

Nuclear power will become a part of our self-sufficient and healthy energy future

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Our upcoming national energy strategy defines the main principles, such as:

- ⇒ Strengthening of domestic energy self-sufficiency and thereby increasing of energy self-sufficiency and security of energy supply in Europe,
- ⇒ Emphasis put on energy savings and reasonable reduction of greenhouse gas emissions,
- ⇒ Selection of optimal source mix, which in the case of the Czech Republic also includes our current focus on nuclear power.

Energy sector is a very conservative one. It is the industry branch that cannot be subject to frequent changes, especially non-systemic ones. We believe that in the long time horizon the production of electricity will be based on present proven technologies. Even though the current Europe prefers the renewables and nuclear decommissioning, we still hope that this trend will change in the future. And as we know, the fortune favors prepared.

Our final decision on the new nuclear build will be a strategic one that cannot be influenced by a short-term energy price outlook. At the same time this decision has to be made very soon. So far the Czech Republic possesses a strong potential of qualified personnel in the field of nuclear infrastructure, which could be lost if we do not act quickly enough. Such a scenario would definitely have a negative impact on the general technical education and capability of our industry. Considering the substantial share of industry in our GDP there is also a strong possibility that it would harm the overall Czech economy.

Taking into the account the trigger effect of nuclear power on innovations and technological development of our industry, not only the Ministry, but also the Minister personally is ready to participate in all efforts to secure the future of nuclear sector in the Czech Republic.