

TAIEX study visit of the Turkish delegation to the State Agricultural Intervention Fund

From March 4 to 7, 2019, the State Agricultural Intervention Fund (SAIF) hosted colleagues from the Turkish Agriculture and Rural Development Support Institution (ARDSI).

The ARDSI is a governmental agency responsible for administration of the EU financial support provided through the IPARD programme (Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance for Rural Development). The current study visit of colleagues from the ARDSI Coordination Unit of Internal Audit (CUIA) focused on all aspects related to work of internal audit, its efficiency and quality.

The agenda of 4-day visit covered whole process of internal audit, starting with planning phase and preparation through realization to final reports, conclusions and possible suggestions for corrective measures. Experts from the CUIA were also interested in practical functioning of the Internal Audit Department, its position within the SAIF and cooperation with its expert departments or evaluation of audits.

Another topic concerned cooperation between the Internal Audit Department and external bodies from the Czech Republic or the EU institutions during external inspections. Special attention was paid to cooperation with the European Commission (e.g. DG AGRI) and European Court of Auditors audit missions.

Since financial support from the IPARD program in Turkey is provided on project basis, several presentations were dedicated, for comparison, to audits related to the implementation of the Rural Development Programme in the Czech Republic.

Discussions throughout the meetings showed that both Turkish and Czech colleagues are dealing in their work with similar problems and exchange of experience can be mutually beneficial.

