



The second year's edition of the international conference **TRENDS IN THE EUROPEAN ENERGY INDUSTRY** took place between 23rd and 24th of May 2011 at the National Technical Museum of Prague with the participation of important Czech and Foreign guests and huge interest of the media. This conference, organized during the 25th anniversary of the Chernobyl disaster, was since the beginning oriented on the critical infrastructure of the energy industry. The discussion on the topic of *How will Fukushima change the trends of the European energy industry?* was taking place only few hours after Mrs. Angela Merkel, the German chancellor, had announced the Germany's aim to shut down the German nuclear power plants within 10 years as latest.



Participants of the inauguration ceremonial



Inaugural speech of Mr. Josef Fiřt, the president of ERÚ



Ivo Hlaváč and Danou Drábová



Alan Svoboda and Karel Šimeček



Jaroslav Ml



Aleš John

The conference **TRENDS IN THE EUROPEAN ENERGY INDUSTRY** is being organized in cooperation with the Ministry of Industry and Trade, the Senate of the Parliament of the Czech Republic, the Confederation of Industry of the Czech Republic, the Czech Technical University in Prague and other specialized institutions. Its expert and social importance has been underlined as well by the auspices of:

- President of the Senate of the Parliament of the Czech Republic, Mr. Milan Štěch
- President of the Energy Regulatory Office, Mr. Josef Fiřt
- Rector of the Czech Technical University in Prague, Mr. Václav Havlíček
- Minister of Environment, Mr. Tomáš Chalupa
- Minister of Industry and Trade, Mr. Martin Kocourek
- Deputy mayor of the Prague City Hall for the congress tourism, Mr. Jan Kalousek

In his inaugural speech the president of the Energy Regulatory Office, Mr. Josef Fiřt, has pointed out the topics of the different conference blocks:

- Reachability of a low-carbon Europe
- Competitiveness of the European industry
- Investment purposes – energetic constructions and projects

Finally he emphasized on the necessity of utmost safety of the energetic constructions and the continuousness of the power supply.

The discussion on the topic of **How will Fukushima change the trends of the European energy industry?** was initialized citing the Czech Prime Minister, Mr. Petr Nečas's words pronounced on the 19th of May 2011 at the Nuclear Forum: *The Czech Republic rejects any possible unfounded political interference, both into the expert-defined criteria for the tests and in the evaluation of their fulfilment. It is essential that the rules defined and the evaluation of the stress tests remain (...) on a highly expert level.*



The conference has been attended by important Czech and Foreign guests, including:

Josef Fiřt, President of the Energy Regulatory Office
Jiří Bis, senator and vice-president of the Committee on National Economy, Agriculture and Transport of the Senate of the Czech Republic
Tomáš Hüner, Deputy Minister for Energy and Industry, MPO
Ivo Hlaváč, Deputy Minister for Environment
Roman Portužák, Director of the Electricity Industry Department, MPO
Dana Drábová, President of the State Office for Nuclear Safety
Aleš John, Chair of the Board of Directors of the Nuclear Research Institute Řež
Oldřich Petržilka, President of Czech Gas Union
Vladimír Dlouhý, Member of the National Economic Council of the Government
Václav Pačes, Member of the Learned Society of the Czech Republic
Josef Zbořil, Member of the European Economic and Social Committee
Pavel Bartoš, Vice-president of the Czech Chamber of Commerce
Pavel Kafka, Board member of the Confederation of Industry of the Czech Republic
Martin Pecina, CEO of VÍTKOVICE Nuclear Power a.s.
Alan Svoboda, Sales Director, ČEZ, a.s.
Zdeněk Souček, President of Klub STRATÉG
Karel Šimeček, President of the Association of Energy Managers
Jaroslav Míl, energy expert

Peter Brňo, Ambassador of Slovakia
Ladislav Bodnár, Commercial Attache of the Slovak Embassy
Wojciech Pobóg-Pagowski, Commercial Attache of the Polish Embassy
István Kolozsvári, Secretary of the Hungarian Embassy
Anna Madyniak, energy expert, Ministerstwo Gospodarki of Poland
Bogdan Janicki, senior advisor, Central Europe Energy Partners



For the complete program of the conference, the gallery and the lectures see:
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The Preparatory Committee entrusted the presidency of one of the blocks and the monitoring of the whole conference to Mr. Miroslav Vrba, Board member of ČEPS, a.s., who resumed the conference results.

The conference participants concluded:

- 1) The power produced in nuclear power plants remains – even after the Fukushima tragedy on 11th of March 2011, that started the discussion about the future of the nuclear power – from the energetic safety point of view the most reliable, environmentally cleanest, economically most favorable and in the present moment equivalently unreplaceable source of electric power.
- 2) In order to maintain the competitiveness of the European industry it is necessary to:
 - Start immediately the conversations about the fuel mix at the level of the European Commission, in order to assure enough primary sources for the production of electricity in Europe. The fuel mix is inconceivable without the nuclear power.
 - Support the energy efficiency trends, look up for low-, zero- and passive energy consuming projects, factories and constructions and to promote them.
 - Increase and make effective use of the investments into education, i.e. Universities, science and research & development in the energy industry.
- 3) The open and periodical opinion exchange between experts and politicians is quite necessary, so it would be useful to organize the Trends in the European Energy Industry conference periodically and establish this way a meeting place for the experts in Prague, the heart of Europe.

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