

## **Delegation of the Representatives from the Slovak Paying Agency (PPA) and the Soil Science and Conservation Research Institute of the Slovak National Agricultural and Food Centre (NPPC – VÚPOP) at the SAIF**

On April 17 – 18, 2018 the Headquarters of the State Agricultural Intervention Fund (SAIF) hosted the two-day visit of the delegation from the Slovak Paying Agency (PPA) and the Soil Science and Conservation Research Institute of the Slovak National Agricultural and Food Centre (NPPC – VÚPOP). The SAIF was represented by the experts from the Direct Payments, Environmental RDP Support and CMOs Section and from the Legislative and Legal Department.

Both the Czech and Slovak representatives dealt especially with the Integrated Administration and Control System (IACS) and its settings specific to each of the two EU Member States. The discussed topics included the LPIS, geospatial aid application, recovery of undue payments, EC audit missions experience and new IACS settings in relation to the use of Sentinels satellite data (monitoring approach). There was an expert exchange on the approach, practices and possible solutions to be applied.

Illustrating the discussed topics, the Czech experts showed to their Slovak colleagues the Application for Digital Prepress of the Single Aid Application and the LPIS Application and they also presented to them the pilot projects from the field of the Sentinels satellite data use in the agriculture in which the Czech Paying Agency SAIF is involved. These projects are CzechAgri, DROMAS, SEN4CAP.



The event was beneficial and brought inspiration for both sides. The expert knowledge exchange on the approach applied in both EU Member States was enriching for all participants. The two delegations also decided to continue in the mutual communication with the invitation presented by the Slovak delegation to the Czech experts to visit Slovakia.

