Accuracy of Annual Accounts 2011 and legality of transactions of the Ministry of Education and Research

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Summary of audit results

The State Budget Act assigns the National Audit Office the obligation to audit the accounting and the legality of transactions of ministries. The National Audit Office audited the accuracy of the Annual Accounts 2011 of the Ministry of Education and Research and the conformity of the transactions it entered into with legislation that regulates the use of the state budget.

The National Audit Office also evaluated whether the ministry and its area of government have developed an effective internal audit system that creates the conditions required for the correct use of funds allocated for investments and labour costs, and for the existence and prudent use of assets. The National Audit Office also paid attention to whether the main principles of the Public Procurement Act had been adhered to.

The budgetary expenses of the ministry in 2011 were 497 million euros, and the balance sheet total as of 31 December 2011 amounted to 427 million euros.

The main conclusions of the National Audit Office are the following:

■ The Annual Accounts 2011 of the Ministry of Education and Research, in all material respects, give a true and fair view of the ministry's financial position and financial performance and cash flow for the year ended.

■ The organisation of accounting in the ministry and in the agencies in its area of government is good.

■ The audited significant transactions have been carried out in compliance with the State Budget Act, the 2011 State Budget Act and the Act Amending the 2011 State Budget Act. The funds allocated in the 2011 state budget for investment and labour costs were used for their intended purpose in the audited transactions.

■ Asset accounting in the ministry is good and the preservation of assets in the ministry is guaranteed.

■ The Public Procurement Act was generally followed when items were purchased and when services were ordered.

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