

Spring Session of the EUROSAI Working Group on Environmental Auditing (WGEA), organized by the SAI of Malta

15–16 May 2024

On 15–16 May 2024, the Spring Session of the EUROSAI Working Group on Environmental Auditing (WGEA), of which the Albanian Supreme Audit Institution (ALSAI) is a member, was held in a hybrid format and organized by the SAI of Malta.

The main theme of the meeting was “Energy Security Issues.” The importance of this topic stems from its socio-economic and environmental impact, as well as from the considerable funds allocated by governments to meet energy needs in a reliable and affordable manner, while minimizing challenges such as supply disruptions, price fluctuations, and geopolitical risks to energy security.



The discussions focused on energy security, including the availability of alternative energy sources at affordable prices, sustainability aspects related to energy security, and the conduct of audits concerning the availability and use of critical raw materials. The meeting also addressed “net-zero” strategies currently being developed and implemented across Europe.

In his opening remarks, Mr. Charles Deguara, Auditor General of Malta’s National Audit Office (NAO), noted that the institution recognizes the importance of energy security at all levels of society. He added that, as a small state, although Malta faces challenges in meeting its energy needs that may be similar to those encountered by other countries, these challenges tend to be more pronounced.



Dr Andy Kerr, Chief Strategy Officer at Climate-KIC Holding B.V. and Prof. Ing. Cyril Spiteri Staines from the University of Malta delivered presentations during the meeting. Another address was delivered by Ms. Elina Bardram from the European Commission on the second day of the meeting.

The session also included presentations by Supreme Audit Institutions (SAIs) on topics related to energy security. These discussions focused on the methodologies adopted, the challenges encountered, as well as the audit findings, conclusions, and recommendations proposed by the respective SAIs in the course of auditing this sector.

This year, WGEA celebrates the 25th anniversary of its establishment and the Spring Session also marked this important milestone. In this context, the heads of the SAIs of Poland, Norway and Estonia delivered commemorative speeches in their capacities as current or former Chairs of the Working Group.

The meeting was attended online on behalf of the Albanian Supreme Audit Institution (ALSAI) by auditors Paolo Xhezo, Olisa Foto, Erand Rroboçi and Bush Bushaj.