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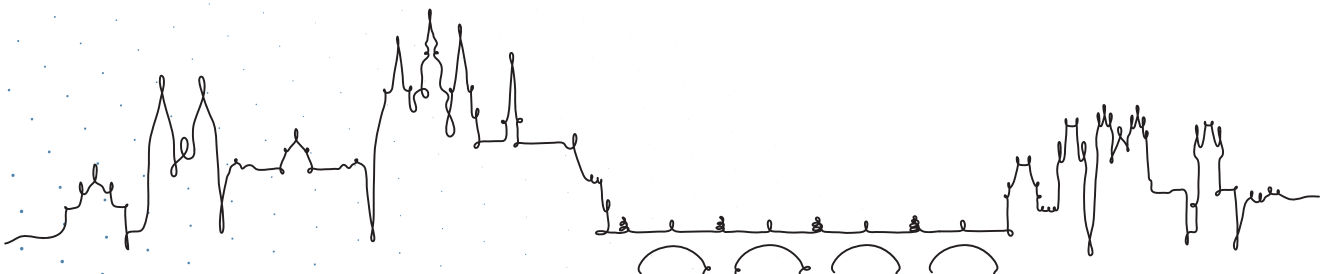
## PROGRAMME

30th ANNUAL MEETING OF THE EUROPEAN  
AUDITORS OF COHESION POLICY FUNDS  
“THE HOMOLOGUES GROUP”

Prague  
25-26 September 2023

### Location and Accommodation

Meeting and accommodation:  
Grandior Hotel Prague, Na Poříčí 42, Prague 1



# MONDAY 25 SEPTEMBER 2023

Presidency by **Mr Stanislav Bureš**, Head of the Audit Authority Department in the Ministry of Finance of the Czech Republic and **Mr Franck Sébert**, Director, Joint Audit Directorate for Cohesion, DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion and DG Regional and Urban Policy, European Commission

**08:15 - 09:00** Registration at the WELCOME DESK

**09:00 - 09:30** Opening speech by **Mr Jiří Valenta, Deputy Minister of Finance of the Czech Republic**

**09:30 - 09:45** Welcome speech by **Mr Joost Korte, Director General, Directorate-General for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion**

**09:45 - 10:15** Opening speech by **Mr Tony Murphy, President of the European Court of Auditors**

**10:15 - 10:35** Presentation by **Ms Kateřina Neveselá, Director of the Czech National Coordination Body, Ministry of Regional Development**

**10:35 - 11:00** Coffee break

## WORKSHOPS 11:00 - 13:00

**Workshop 1:** Auditing in a new environment for first level controls (eg. risk based management verifications, enhanced proportionate arrangements).

Facilitators: Ms Ilse Van den Abeele, Head of Unit DAC.2  
Ms Jana Forstova, Team Leader DAC.2

Speakers: Ms Miriam Fernandez Jutz, Deputy Head of Unit DAC.7  
Ms Ioana Mantog, Team Leader DAC.7  
Mr Goran Zakanji, Head of Unit, Audit Authority, Croatia  
Mr Casper Kelsall, Head of Section, Audit Authority, Denmark

Rapporteur: Mr Avinash Nandram, Head of Audit Authority, the Netherlands

**Workshop 2:** Enhanced detection capacity for audit authorities. Lessons learnt from recent reperformance audits.

Facilitators: Mr Rafael Lopez Sanchez, Head of Unit DAC.4

Speakers: Ms Olivia Jordan, Deputy Head of Unit DAC.4  
Mr Ricardo Reis, Director, Audit Authority, Portugal

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**Workshop 3: Financing not linked to costs (FNLC) and Simplified Cost Options (SCO). Looking beyond legality and regularity.**

Facilitators: Mr Axel Badrichani, Head of Unit DAC.6  
Ms Marcela Buzoi, Deputy Head of Unit DAC.6  
Mr Brian Debattista, Deputy Head of Unit DAC.1  
Mr Dinos Alevizopoulos, Assistant to the Director DAC

Speakers: Ms Marcela Buzoi, Deputy Head of Unit DAC.6  
Mr Christophe Acolat, Consultant, Audit Authority, France  
Ms Agnese Abula, Senior expert, Audit Authority, Latvia

Rapporteur: Ms Dorota Kwiecińska, Deputy Director, Audit Authority, Poland

**13:00 - 14:45** Lunch

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**Workshop 4: System audits and the audit strategies for 2021-2027 (new risks, verification of double funding or self-declarations). World café.**

Facilitators: Ms Cendrine de Buggenoms, Head of Unit DAC.5  
Ms Androulla Ioannou, Head of Unit DAC.3

Speakers: Ms Cristina Asturias, Head of Unit DAC.1  
Ms Beatrice Stanciu, Deputy Head of Unit DAC.5  
Ms Cristina Chaparro Ramirez, Assistant to the Director DAC  
Mr Roman Kalis, Team Leader Unit DAC.3

Rapporteur: Mr Jan Eiken, Deputy Head of Unit, Audit Authority, Germany

**18:00** Transfer to the Gala dinner

## TUESDAY 26 SEPTEMBER 2023

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**08:30 - 09:00** Registration at the WELCOME DESK

**09:00 - 11:00** Launching the debate for post 2027. Strengths and limits of the current assurance model. Key note statements and panel discussions.

Panel members:

- Mr Stanislav Bureš, Head of Audit Authority, Czech Republic
- Mr Franck Sébert, Director DAC, European Commission
- Ms Marie Bourjou, Director DG AGRI, European Commission
- Mr Martin Weber, Director Chamber 2, European Court of Auditors
- Mr Pablo Arellano, General Auditor, Audit Authority, Spain
- Mr Patrick Wamper, Head of Unit, Managing Authority North Rhine-Westphalia, Germany
- Mr Peter Berkovitz, Director DG REGIO, European Commission (online)
- Ms Ruth Paserman, Director DG EMPL, European Commission (online)

Facilitator: Mr Lothar Kuhl, Head of Unit DAC.7, European Commission

Moderator: Mr Luca Santin, Expert, Coordinator of DG REGIO and ESF Transnational Networks on Simplification, Italy

**11:00 - 11:30** Coffee break

**11:30 - 12:30** ECA recommendations for system improvements in Audit Authorities work. Discussions.

Presentation by the European Court of Auditors:

Ms Helga Berger, Member Chamber 2

Ms Valeria Rota, Principal Manager Chamber 2

**12:30 - 13:00** Take aways from workshops & debates (part 1)

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**13:00 - 14:30** Lunch

**14:30 - 16:15** Take aways from workshops & debates (part 2)

Workshop 2: Mr Balázs Dencsó, Director General, Audit Authority, Hungary

Workshop 3: Ms Dorota Kwiecińska, Deputy Director, Audit Authority, Poland

Workshop 4: Mr Jan Eiken, Deputy Head of Unit, Audit Authority, Germany

**16:15 - 16:30** Closing speech: video addressed by Commissioner Ferreira

**16:30 - 16:45** Organisation of the next Homologues Group Meeting

**16:45 - 17:00** Closure of the meeting

**19:00** Closure dinner

The conference is organised by the Audit Authority Department in the Ministry of Finance of the Czech Republic and has been granted co-funding from the ERDF and the Cohesion Fund by the European Commission.