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WORKSHOP

“Renewable Energy in the Czech Republic – Opportunities and Challenges ahead”

Online Conference

23 February 2021
9.00 – 13.30

Working languages: English and Czech – simultaneous interpretation provided

SESSION 1

9.00 – 9.30

Opening Session

9.00 – 9.10: Opening words

Jan Geiss, Secretary General, EUFORES

9.10 – 9.20: Welcoming speech

Marian Jurecka, Member of the Chamber of Deputies of the Czech Republic

9.20 – 9.30: Welcoming speech

Ciaran Cuffe, MEP, EUFORES President

SESSION 2

9.30 – 10.45

Setting the ambition for Renewable Energy Sources for the Czech Republic

The session will present the current situation for renewable energies in the Czech Republic, and how they will be addressed via the National Energy and Climate Plans -NECP-, considering the European Green Deal and Recovery Plan. The session intends to set the picture of the present and discuss the development of policies for the Czech Republic renewable energy system of the future.

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Input speeches

- **9.30 – 9.45: The role of renewable energies for a sustainable recovery and economy in Czech Republic**
Pavel Zámyslický, Director of the Department of Energy and Climate, Ministry of the Environment
- **9.45 – 10.00: The impact of the EU's Clean Energy Package & the European Green Deal on the Czech energy transition**
Catharina Sikow-Magny, Director responsible for Renewable Energy Sources, DG Energy, European Commission

Expert Panel

- **Marian Jurecka**, Member of the Chamber of Deputies of the Czech Republic
- **Martin Sedlák**, Programme Director, Modern Energy Union
- **Jan Rovenský**, Senior Climate and Energy Campaigner, Greenpeace Czech Republic

10.30 – 10.45: Exchange of views with Members of the Czech Republic Parliament - Q & A

10.45 – 11.00: Break

SESSION 3

11.00 – 12.15

Discussion: Towards a new and sustainable Czech Republic energy system

This session will discuss the trends of the new energy system and energy markets in the Czech Republic. Innovative initiatives and new business models from different sectors will be presented to show how different actors are implementing solutions overcoming the challenges faced by the traditional energy system and thereby shaping the future Czech Republic energy system.

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- **11.00 – 11.15: New opportunities for Solar Energy and Energy Storage in the context of Recovery**
Jan Fousek, Chairman of the Supervisory Board, Solar Association CZ; CEO, Association for Energy Storage AKU-BAT
- **11.15 – 11.30: Greening the energy market to include RES in the energy mix**
Štěpán Chalupa, Chairman, Chamber of Renewable Energy Sources of the Czech Republic, OZE

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- **11.30 – 11.45: Supporting and implementing energy communities in Czech Republic**
Martina Krčová, member of the Council of Energy Regulatory Office, ERÚ
- **11.45 – 12.00: ESO Kněžice: first Czech energy self-sufficient model for the use of renewable electricity and heating**
Milan Kazda, Mayor of Kněžice and project initiator of ESO Kněžice

12.00 – 12.15: Exchange of views with Members of the Czech Republic Parliament - Q & A

12.15 – 12.30: Break

SESSION 4

12.30 - 13.30

Discussion “Shape and Fund the Renewable Energy Transition in the Czech Republic– a link to the current context of the COVID-19 crisis”

This Session intends to discuss the financial opportunities for the energy transition and renewable energies in the Czech Republic. It shall discuss the measures and projects to include in the Recovery Plan to support the transition towards a green and sustainable economy, with the focus on renewable energies legislations and projects.

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Expert panel

- **Zuzana Krejčířiková**, Head of Public Affairs, ČEZ Group
- **Tomáš Jagoš**, Expert in Renewable Energy Sources, Friends of the Earth Czech Republic

13.15 - 13.25: Exchange of views with Members of the Czech Republic Parliament - Q & A

13.25 – 13.30: Closing remarks

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