

Questions for the preparation of the 2022 Rule of Law Report

Could you provide us with an update on the state of play of the Pandemic Act?

- Pandemic Act is still in force and effective. There has been an amendment to it, which lists emergency measures and introduces possibility of simplified process of ordering isolations and other quarantine measures. The period in which this Act shall be in force has been prolonged to 30th November 2022, instead of the previous date of 28th February 2022.

Has the internal audit to investigate the manner of preparation of emergency measures been concluded? Could you please summarize its findings?

- The extraordinary internal audit was concluded in August 2021.
- Findings:
 - There is a lack of methodical setting of processes into internal methodological procedures connected with the processing and issuing of extraordinary protective measures within pandemic situations.
 - The setting of competencies in the Organizational Chart of the Ministry of Health for processes connected with the issuing of extraordinary protective measures within pandemic situations is missing.
 - Judgments of the Supreme Administrative Court in some areas have not been respected. Both, the Minister of Health and the Government of the Czech Republic, were informed of Supreme Administrative Court decision. The conclusion of the court represented a strong signal, however due to development of pandemic situation the government needed restrictive measures to last for some time.