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Strengthening of external auditing capacities

”It is a great honour to us that the European Commission has put confidence in the SAIs of Poland and Croatia, convinced that Polish auditors will be able to pass on the experience and standards effective in the European Union to support the SAI of Albania” - said Krzysztof Kwiatkowski, president of the Polish Supreme Audit Office during the opening conference of the Twinning Project Strengthening of external auditing capacities, in Tirana on 6 May 2016. ”The point is not to tell others what solutions are best for them or to give them tailor-made recipes. For us it’s important to look at how other SAIs work. We will be working together, trying to find specific solutions for Albanian auditors but at the same time we are open to learn new things from our colleagues.”

Twinning is a European Union instrument for institutional cooperation between Public Administrations of EU Member States and of candidate countries. Twinning projects bring together public sector expertise from EU Member States and candidate countries with the aim of achieving concrete mandatory operational results through peer-to-peer activities within the candidate countries’ EU integration process.

The objective of the twinning project implemented currently in ALSAI is its further institutional strengthening and adjustment to the EU standards. The European Commission has appointed the SAIs of Poland and Croatia as twinning partners for the ALSAI. The project is funded by the European Union within the Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA) for Albania.

The Project’s implementation started in March 2016 and is going to last 24 months altogether and in that time ca. 100 different events are going to take place, mainly short-term expert missions, but also 6 study visits, 2 conferences and 8 sittings of the Steering Committee. The project is funded by the European Union.

All planned activities will be carried out in line with the modern audit framework in the public sector, which are now the International Standards of Supreme Audit Institutions (ISSAI).

Within this Twinning Project, teams of Member State short-term experts will work on supporting the Supreme State Audit of Albania in its further adjustment to the EU standards and best practices.

Both the Polish and Croatian SAIs have a long and very positive experience of the constructive bilateral cooperation with the Albanian SAI. They have been involved in the near past, among others, in delivering training activities to the Albanian SAI.

The Project is divided into 3 Components:

Component 1: *Improvement of legislative framework for audits.*

Component 2: *Development of audit methodologies and reporting capacities.*

Component 3: *Strengthening of ALSAI institutional capacity and improving impact of ALSAI audit results.*

The following Project Leaders and Resident Twinning Advisor have been nominated:

Lead Member State Partner, Mr Wojciech Kutyla, Vice-President of the Polish SAI: he co-ordinates, and controls the overall thrust of the project. He leads the activities of the project, ensures the achievement of the results, is responsible for the implementation of the activities and, with the support of the RTA, produce progress reports.

Junior Member State Project Leader, Ms Lidija Pernar, Assistant Auditor General in Croatia: she is responsible for the Croatian SAI's input to the project. In undertaking this role, she will liaise closely with the Beneficiary Counterpart Project Leader, the Lead MS Project Leader as well as the short-term experts.

Beneficiary Country Project Leader, Ms Luljeta Nano, General Secretary of ALSAI: she acts as the counterpart of the MS project leaders and will ensure, in close cooperation, the overall steering and coordination of the project.

Resident Twinning Adviser, Ms Aleksandra Kukuła: she is responsible for the day-to-day management and implementation of the project. She will be responsible for co-ordinating all the different activities and inputs and for liaising with the RTA Counterpart in the ALSAI.