

The European Space Agency organized the workshop on Environmental Crimes

On 11–12 June 2024, the European Space Agency and the European Commission's Joint Research Centre held a hybrid workshop on Environmental Crimes.

Through the EUROSAT Working Group on Environmental Auditing (EUROSAT/WGEA), of which the Albanian Supreme Audit Institution (ALSAI) is a member, representatives of the Supreme Audit Institutions belonging to this Working Group were also invited to participate in the event.

The two-day meeting focused on supporting technological and monitoring innovations and, in particular, on raising stakeholders' awareness of the prevention and reduction of environmental crimes.

A series of presentations were delivered by participants, focusing on concrete activities, the alignment of stakeholders' agendas in order to build evidence-based strategies against such crimes, as well as various campaigns undertaken by several countries in relation to environmental crimes. Attention was also paid to the detection of environmental crimes and their consequences, the identification of related issues, and other aspects. The questions raised focused on the best practices used by participating countries to monitor these crimes.

Examples were also presented from "smart" forest monitoring, a programme that enables monitoring through remote sensors using satellite platforms.

The Albanian Supreme Audit Institution attended online through auditors from the Performance Audit Department, Mr. Klarenc Xhaferaj and Ms. Shqipe Hoxhaj.