

Prague European Energy Forum

Prague, October, Thursday 23rd and Friday 24th, 2008

Venue: Lichtenstein Palace, U Sovových mlýnů 4/506, Prague 1

Under the auspices of

Mr. Alexandr Vondra

Deputy Prime Minister for European Affairs of the Czech Republic

In the presence of

Mr. Mirek Topolánek

Prime Minister of the Czech Republic

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09:00 – 10:15

Plenary session: The European Energy Challenges

How should we rank the priority issues to be tackled in order to provide sustainable economic growth with particular emphasis on energy supplies? Are we approaching an energy and fuel crisis or are current high prices simply part of the natural fluctuation?

Special Address by Mirek Topolánek,
Prime Minister of the Czech Republic.

Martin Roman, CEO CEZ Group and Vice-president of the Confederation of Industry
Petr Kužel, President of the Czech Chamber of Commerce

10:15 – 10:30

- - - Coffee Break - - -

10:30 – 12:00

I. Trans-European Energy Networks

Considering the current situation and the future major transportation projects, where are the major gaps in Trans-European Energy Networks – both in electricity and gas systems? Is there a positive outlook for investment to the transmission/transport networks throughout Europe, or are there some threats hindering investment and development – seen from both economic and political perspective and given the currently discussed 3rd liberalization package?

Liv Monica Stubholt, Deputy Minister of Petroleum and Energy, Norway
Hido Bišćević, Secretary-general, Regional Co-operation Council, Bosnia and Herzegovina
Jean-Arnold Vinois, Head of the Energy Policy and Security of Supply Unit, European Commission
Václav Bartuška, Ambassador at Large for Energy Security, Czech Republic
Alan Svoboda, Executive Director Sales and Trading, ČEZ, Czech Republic

Moderator: **Edward Chow**, Senior Fellow, Energy Program, Center for Strategic and International Studies, Washington

12:00 – 13:00

- - - Lunch - - -

13:00 – 14:30

II. EU ETS Emissions trading system – New Era for Environmental Policy

Will the revised ETS will be sufficient to deliver on the EU's commitments in combating climate change while the EU is now facing the need to agree before the Copenhagen summit next year to reduce the actual force of the instrument? As auctioning will be the principle allocation method in the next trading period what is the current "state of play" of the preparation of basic rules for auctions? What concrete steps and measures have already been taken on MS level and more generally – what is the role of auctions in the whole process - as it is often seen as absolutely crucial for the smooth operation of the system? Will not the auctions limit the investment capacity of the energy companies into new power generation capacities?

**Special Address by Martin Bursík, Deputy Prime Minister &
Minister of the Environment, Czech Republic**

Miroslav Ouzký, Chairman, Environment, Public Health and Food Safety Committee of the European Parliament

Artur Runge-Metzger, Head of Unit "Climate Strategy, international negotiation and monitoring of EU action", European Commission, Brussels

Oldřich Vojř, Parliament of the Czech Republic Chamber of Deputies, chairperson of Committee on Economic Affairs

Martin Saitz, CEO, BMW Czech Republic

Moderator: **Jaromír Drábek**, Chairman, International Chamber of Commerce in the Czech Republic

14:30 – 15:00

- - - Coffee Break - - -

15:00 – 16:30

III. Energy Security in Coal, Gas and Oil Markets - What Are the Opportunities and Limits?

What are the opportunities and limits of coal, gas and oil from a business/EU perspective? What role will CCS play in the future? Will coal and oil be competitive in a carbon-constrained world in medium and long term? What are the likely fuel-mix strategies of industry, given the current rocketing prices of fuel and limited availability of coal in the long run?

Didier Houssin, Director of the Directorate of Energy Markets and Security, International Energy Agency, Paris

Klaus-Dieter Beck, CEO, OKD, Czech Republic

Jan Pánek, Head of Unit, Coal & Oil, DG TREN, Brussels

Zdeněk Osner, The Employers' Union of Mining and Oil Industries, Czech Republic

Moderator: **Pavel Stehlík**, Senior Adviser, Prime Minister Office, Czech Republic

19:30 Reception hosted by

ANO pro Evropu & Embassy of Sweden to the Czech Republic

Venue: Swedish Embassy in Prague, Úvoz 13, Prague /by special invitation only/

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IV. Energy as a Priority of the EU Presidency

What is the role of energy in the current French and forthcoming Czech and Swedish presidencies? Are the priorities generally similar or is each country focusing on specific energy issues? Isn't the European Union shooting at too many birds, trying to tackle the liberalization of energy markets, climate change and sustainability while still calling for strong security of supply?

Welcoming Remarks by Jana Hendrichová,

Deputy Vice Prime Minister for European Affairs, Czech Republic

Tomáš Hüner, Vice-Minister, Ministry of Industry, Czech Republic

Charles Fries, Ambassador of the Republic of France to the Czech Republic

Bo Diczfalusy, Head of Energy Division, Director-General for Energy, Ministry of Enterprise, Energy and Communications, Sweden

Libor Rouček, Vice-chairman, Foreign Affairs Committee, European Parliament, Brussels

Zuzana Krejčířiková, Head of European Affairs, CEZ, a.s. Czech Republic

Zdeněk Hrubý, Institute of Economic Studies, Faculty of Social Sciences, Charles University in Prague, Member of the Expert Panel on the Priority of Energy of Czech Presidency of the Council

Moderator: **Monika MacDonagh-Pajerová**, Chairperson of the ANO pro Evropu, Czech Republic

10:30 – 10:45

- - - Coffee Break - - -

10:45 – 12:15

V. Revival of the Nuclear Energy: Challenges and Risks for Europe

What are the major challenges and risks of nuclear energy? Is it more friend or foe? Given the fact we are approaching the age of carbon constrained economy - are we going to (and if so, how quickly) witness the changing role of different fuels present in energy mix of countries? Will nuclear become renewable?

Peter Žiga, State Secretary, Ministry of Economics, Slovak Republic

Vladimír Dlouhý, International Adviser, Goldman Sachs and former Minister of Trade and Industry, Prague

Roman Portužák, Director of the Electroenergy Department, Ministry of Industry, Czech Republic

Pavel Bartoš, Vice President, Czech Chamber of Commerce, CEO, FITE a.s.

Moderator: **Martin Komárek**, Mladá fronta DNES

12:15 – 13:30

- - - Lunch - - -

A special workshop on financing RES will be held in parallel to the lunch in association with Česká Spořitelna

13:30 – 15:00

VI. Renewable Sources and Revitalization of the Landscape

Is financing of renewables a problematic issue today? And if so, where are the impediments, solutions and opportunities? How are institutions approaching the issue of financing renewables?

Special Address: Vladimír Špidla,
Commissioner for Employment, Social Affairs
and Equal Opportunities, Brussels

Gernot Mittendorfer, CEO Česká spořitelna, a.s., Prague

Tony Aksich, CEO, RPG Group, Czech Republic

Petr Štěpánek, Director, State Environment Fund, Czech Republic

Ladislav Miko, Director, Protecting the Natural Environment, DG Environment, European Commission, Brussels

Oliver Schäfer, European Renewable Energy Council Brussels, Germany

Jan Wiesner, Chairman, Confederation of Employers' and Entrepreneurs' Associations of the Czech Republic

Moderator: **Dana Bérová**, Sales Director, Gartner Inc. and former Czech Minister of Informatics

15:00 – 15:15

- - - Coffee Break - - -

15:15 – 16:45

VII. EU - Russia Relations in Light of Future Energy Challenges

How should we see the EU-Russia relationship in light of the current situation and future energy challenges? Given the current situation - is Russia going to be more as a partner of the EU or its competitor in energy security of supply issues?

Alexander Babakov, Deputy Chairman, State Duma, Russia (TBC)

Patrick Allard, Councilor for International Economic Issues, Policy Planning Staff, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, France

Jan Hamáček, Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Czech Parliament

Sascha Müller-Kraenner, European Representative, Nature Conservancy, Berlin (Author of a book "Energy Security")

Moderator: **Adam Černý**, journalist, Hospodářské noviny

16:45

Closing Remarks Followed by Reception:

Monika MacDonagh-Pajerová
ANO pro Evropu

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