

The Role of the Supreme Audit Institutions in Enhancing Accountability, Transparency and Integrity in the Public Sector

**High-Level Conference under the Bulgarian Presidency of the Council
of the European Union**

Organised by

The Bulgarian National Audit Office

National Palace of Culture, Hall 3, Floor 7
15 May 2018, Sofia

Programme

- 13 May 2018** Arrival of the participants
(Sunday)
- 19:30** Welcome reception for the foreign delegations
Silhouette Conference Room, Hotel Marinela Sofia, Floor 19
- 09:00 / 14 May** Cultural Programme for the foreign delegations
2018 (Monday)
- 15 May 2018** **High-Level Conference „The Role of the Supreme Audit Institutions in**
(Tuesday) **Enhancing Accountability, Transparency and Integrity in the Public Sector“**
- 9:00 – 9:30** Transfer from the hotels to the National Palace of Culture / Registration
Entrance A4
- 9:30 – 9:35** **Opening speech by Tzvetan Tzvetkov**, President of the Bulgarian National
Audit Office
- 9:35 – 9:40** **Welcome speech by Lilyana Pavlova**, Minister for the Bulgarian Presidency of
the EU Council 2018

9:40 – 9:45 **Welcome speech by Mariya Ilieva**, Chairperson of the Public Sector Accountability Subcommittee to the Budget and Finance Committee of the National Assembly of the Republic of Bulgaria

9:45 – 10:05 **Keynote speech by Klaus – Heiner Lehne**, President of the European Court of Auditors

10:05 – 11:05 **Panel I: Institutional Independence – Key Factor for SAI Effectiveness**

Speeches:

- Good practices and achievements – **Wolfgang Wiklicky**, Director General, Austrian Court of Audit (20 minutes)
- Challenges – **Bujar Leskaj**, Chairman of the Supreme Audit Institution of Albania (20 minutes)

Discussions (15 minutes)

11:05 – 11:15 **Group photo**
In front of Hall 3

11:15 – 11:30 **Coffee break**
In front of Hall 3

11:30 – 12:30 **Panel II: On the Road to Value-Driven Audits**

Speeches:

- Good practices and achievements – **Miloslav Kala**, President of the Supreme Audit Office of the Czech Republic (20 minutes)
- Challenges – **Dusko Pejovic**, President/Auditor General of the State Audit Institution of Serbia (20 minutes)

Discussions (20 minutes)

12:30 – 13:30 Lunch break

Sky Plaza Restaurant, National Palace of Culture, Floor 10

13:30 – 14:30 Discussion forum: The SAI – Being a Model Organization for Good Governance

Participants:

- **Tytti Yli-Viikari**, Auditor General of Finland
- **Seyit Ahmet Baş**, President of the Turkish Court of Accounts
- **Tomaž Vesel**, President of the Slovenian Court of Audit
- **Besnik Osmani**, Auditor General of Kosovo

14:30 – 14:45 Coffee break

In front of Hall 3

14:45 – 15:45 Panel III: Administrative Capacity Modernization of SAIs – Example of Good Governance in the Public Sector

Speeches:

- Good practices and achievements – **Krzysztof Kwiatkowski**, President of the Supreme Audit Office of Poland (20 minutes)
- Challenges – **Naser Ademi**, Deputy Auditor General of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (20 minutes)

Discussions (20 minutes)

15:45 – 16:45 Panel IV: Communication with Stakeholders and Increasing the Trust of the Citizens

Speeches:

- Good practices and achievements – **Peter Kinsley**, Deputy Director of Audit, Office of the Comptroller and Auditor General of Ireland (20 minutes)
- Good practices and achievements – **Hayo van der Wal**, Senior International Advisor, The Netherlands Court of Audit (20 minutes)
- Challenges – **Milan Dabović**, President of the State Audit Institution of Montenegro (20 minutes)

16:45 – 17:30 Discussions and closing remarks

17:30 – 18:00 Transfer from the National Palace of Culture to the hotels

19:30 – 20:00 Transfer from the hotels to Boyana Residence, Mansion 2

20:00 – 22:00 Official dinner for the foreign delegations hosted by the President of the Bulgarian National Audit Office

22:00 – 22:30 Transfer from Boyana Residence, Mansion 2 to the hotels

16 May 2018 Departure of the participants
(Wednesday)