Information Sharing Market**
Special focus: ongoing environmental audits

10:00 **Impact of Environmental Audits**
Discussion in groups: increasing the audit impact in different audit stages

11:30 **Break**

12:00 Experiences of SAIs in increasing audit impact: best practices and lessons learned
Increasing the impact of audit on the example of audit on air quality, *Ms Katya Nedialkova, Ms Tsvetelina Nikolova-Manolova, SAI Bulgaria*
Finding allies, *Mr Akis Kikas, SAI Cyprus*
The impact of environmental audits relating to designating and management of protected marine areas, *Mr William Peplow, SAI Malta*
Increasing the impact of environmental audits, *Mr Adel Alkoot, SAI Kuwait*

13:00 **Lunch**

14:00 Environmental Audits: conducting practice and the evaluation of the results, *Mr Viktor Bohun, Ms Liliia Prudyvus, SAI Ukraine*
Raising awareness – messages of environmental audits, *Ms Júlia Szappanos, SAI Hungary*
Group work on the visibility of environmental audits

15:00 **Refreshment**
Adjournment

15:30-20:00 Environmental excursion by boat on Danube River and buffet dinner on the boat

Business Meeting

Friday, 28 September

9:00 Cooperative Audit Session

Lessons learned from cooperative audits:

- Cooperative audit on Energy Efficiency in Public Buildings, *Project Leader SAI Estonia*
- Cooperative audit on Marine Protected Areas, *Project Leaders SAI Cyprus and SAI Malta*
- Cooperative audit on Air Quality, *Project Leaders SAI Netherlands and SAI Poland*
- International Coordinated Audit on Protection of the Bug River Catchment Area from Pollution, *SAI Belarus*

10:40 Break

11:00 Activities of the Working Group

EUROSAI WGEA activities

Discussion on the cooperation with the European Commission's Environmental Compliance Assurance and Governance Forum

News from other regional WGEAs

12:00 Closing of the meeting

12:00 Lunch

13:00-15:30 22th EUROSAI WGEA Steering Committee meeting

