

Multi-country workshop, Taiex, in Skopje, October 2017:

Multi-Country Workshop on IPA II challenges and strengthening the audit authorities' network, organised by TAIEX in cooperation with the Audit Authority for audit of instrument for pre-accession assistance in the Republic of Macedonia, was held in the period 24-25 October 2017 in Skopje.

The main objective of this workshop was to share best practice and lessons learnt as regards the auditing of the Instrument for Pre-Accession funds with a view of strengthening national Audit Authorities in the beneficiary administrations.

The workshop was a good opportunity for the Macedonian Audit Authority, which this year has marked the 10th anniversary since establishing, to present the road it went by over the last 10 years and share its experiences with the other participants at the workshop.

The workshop was attended by more than 80 participants coming from:

- audit authorities from Albania, Montenegro, Serbia, Turkey, the Republic of Macedonia (representatives from these candidate-countries audit authorities made presentations related to the status and work of their respective audit institutions), Bosnia and Herzegovina and Kosovo;
- representatives of the European Commission - the Directorate-General for Neighborhood and Enlargement Negotiations, the Directorate-General for Employment, Social Affairs & Inclusion and the Delegation of the European Union to the RM in Skopje, as speakers;
- representative of the European Court of Auditors, speaker;
- representatives of the audit authorities of EU member states Croatia, Bulgaria and Romania who presented their experience in auditing IPA funds, speakers.

The welcome and closing speeches were delivered by the acting General IPA Auditor of the Macedonian Audit Authority.