

Summary Topic 1 – CAP measure as an audit topic

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Topic 1

- **5 presentations delivered and presented**
- **Highlighted topics in general**
- experience in procedures and techniques regarding the setting of audit criteria,
- explanation of procedures concerning interaction of SAI and audited body while developing audit criteria,
- possibilities of using specific tools and methods,
- a list of planned audits by individual measures

Presentation 1 – The History and the Future of CAP Audits by the Czech Supreme Audit Office

- audit of CAP measures started before accession to the EU
- 2003-2006 audit conception
- assurance of reliability of supervisory, emphasis on the audit on the spot
- audit scope for EU budget s revenue, CAP, Structural funds and the EU financial instruments
- classification of shortcomings is a challenge(handout)
- for 2011 - audit of Rural Development

Presentation 2 The ECA s role in auditing EU expenditure

- economy, efficiency and effectiveness
- the objective to obtain sufficient evidence
- open communication, providing recommendations
- audit chamber I – CAP expenditure
- financial audit, compliance audit (legality and regularity of transactions) and performance audit
- Report on „Information provision and promotion measures for agricultural products“ recently published
- Annual report of ECA

Presentation 3 Experience with the Development and carrying-out of CAP audits - European Commission

- system is still under development - at first the general principles, Belle-reform, Prodi-reform and 2007-Reform
- accredited Paying agencies
- detailed system for controls of beneficiaries and sanctions in case of irregularities
- Administrative control of all aid applications, cross-checks with appropriate databases, on-the-spot-checks of sample of 5 to 100 % transactions
- ex-post controls of the paying agencies' annual accounts
- Certifying bodies – asked to extend their audit to legality and regularity

Presentation 4 State Agricultural Intervention Fund (SAIF) – Paying Agency of the Czech Republic

- SAIF accredited in 2004, re-accredited in 2007
- farmer portal of the SAIF
- external controls from external entities, internal controls
- MF – competent body, BDO – certifying body, SAIF - paying agency

Presentation 5 Implementation of CAP in the Czech republic in 2007 - 2013 - Ministry of Agriculture

- Department of Audit and Supervision – 3 Units
- Cooperation with SAIF (Paying Agency)
- Reporting to OLAF via Anti-Fraud Co-ordination Service

Topic 1 – Questions unanswered

- 1.1 The policy of SAI of Romania in the planning and implementation of CAP – they are exceptional with 31-40 % CAP audits of all audits
- 1.1 Possibly a higher percentage share of CAP audits (11-20%) in the cases of Bulgaria and Slovakia
- 1.2 Why some countries (Finland, Czech republic and Greece) do not combine the 3 types of audits?
- 1.2 What are the advantages and disadvantages of combined audits?
- 1.3 Do you consider the share based on types of audits optimal?
- 1.3 Do you prefer to conduct audits individually by type, or a combination, and why?
- 1.4 Have you planned, in the longer perspective, an approximately same share of types of audits of individual CAP measures, or do you give preference to selected ones, and why?
- 1.5 Do you plan, in the longer perspective, an approximately same share of types of audits of individual CAP measures, or do you give preference to selected ones, and why?
- 1.6 Do you consider the risk analysis as an optimal/appropriate tool to select and plan audits, and why (not)?