

Weekly Newscast: Week 22

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On Monday, the State Audit Office of Hungary published its report on the audit of the ragweed control system. On Wednesday, the National Assembly discussed the SAO's professional activity in 2016. The SAO also attended the meeting of the INTOSAI Working Group on IT Audit and presented its Integrity Project that has been gaining increasing international attention. An informative article has been published on the SAO's newsletter, in which we summarised recent innovations in online communication. Once again this week, almost 30 new articles were published on the SAO's News Portal.

New report: the SAO recommends the review of ragweed control

In its report published on Monday, the State Audit Office of Hungary concluded that ragweed control was not effective between 2013 and 2015. The SAO found no correlation between the efforts expended on ragweed control and changes in ragweed pollen concentration. National daily ragweed pollen concentration exceeded the target value many times over in each year under review.



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Report in progress: audit at the Hungarian State Opera House

In accordance with the State Audit Office of Hungary's audit plan for the first half of 2017 and the approved audit programme, preparations have begun for the audit of the financial and property management of the Hungarian State Opera House in the period of 2012–2015. The SAO informed both the audited entity and its managing body and the entity exercising founder's rights – the Ministry of Human Resources – of the commencement of the audit.



The SAO's report for last year in front of the National Assembly

On Wednesday, the National Assembly discussed the State Audit Office of Hungary's activity in 2016. The SAO's results for last year were presented at the plenary session by Tihamér Warvasovszky. The Vice-President of the SAO talked in detail about the proposals that the SAO put forward to the National Assembly based on its audit experiences. He also stressed that the methodologies applied by the organisations conducting audits need to be updated and standardised.



Utilisation by the National Assembly: information regarding the audits conducted at the HCSO

In relation to the information document submitted by the Hungarian Central Statistical Office to the National Assembly pertaining to the year 2016, the State Audit Office notified Members of Parliament of the SAO's audits conducted at the HCSO in recent years. The SAO pointed out that the HCSO's reliable and smooth operation and the provision of true and credible information are essential for economic and social actors.

Knowledge sharing: presentation about the integrity of local governments

A professional day entitled "Supporting the value-driven operation of local governments" was arranged by the National Protective Service on Tuesday in Miskolc. Dr. Erzsébet Németh, the person in charge of the integrity surveys of the State Audit Office of Hungary also held a presentation at the event. The SAO's director emphasised that local governments should assign greater priority to the regulation of equity-related issues and to the implementation of cost accounting. [Click here to read more about the presentation.](#)

International scene: SAO products and projects in focus

The SAO attended the 26th session of the INTOSAI Working Group on IT Audit, and presented its Integrity Project at the meeting. Following the presentations of SAIs from Brazil, India, the USA and Hungary, the attendees of the professional event participated at a roundtable discussion to compare the dilemmas and decision points relevant to the application of IT-based systems. [Click here to read more about the international event.](#)



In the framework of the Tuesday seminar of the Europe 2020 Strategy Audit Network, the SAO presented the lessons and conclusions of its joint audit with the Bulgarian and Romanian SAIs on graduate career tracking. In the context of a presentation on the topic, the SAO's representative stressed that exploring and mutually understanding good practices were the explicit goals of the coordinated audit. [Click here](#) to read more about the international event.

Sign up for the SAO's newsletter!

The SAO launched its media newsletter last week which, similar to our weekly newscast, is sent to registered users every Friday afternoon. The document offers a concise, brief and visually updated presentation on the SAO's work to citizens and to representatives of the media. In our article, we present the evolution of the weekly summaries that provide the basis of the SAO's newsletter, share our other innovative solutions and also shed light on the future. The infographics on the SAO's 2017 communication innovations are available [here](#).

Clearly about public finances: performance of public duties

Presenting the use of public funds and the performance of public duties is an important part of financial culture and public finance awareness. But what is the essence of public duty? What does it mean exactly? What does the man in the street think about it? To find out, watch the video of the Financial Awareness Project.

Nearly 30 new articles on the SAO's News Portal in week 22

In order to ensure the transparency of its operation and the continuous supply of information to the general public, SAO's various organisational units and audit staff published 27 new articles during the week. Apart from the topics of the Weekly Newscast, the articles provided up-to-date information on the various stages of newly commenced and ongoing audits and on the utilisation of the audit work. SAO's News Portal has published 826 news items, while the State Audit Office of Hungary has published 84 reports so far this year.

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