

**EUROSAI Training Event:  
Seminar on “Auditing of Social Security Systems”**

Prague, 10-12 November 2008

**DRAFT AGENDA**

The seminar will be in the format of plenary keynote speeches presented in the mornings together with a choice of more interactive discussion groups in the afternoons. It will provide opportunities for audit case based detailed discussion, learning and the sharing of experiences and good practices.

**Sunday, 9 November**

19:00 – 21:00                      Informal welcome reception at the Hotel Angelo, Prague  
*Hosted by the SAI of the Czech Republic*

**Monday, 10 November**

**INTRODUCTION AND KEY NOTE PRESENTATIONS**

**09:00 – 12:55**

09:00 – 09:15

**Opening of the Seminar and Introductory Remarks**  
*by Mr František Dohnal, President of the SAI of the Czech Republic*

**Business Announcements and Start of the Seminar**  
*by Mr Colin Maynard and Ms Zlata Hessoová, moderators of the event*

**Topic 1: European Social Fund**

09:15 – 09:55

ESF - Audit Aspects and Experiences from ECA  
*by Mr Hendrik Fehr, European Court of Auditors*

09:55 – 10:35

ESF in the Czech Republic and Experiences from ESF Audit  
*by Mr Martin Sotona and Mr Jan Topka, SAI of the Czech Republic*

10:35 – 10:55

*Coffee Break*

10:55 – 11:35

ESF Programmes  
*by Ms Radana Kratochvílová, Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs, the Czech Republic*

**Topic 2: Fraud and Abuse in Social Security Systems**

11:35 – 12:15

A New Zealand Perspective to Fraud  
*by Mr Kevin Brady, SAI of New Zealand*

12:15 – 12:55

Auditing of Social Security Systems – The Canadian Perspective  
*by Mr Sylvain Ricard, SAI of Canada*

12:55 – 14:00

*Lunch*

## DISCUSSIONS, AUDIT CASE STUDIES, SHARING OF EXPERIENCES

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**14:00 – 17:30**

### **The 3 Discussion Groups**

#### **Discussion Group 1**

#### **Topic 1: European Social Fund**

Discussion group leader: Mr John Sweeney, European Court of Auditors

Reporters: *Mr Martin Sotona and Mrs Marie Kulhánková, SAI of the Czech Republic*

14:00 – 14:30

Employment and Training Corporation: Training and Employment Exposure Scheme  
*by Ms Tanya Mercieca, SAI of Malta*

14:30 – 15:00

Audit of the European Social Fund  
*by Mr Carsten Holmgaard Hansen and Mr Yvan Pedersen, SAI of Denmark*

15:00 – 15:30

ECA Special Report on the Contribution of the European Social Fund in Combating Early School Leaving  
*by Mr John Sweeney, European Court of Auditors*

15:30 – 16:00

*Coffee Break*

16:00 – 16:30

Experiences from Audits of Programmes Financed under the European Social Fund in Slovakia  
*by Mrs Iveta Fáberová, SAI of Slovakia*

16:30 – 17:00

ESF Audits by the SAI of the Netherlands: Strategy, Approach and Results  
*by Mr Ronnie Takens, SAI of the Netherlands*

17:00 – 17:30

General Discussion

#### **Discussion Group 2**

#### **Topic 2: Fraud and Abuse in Social Security Systems**

Discussion Group Leader: Mr Lee Summerfield, SAI of the United Kingdom

Reporters: *Ms Jana Kožnarová and Mrs Tereza Vašutová, SAI of the Czech Republic*

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New Challenge for TCA (Turkish Court of Accounts); Social Security Audit

*by Mr Ridvan Güleç, SAI of Turkey*

15:30 – 16:00

*Coffee Break*

16:00 – 16:30

Audits of State Provided Services for Disabled Persons  
*by Ms Kristiāna Rūme and Ms Inga Vārava, SAI of Latvia*

16:30 – 17:00

General Discussion

### **Discussion Group 3**

#### **Topic 3 Social Services Support (Family, Health, NGOs, etc)**

Discussion Group Leader: Mr Colin Maynard

Reporters: *Ms Jiřina Rosenkrancov and Ms Klara Palkova, SAI of the Czech Republic*

14:00 – 14:30

Bulgarian Experience with Audits in the Field of Family Policy  
*by Mrs Malina Simeonova, SAI of Bulgaria*

14:30 – 15:00

Providing Proper Social Care  
*by Mrs Biljana Ivanovska, SAI of Macedonia*

15:00 – 15:30

Audit of Social Services Support of Women and Children: Experience of the Accounting Chamber of Ukraine  
*by Mrs Olga Dykukha and Mrs Larysa Vitkovska, SAI of Ukraine*

15:30 – 16:00

Coffee Break

16:00 – 16:30

Family Policy in the Czech Republic  
*by Ms Jiřina Rosenkrancov and Ms Klara Palkova, SAI of the Czech Republic*

16:30 – 17:00

Privatisation of Medical Services: Audit Experiences 2006  
*by Mrs Edit Szekely and Mr Viktor Salamin, SAI of Hungary*

17:00 – 17:30

General Discussion

## **Tuesday, 11 November**

### **INTRODUCTION AND KEY NOTE PRESENTATIONS**

**09:00 – 12:45**

09:00 – 09:10

**Opening of Day 2 and business remarks**

#### **Topic 3: Social Services Support (Family, Health, NGOs, etc.)**

09:10 – 09:50

Financing of Non-Profit Organisations in the Social Field  
*by Mr Vaclav Krasa, Czech National Disability Council, the Czech Republic*

09:50 – 10:30

European Employment and Social Policy and Financial Instruments  
*by Mr Michael Ralph, European Commission*

10:30 – 11:15

*Coffee Break and Official Photograph*

11:15 – 12:00

Prospects of the Future Demographic Development in the Czech Republic and Possible Consequences of the Population Ageing in the Sphere of Social Policy

*by Mrs Jitka Langhamrová and Mr Tomáš Fiala, University of Economics in Prague, the Czech Republic*

12:00 – 12:45 Government Strategy in the Field of Family Policy  
*by Mrs Kateřina Jirková, Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs, the Czech Republic*

12:45 – 14:00 Lunch

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- 14:00 – 14:30 Experiences of Auditing Homes for the Aged and Orphanages  
*by Mr Tomasz Biczuk, SAI of Poland*
- 14:30 – 15:00 The Cour des Comptes' Audit of NGOs Funded by the State Budget and Donations  
*by Mr Jacques Ténier, SAI of France*
- 15:00 – 15:30 Social Integration of the Disabled  
*by Ms Rasa Baušienė, SAI of Lithuania*
- 15:30 – 16:00 *Coffee Break*
- 16:00 – 16:30 Audit of Social Security Systems – Experience of the Court of Audit of the Republic of Slovenia  
*by Mrs Mojca Vrh-Baša, SAI of Slovenia*
- 16:30 – 17:00 Role of NGOs in Preventing Public Health Problems  
*by Mrs Armi Jämsä, SAI of Finland*
- 17:00 – 17:30 General Discussion
- 19:00 Dinner hosted by the Czech SAO

**Wednesday, 12 November**

**REPORTS ON THE RESULTS OF THE DISCUSSION GROUPS**

**09:00 – 11:00**

09:00 – 09:10      **Opening of Day 3**

09:10 – 10:30      **Report on the Results of Discussion Group 1**  
Questions and Answers

## **Report on the Results of Discussion Group 2**

Questions and Answers

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Questions and Answers

General Questions and Discussions

10:30 – 11:00

*Coffee Break*

### **SUMMING UP AND CLOSING OF THE SEMINAR**

**11:00 – 12:05**

11:00 – 11:20

#### **Presenters' Final Comments**

by Mr Jan Topka and Mr Martin Sotona, SAI of the Czech Republic  
by Mr Hendrik Fehr, European Court of Auditors  
by Mr Sylvain Ricard, SAI of Canada  
by Mr Tomáš Fiala and Mrs Jitka Langhamrová, University of  
Economics in Prague, the Czech Republic

11:20 – 11:50

#### **Questions, Further Comments from the Plenary and Final Summing Up**

with a short address by Mrs Helena Vorbová, SAI of the Czech  
Republic

11:50– 12:05

#### **Closing Speech and Thanks**

12:05

*Lunch*

14:00

*Social Programme – Guided City Tour*

19:00

*Departure of Participants*