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## **Priorities of the Czech Energy Sector: Improvement of Energy Performance and Effective Drawing of Subsidies**

**This day, on Tuesday, 10 May 2016, an important meeting of energy experts known as the “ENERGO SUMMIT” was held. The leading topic of the already second edition of the event was creation of the Energy Union, decarbonisation and future of the Czech energy sector in relation to the European Union and world market. The ENERGO SUMMIT took place in the Congress Hall at the PVA EXPO PRAGUE in Letňany. The importance of the event is confirmed by the auspices granted by the Ministry of Industry and Trade of the Czech Republic, Confederation of Industry of the Czech Republic, Electrical and Electronic Association of the Czech Republic, Czech Chamber of Commerce and the Visegrad Group.**

The introductory session of this year’s ENERGO SUMMIT was focused on the future of the European market for energy, which was commenced by Jan Král, Director of the Department of Coordination of European Policies from the Office of the Government of the Czech Republic. He pointed out that the objectives of the Energy Union were not uniform and that now it is necessary to pay particular attention to assurance of safe and permanently sustainable deliveries of energy in accordance with climatic requirements. *“We deem this year to be fundamental for the arising of the Energy Union, which is to be fully supported by the Czech Republic,”* emphasised Jan Král. He mentioned this year’s priorities of the Czech Republic within the framework of the Energy Union, especially the activities supporting transition to a low-carbon economy, increase in energy performance and creation of a fully integrated energy market. An essential point is the outlining of the structure of the energy market and systematic control of cross-border flows of electricity generated especially from foreign renewable resources which mean a heavy load for the Czech distribution system capacities.

Another important topic of the Czech Energy Sector will be, for the future periods, energy savings and increase in energy performance. In this connection, the Government of the Czech Republic would like, according to the speech of Mr. Král, to continue in the support of electromobility and renovation of buildings. A priority of the Czech Republic at the national level is the effective use of the existing subsidy programmes of the European Union for fulfilment of the potential of energy savings. The Government can see a large reserve and at the same time also an opportunity in the research and development of nuclear technologies in which the Czech Republic has a historically strong background and potential. Nuclear energy will play its indispensable role in the energy mix of the country in the future as well.

Besides the above, the ENERGO SUMMIT was dealing with **the issues of decarbonisation**. A significant shift in the field of reduction of carbon emissions was brought, at the end of last year, by the international climatic conference “COP 21” in Paris, where a global agreement on reduction of carbon production was made. In his speech at the ENERGO SUMMIT, Pavel Zámyslický from the Ministry of the Environment of the Czech Republic summed up the consequences which that agreement may have for the Czech energy sector, and what the climatic-energy policy of the Czech Republic means in an international context. The possibilities for achievement of effective decarbonisation include also a higher level of coverage of energy needs from renewable energy resources. Specific experience from Belgium in this area was explained to listeners by one of the foreign guests of the conference, Mr. Bart Bode from the Flemish Sustainable Energy Organisation.

Among other topics opened by the ENERGY SUMMIT it is necessary to mention the so-called fifth pillar of the Energy Union, which is formed of the Research and Innovations or Effective Use of Tools for Improvement of Energy Performance.

*“The ENERGO SUMMIT takes place simultaneously with the FOR ENERGO Trade Fair, which traditionally represents fresh innovations in the field of generation, distribution and use of energy,”* says Vanda Yousifová, Director of the Business Team of Industrial Trade Fairs. These industrial trade fairs are held at the PVA EXPO PRAGUE Exhibition Centre in Letňany till Friday 13 May 2016.

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