

3 / Workshop on Environmental SDGs

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The global framework for sustainable development is the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development adopted at the UN Summit in 2015. This Agenda sets 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). A commitment to poverty eradication and achieving sustainable development worldwide by 2030 is the main objective of the Agenda. The goals are chosen to balance all three pillars of sustainable development: economic, social, and **environmental**.

It is the environmental aspect of the SDGs that will be the common theme of the upcoming Prague Post-Congress Get-Together workshop with a title “Environmental SDGs”. Selected environmental aspects of the SDGs relate, for example, to the following goals:



Europe is one of the most environmentally ambitious communities in the world. In a number of areas, it is a leader in adopting standards, rules, and approaches to ensure environmental sustainability.

The purpose of the workshop is to support and strengthen information sharing and to facilitate cooperation between SAIs. The focus is on the audits that execute duties and perform tasks of individual states resulting from the environmental SDGs. Likewise, the environmental impact of the SAIs' audit activities in the context of the whole of Europe will be emphasized.

The workshop will focus on the environmental aspects of SDGs, the introduction and discussion of selected final SAIs reports in particular environmental areas (e.g., water protection, waste management, climate change, air protection, biodiversity).

The SDGs are set by 2030. As a part of the role of the Czech SAO Presidency in EUROSAl in the years 2021-2024, the purpose of SAIs was established in emphasizing and strengthening mutual cooperation among audit institutions in the SDGs area.

The main objective of the workshop is to show and introduce audit approaches in the area of particular environmental components with a focus on sustainability issues and to try to inspire them to carry out similar audits. Last but not least, the aim of the workshop is also to support the discussion of the possibilities of comparisons among countries within the environmental SDGs.