

## Delegation from the Turkish Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry visited the SAIF

On January 29 to 31, 2019, the State Agricultural Intervention Fund (SAIF) hosted colleagues from the Turkish Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry (MoA).

The delegation led by Mr. Hakan VELİOĞLU, Head of IACS Department, was particularly interested in the Czech experience in practical implementation of the IACS (Integrated Administration and Control System) and use of the LPIS (Land Parcel Identification System) for the IACS purposes.

During the visit, representatives of the Turkish MoA had an opportunity to learn about the whole system of subsidies administration in the Czech Republic, particularly within the SAPS (Single Area Payment System). It means from the point of application admission to monitoring of farmer's activities and verification whether farmers' declarations and provided information comply with respective requirements.

Since the Czech Republic has been participating in pilot projects aimed at use of remote sensing for the CAP, one of the themes was also possible utilization of satellite data for monitoring and checks within the IACS.

Finally, the visitors had a chance to discuss these topics with representatives of the Regional Office of the SAIF in Hradec Králové who are in direct contact with individual farmers and are responsible for actual applications admissions, LPIS updates or the on-the-spot checks.

Both parties assessed the three-day study visit as highly beneficial and judging by the lively discussions, the topics were of great importance to both sides.

