



International Conference of the Supreme Audit Office of the Slovak Republic

AUDIT INSTITUTION AS DRIVER FOR CHANGE

- obstacles currently faced by public institutions,
- examples of good practice in defending their independence,
- the real impact of audit on systemic improvements,
- transparency and the protection of the public interest;
- contribution to more effective functioning of the state and to citizens' trust.

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Crowne Plaza
Hotel
Bratislava

Programme



8:30-9:00

Registration and networking

9:00-10:00

Opening of the Conference:

Ľubomír Andrassy, President, Supreme Audit Office of the Slovak Republic,
I. Vice-president EUROSAI

César Aguilar Surichaqui, Comptroller General of the Republic of Peru

Block 1

INDEPENDENCE

10:00-11:15

Independence as the Cornerstone of Trust (presentations)

The importance of institutional, financial and personnel independence of audit institutions in a modern democracy.

Ján Mazák, former President of the Judicial Council and of the Constitutional Court of the Slovak Republic, em. AG at European Court of Justice (ECJ)

Benjamin Fuentes, Senior Manager, INTOSAI Development Initiative (IDI)

11:15-11:30

Coffee break

11:30-12:40

How to Protect the Independence of Public Institutions? (panel discussion)

Institutions in practice: challenges, obstacles and solutions. The legislative framework and informal factors beyond legal safeguards. Building credible and resilient institutions.

Ján Mazák, former President of the Judicial Council and of the Constitutional Court, em. AG of ECJ

Zuzana Dlugošová, Chairwoman, Whistleblower Protection Office

Juraj Beňa, Chairman, Antimonopoly Office of the Slovak Republic

Panel moderator: **Jaroslav Ivančo**, Vice-President, Supreme Audit Office of the Slovak Republic

12:40-13:30

Lunch and networking

Block 2

IMPACT

13:30-14:30

Recommendations That Change Practice (presentations)

Measuring impact, value for money and implementation of recommendations. Good practices: how audit findings translate into legislative, budgetary and management changes.

Katarína Kaszasová, Member of the European Court of Auditors (Slovakia)

Miloslav Kala, President, Supreme Audit Office of the Czech Republic

14:30-15:40

From Findings to Remedy: What Is the Real Impact of Independent Audit? (panel discussion)

Turning audit work into systemic reforms and the protection of the public interest. Public communication as a lever for change. Examples of good practice and success stories of remedial action.

Miloslav Kala, President, Supreme Audit Office of the Czech Republic

Emília Sičáková-Beblová, Institute of Public Policy, Comenius University Bratislava

Ján Blcháč, Chairman, Committee on Finance and Budget, National Council of the SR

Jozef Božík, Chairman, Association of Towns and Communities of Slovakia (ZMOS)

Ľubica Gazdová, Director General of ISAI, Supreme Audit Office of the Slovak Republic

Panel moderator: **Jaroslav Ivančo**, Vice-President, Supreme Audit Office of the Slovak Republic

15:40-16:00

Closing of the Conference:

Summary of key conclusions by Ľubomír Andrassy,
President of SAO SR and I. Vice-President of EUROSAI

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