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# Cooperative audit on measures taken in poverty alleviation

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# First steps

Summer 2018 - SAIs were invited to participate in a cooperative audit, which would be coordinated by the State Audit Office.

The overall subject of the audit was EU2020 Strategy.

SAO Hungary proposed 3 topics: poverty reduction, employment expansion, Research&Development and innovation.



# Audit on measures taken in poverty alleviation

The objective of the coordinated audit is to enable the exchange of knowledge, experience and good practices, as well as to evaluate the conclusions and recommendations concerning the execution of the goals of the national strategies and planned measures implemented to improve the circumstances and of people living below the poverty threshold.

Audit period: 2015-2018, possibly limited by the availability of data

Type of audit: compliance and/or performance audit

2nd half of 2020: Presentation of the final report at the EU Contact Committee Meeting



# Europe 2020 Strategy

- ▶ **Employment**
  - 75% of people aged 20-64 to be in work
- ▶ **Research and Development (R&D)**
  - 3% of the EU's GDP to be invested in R&D
- ▶ **Climate change and energy**
  - greenhouse gas emissions 20% lower than 1990 levels
  - 20% of energy coming from renewables
  - 20% increase in energy efficiency
- ▶ **Education**
  - rates of early school leavers below 10%
  - at least 40% of people aged 30-34 having completed higher education
- ▶ **Poverty and social exclusion**
  - at least 20 million fewer people in - or at risk of - poverty/social exclusion



# Main questions for the cooperative audit

1. Have the strategies, action plans and other related documents been developed in order to achieve poverty reduction goals?
2. Have the aims of reducing poverty, the applied concepts and indicators been defined?
3. Is the reliability of data and information ensured?
4. Have data and information been evaluated?
5. Has the monitoring system of implementation been established and operated?



# Important indicators

- ▶ Poverty rate of families with children
- ▶ Share of people suffering from severe material deprivation
- ▶ Share of people living in households with low work intensity



# Participating Supreme Audit Institutions

- ▶ National Audit Office of Bulgaria
- ▶ State Audit Office of the Republic of Croatia
- ▶ State Audit Office of Latvia
- ▶ Supreme Audit Office of the Slovak Republic
- ▶ State Audit Office of Hungary

