

## **TAIEX study visit of the Kosovan delegation to the State Agricultural Intervention Fund**

From the 18<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> February, 2018, the State Agricultural Intervention Fund (SZIF) hosted a delegation from Kosovo organized by the European Commission's DG Neighbourhood and Enlargement Negotiations within the framework of the TAIEX Instrument.

The delegation was represented by Mr. Arban Hoxha, Mr. Fisnik Sadikaj and Ms. Nusrete Doda-Gasi from the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Rural Development of Kosovo.

The study visit was primarily aimed at the SZIF's functioning, primarily in the area of the implementation of LFA measures, its principles, history and legislative development. The SZIF in cooperation with the Ministry of Agriculture of the Czech Republic and the Institute of Agricultural Economics and Information informed Kosovan delegates how to implement best and which steps to take first on implementing the support to LFAs, what types of the support are provided to the farmers in LFA areas or how to proceed in executing on-the-spot checks.



On the 22<sup>nd</sup> February, the delegates visited the Regional Office of Hradec Králové where they were informed on how terrain inspections and applications submitting are run in practice.

The visit was to the satisfaction of both the delegates and organizers and strengthened the mutual relationship of the Republic of Kosovo and the Czech Republic in the field of agriculture.

