

## Delegation from the Croatian paying agency visited the SAIF

On December 11 to 12, 2018, the representatives of the State Agricultural Intervention Fund (SAIF) hosted their counterparts from the Croatian Paying Agency for Agriculture, Fisheries and Rural Development.

The delegation led by Ms. Sanja Krivanek Mahmulin, Head of the Sector for Direct Support, was particularly interested in the Czech experience with pilot projects using satellite data for monitoring of farmers' activities and verification that the conditions for payments are fulfilled.



After brief introduction of both paying agencies, the SAIF presented outcomes and lessons learned from the practical implementation of ongoing pilot projects, which could be helpful for the Croatian colleagues.

The Croatian party afterwards shared its experience in use of geo-tagged photos in combination with application for communication with beneficiaries (farmers) and use of drones as other ways, how to conduct monitoring.

During the meeting, next steps for future full implementation of monitoring within Integrated Administration and Control System (IACS) using satellite data were also discussed. An expert from Gisat, a company collaborating with the SAIF on the pilot projects, contributed to the discussion with more practical information.

Both the Czech party and the Croatian party assessed the two-day study visit as highly beneficial and the mutual relationship was strengthened.

