

Audit of the state budget funds, allocated to implementation of the Kyoto Protocol to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change, including those obtained from the sale of parts of assigned amount of greenhouse gases

From November 2011 to February 2012, the Accounting Chamber Ukraine conducted the performance audit of the state budget funds, allocated to implementation of the Kyoto Protocol to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change, including those obtained from the sale of parts of assigned amount of greenhouse gases.

Audited entities: the Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources of Ukraine, the State Environmental Investment Agency of Ukraine, the State Treasury Service of Ukraine, the Ministry of Energy and Coal Industry of Ukraine, the Ministry of Regional Development, Construction and Housing and Communal Service of Ukraine, the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports of Ukraine, the Ministry of Agriculture and Food of Ukraine, the Ministry of Health of Ukraine, the State Agency of Ukraine for the State Corporate Rights and Property, the State Agency of Forest Resources of Ukraine.

Key findings:

Ukraine spent the state budget funds in 2010-2011 aimed at taking measures for implementation of the provisions of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change and its Kyoto Protocol, including funds obtained from the sale of units (parts) of greenhouse gas emissions, as required by Article 17 of the Kyoto Protocol, within the existing international and national laws.

Regulatory support of implementation by Ukraine of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change and the Kyoto Protocol meets in general the requirements of these international acts. In particular, the measures for the implementation by Ukraine its commitments under the UN Framework Convention and the implementation of the Kyoto Protocol were taken, a relevant Interagency commission was established and an order of preparation, review, approval and implementation of projects aimed at reducing anthropogenic emissions of greenhouse gases was regulated.

However, due to the improper operation in 2010-2011 by the Interagency Commission on implementation of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change and, consequently, poor coordination of actions by the relevant public authorities, the national action plans to mitigate climate changes and adapt to these changes were not approved and a basic legal act on GHG emissions in Ukraine is absent.

Thus, the national system for estimating anthropogenic emissions of greenhouse gases does not comply fully general and specific functions required by the Kyoto Protocol, and it does not provide sufficient capacity to collect relevant data.

The Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources of Ukraine as the Coordinator for the implementation of Ukraine's commitments under the Framework Convention and the Kyoto Protocol did not provide effective management and use of the state budget funds aimed at taking measures to implement the provisions of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change and the Kyoto Protocol. As a result, there are some risks of non-fulfilment on time of the National Action Plan on implementation of the Kyoto Protocol to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change.