

Seminar on experience of auditing in the field of control over the public funds expenditure allocated to prevention and consequences elimination of the catastrophes. Challenges at modern stage as the point of sustainable development.

The Accounting Chamber of Ukraine together with the National Audit Office of Bulgaria, in the framework of the V Meeting of the EUROSAI Task Force on the Audit of Funds Allocated to Disasters and Catastrophes, organized a training seminar on “Experience of auditing in the field of control over the public funds expenditure allocated to prevention and consequences elimination of the catastrophes. Challenges at modern stage as the point of sustainable development” (26 March 2013, Sofia, Bulgaria).



Organization of the seminar was stipulated by the Work Plan of the EUROSAI Task Force for 2012-2014.

31 representatives from SAIs of Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Hungary, Kazakhstan, Moldova, Norway, Poland, Russia, Slovakia and Ukraine, as well as from Bulgarian government institutions and the European Commission, attended the seminar.

The training event consisted of two sessions. During the first session on the topic “Water pollution as one of the main causes of environmental catastrophes”, the participants were acquainted with the results of the parallel audits conducted with participation of the Accounting Chamber of Ukraine, namely:

- the parallel on flood control preparedness in the Upper Tisza region (2004-2005);
- the parallel audit on implementation of flood protection measures on transboundary waters of Ukraine and Poland (2005-2006);
- the parallel audit on protection of the waters in the Bug River catchment area from pollution (2006);
- the parallel audit of implementation of the agreement on transboundary water issues signed by the Government of the Slovak Republic and the Government of Ukraine (2007);
- the parallel audit on protection of the Black Sea against pollution (2011).

Besides, the participants learned the experience of the SAI of Moldova on carrying out audits in the environmental field by evaluating situation concerned the water pollution as a cause of environmental catastrophes.

During the second session on the topic “Wildfires: causes and ways to prevent” the participants were acquainted with the following presentations:

- “Forests fires in Bulgaria: causes, consequences and ways of prevention” (SAI of Bulgaria);
- “Practice of control over spending the budget funds allocated to prevention, extinguishing and consequences elimination of the wildfires in the Russian Federation” (SAI of Russia);
- “Experience on carrying out the audits of consequences of catastrophes using the geographic information systems” (SAI of Ukraine).