

Minutes
**IV Meeting of the EUROSAI Task Force on the Audit
of Funds Allocated to Disasters and Catastrophes**

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Meeting Venue: Wrocław, Republic of Poland

EUROSAI Task Force on the Audit of Funds Allocated to Disasters and Catastrophes numbers 13 members: SAIs of Azerbaijan, Armenia, Belarus, Belgium, Bulgaria, Hungary, Kazakhstan, Lithuania, Moldova, Poland, Russian Federation, European Court of Auditors and Ukraine as Chair. The SAIs of Norway, the Slovak Republic and Italy participate in the Task Force's activities as observers.

IV Meeting of the EUROSAI Task Force on the Audit of Funds Allocated to Disasters and Catastrophes was held on March 21-23, 2012, in Wrocław, Republic of Poland. 11 SAIs attended it: Azerbaijan, Belarus, Hungary, Italy, Kazakhstan, Moldova, Norway, Poland, Russian Federation and Ukraine. SAI of Czech Republic was invited as guest and as representative of EUROSAI Goal Team 3 "Knowledge Sharing".

The authorities of Poland also took part in the meeting. List of participants attached.

Goals of the Meeting:

- Experience and knowledge sharing in the sphere of conducting audits of funds allocated to disasters and catastrophes;
- Signing of Common Position on Cooperation for coordinated parallel audit (control) of public funds allocated to prevention and consequences elimination of disasters and catastrophes;
- Approval of the Work Plan of the EUROSAI Task Force on the Audit of Funds Allocated to Disasters and Catastrophes for 2012 – 2014;
- Discussion of the proposals and comments of the Task Force members regarding the Recommendations of the Good Practices on the Audit of Funds Allocated to Disasters and Catastrophes;
- Discussion of cooperation of the EUROSAI Task Force with EUROSAI Goal Team 3 "Knowledge Sharing".

Mr. **Marek Chodkiewicz**, Director General of NIK, opened the meeting. He thanked participants and expressed his hope for fruitful meeting.

Mrs. **Mariya Shulezhko**, Head controller and Director of the Agricultural Industry, Nature Protection and Emergencies Audit Department of the Accounting Chamber of Ukraine, welcomed all participants for their visit to Wrocław, thanked the SAI of Poland and personally their President **Jacek Jeziński** for kind hospitality and willingness to host the meeting, and also Regional branch of the NIK in Wrocław in the person of its *Director Mr. Piotr Miklis*. After that the meeting was opened.

Mrs. **Mariya Shulezhko** presented *EUROSAI Task Force Progress Report in the period between III and IV meetings*. She informed all participants that mandate of EUROSAI Task Force was prolonged for next 3-year period **Mrs. Shulezhko** underlined that importance of Task Force activity was increased because of amount of disasters in the world, informed that Coordinated Parallel Audit of Protection of Black Sea against Pollution was finished successfully last year, the follow up audit of the public funds allocated to provision of environment safety in Black Sea and the Sea of Azov basin and protection, regulation and reproduction of water biological resources was conducted.

Mrs. Shulezhko noted the importance and necessity of joint cooperation continuation, especially in the light of recent catastrophes.

The following work was according to the agenda adopted by all participants.

Mr. Adam Zdziełło, Deputy Minister of regional development of Poland, contributed the report on the *Use of EU Funds Allocated to Prevention of Disasters and Catastrophes in Poland*. He informed about joint programs of EU and Poland aimed at prevention of disasters and catastrophes. Majority of the funds (approximately 62%) allocated to water resources issues. Therefore programs, aimed at flood protection were the main direction of activity in the sphere of disasters and catastrophes in Poland.

The next step of the meeting was Plenary session “*Assessment criteria of efficiency using budget funds by SAI while conducting audit in the sphere of prevention and consequences elimination of disasters and catastrophes*”.

Mrs. Olga Davydova, Deputy Head of Inspection of the Accounts Chamber of Russian Federation, gave a report about the *criteria using for assess the efficiency of budget funds allocated to prevention and consequences elimination of emergencies and catastrophes conducting control activities in Russian Federation*. **Mrs. Davydova** set off social and economical performance as a criteria of assess of the efficiency of budget funds

allocated to prevention and consequences elimination of emergencies and catastrophes while auditing in Russian Federation.

Mr. Fiodar Starastsenka, Head of the Department of State Control Committee of Republic of Belarus presented information *about control for budget funds, allocated to disaster negotiating*. He announced information about costs allocated to elimination or minimization of Chernobyl accident impact, the main irregularities and results of the audit of the budget funds using.

Mr. Denys Nikitin, Deputy Director of the Agricultural Industry, Nature Protection and Emergencies Audit Department of Accounting Chamber of Ukraine Ukrainian experience in *practice of efficiency criteria using by Accounting Chamber of Ukraine during auditing of budget funds, allocated to prevention and consequences elimination of catastrophes*. **Mr. Nikitin** gave accent on quality and effectiveness rating and report about importance of State Target Programs, which served for effective realization of their items.

Mr. Przemysław Dowgiało, Public Audit Expert of Supreme Audit Office of Poland (NIK), gave an overview of catastrophes in the region of Lower Silesia and the audits connected with them. She put an emphasis on the program “Odra-2006”, its advantages and disadvantages, audits on the aid for victims after floods, performance audits of the program “Odra-2006”.

Mr. Antonio Mezzera, Counsellor of Italian Court of accounts, presented *Italian experiences and perspectives for compliance and performance audit on the most important cases of disasters and catastrophes*. **Mr. Mezzera** contributed about situation in the catchment of Sarno river, earthquake in Abruzzo, experience in follow up audit in the sphere of consequences elimination in Aquilla region.

After all presentations **Mr. Taras Prytula**, Head of International Relations Department of Accounting Chamber of Ukraine presented *Working Plan of the EUROSAI Task Force on the Audit of Funds Allocated to Disasters and Catastrophes for 2012 – 2014*. He reported about each Goal of Working Plan. During presentation **Mrs. Shulezhko** proposed SAI of Russian Federation to be a coordinator in the coordinated audit of funds allocated on the prevention and extinguishing of natural fires which planned to conduct in 2012-2013.

Mr. Gennadiy Shakh, Head of Division of internal standards, analytics and development of Accounting Chamber of Ukraine presented the second *draft of Good*

Practices Recommendations on the Audit of Funds Allocated to Disasters and Catastrophes. He mentioned that the second draft would be on the web-site of EUROSAT Task Force and everyone can make a contribution to it. Also he thanked the Belgian and Bulgarian SAIs for their huge contribution helping in improvement of this document.

Representative of SAI of Czech Republic **Mrs. Michaela Rosecka**, the representative of EUROSAT Goal Team 3 “Knowledge Sharing” informed the participants about background of EUROSAT Strategic Plan and its strategic Goals, targets and membership in Goal Team. Also **Mrs. Rosecka** remind the TFs and WGs should send their reports to EUROSAT Goal Team 3 before sending to EUROSAT Governing Board and EUROSAT Congress.

EUROSAT Goal Team 3 is planning to create the database of European audits, database of EUROSAT products, including trainings, seminars and events promoting cooperative between European SAIs. **Mrs. Rosecka** assured she would examine an issue concerning the seminars and trainings online.

Mr. Taras Prytula, Head of International Relations Department of Accounting Chamber of Ukraine continued the issue about *cooperation TF with international organizations*. In his speech **Mr. Taras Prytula** underlined that Goals of Task Force and Goal Team are similar. Today they should give consideration trainings and seminars in knowledge and experience sharing in the sphere of Task Force activity. One of such events would be seminar on the Good Practices in the Audit of Funds Allocated to Disasters and Catastrophes in 2013. **Mr. Taras Prytula** informed that Accounting Chamber of Ukraine would prepare the questionnaire concerning improvement of TF work in the light of Working Plan 2012-2014. Questionnaire will be sent all participants of TF and will help to improve its work till next Congress.

Next issue of the agenda was international *coordinated parallel audit (control) of public funds allocated to prevention and consequences elimination of disasters and catastrophes* and Common Position on cooperation while conducting above mentioned audit. **Mrs Mariya Shulezhko** informed about sending all participants the questionnaire about audit progress for panning terms of Joint Report signing. SAIs of Belarus, Hungary, Poland, Russian Federation and Ukraine answered on it. Participants were proposed to sign Common Position on cooperation for coordinated parallel audit (control) of public funds allocated to prevention and consequences elimination of disasters and catastrophes.

Sais of Azerbaijan, Belarus, Italy, Kazakhstan, Moldova, Russian Federation, Poland and Ukraine signed this document. The representative of SAI of Hungary **Mr. Istvan Szilas** refused to sign it referring to end of auditing by SAI of Hungary.

Next speakers were representatives of different Polish organizations. **Mr. Janusz Zaleski** from Institut of meteorology and water management, the author of program “Odra-2006” reported about results of program and showed the principles of control for water resources of Poland because floods is most often disaster in Poland. **Mr. Zaleski** informed about amount and level of flood dangerous in Poland, safety measures after floods in 1997 and 2010 for prediction and warning of floods, financial structure and other issues on an state level.

Mr. Igor Chilimonczyk as Deputy director of the Office EURO-2012 presented Wrocław as a city with touristic and investment attractiveness. Thus **Mr. Chilimonczyk** presented the city – host of the meeting.

Before closing the meeting **Mrs. Mariya Shulezhko** thanked all for participation, marked that the meeting was fruitful and useful and ask all participants to host V Meeting of the EUROSAI Task Force in March, 2013. After that she declared the Meeting closed.



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