

International multidisciplinary discussion seminar

on the occasion of the 20th anniversary of the
Czech-Austrian Energy Expert Group (CZ-AT EEG)

organized in cooperation with the Czech Technical University in Prague, Vienna University of Technology, the Institute for Economic and Environmental Policy (Jan Evangelista Purkyně University in Ústí nad Labem)

Energy policy changes in Central Europe over the last 20 years in the light of current challenges

The energy sector has been undergoing fundamental changes over the last two decades, whether in terms of the set-up and functioning of energy markets, the emergence of new technologies, the massive development of renewable energy sources and the ambitious decarbonisation targets for 2050. Alongside this, issues related to energy security and the diversification of energy sources are also gaining importance. The energy sector today is thus facing a number of specific immediate and long-term challenges, related both to the need to respond to current developments in energy markets and to the search for an effective strategy to meet long-term decarbonisation targets.

During the workshop experts from diverse backgrounds and entities will discuss what opportunities and challenges bring the energy policy changes and energy transformation for Central European countries and what are the pathways to overcome these challenges (in the specific context of the Czech Republic and Austria). The workshop will also include a commemoration of the 20th anniversary of the Czech-Austrian Energy Expert Group.

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| Date and time | 21 st November 2022, 12:45 | |
| Venue | Hotel Amarilis Štěpánská 18, Praha 1 | |
| Audience | Policy makers; Think tanks; research institutions; NGOs; financial institutions; expert public; municipalities. Number of participants is limited to 30 participants | |
| Language of business | English | |
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Programme

12:45 **Registration and welcome coffee**

13:15 - 13:30 **Opening**

Ivan Wilhelm, CZ-AT EEG, Charles University in Prague

Georg Zehetner, Embassy of the Republic of Austria in Prague, minister plenipotentiary, deputy head of mission, Austria

Lucie Nebesářová, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic, Central Europe Department

13:30 - 13:45 **20 years of Czech-Austrian Energy Expert Group**

Reinhard Haas, CZ-AT EEG, Vienna University of Technology, Austria

Jaroslav Knápek, CZ-AT EEG, Czech Technical University in Prague, Czechia

13:45 - 14:00 **Cooperation in the field of e-mobility, RES and energetics between the Czech Republic and Austria**

Martin Žák, Austrian Federal Economic Chamber in Brno, Czech Republic

14:00 - 15:45 **Panel I: Changing Energy Policy Priorities**

14:00 - 14:20 **Milestones in CZ and EU energy policy over the last 20 years and long-term policy priorities from the current perspective**

Tomáš Smejkal, head of Energy Strategy Unit, Czech Ministry of Energy and Trade

14:20 - 14:40 **Representative of Austrian Ministry for Climate Action, Environment, Energy, Mobility, Innovation and Technology - TBC**

14:40 - 15:00 **Energy markets - new challenges**

Jiří Gavor, director of Association of Independent Energy Suppliers, Czechia

15:00 - 15:20 **Strategy, priorities and objectives of the climate policy of the Czech Republic**

Pavel Zámyslický/Lukáš Minařík, Energy and Climate Protection Department, Czech Ministry of Environment

15:20 - 15:45 **Panel Discussion**

15:45 - 16:00 **Coffee break**



- 16:00 - 18:00** **Panel II: From Theoretical to Practical Changes in Energy Policy**
- 16:00 -16:25 How has energy and climate policy changed over the past two decades?
- Stefan Schleicher**, CZ-AT EEG, University of Graz, Austria
- 16:25 - 16:55 20 years of liberalized electricity markets in Europe
- Reinhard Haas**, CZ-AT EEG, Vienna University of Technology, Austria
- Jaroslav Knápek**, CZ-AT EEG, Czech Technical University in Prague, Czechia
- 16:55 - 17:20 Energy efficient buildings in light of energy crisis
- Wolfgang Streicher**, CZ-AT EEG, University of Innsbruck
- 17:20 - 17:45 20 years of promoting clean fuels in passenger car transport in Europe - hardly a success story
- Amela Ajanovic**, CZ-AT EEG, Vienna University of Technology, Austria
- 17:45 - 18:00 Panel Discussion
- 18:00** **Buffet dinner** for all participants