

International multidisciplinary discussion seminar

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Mission Solar CEE Region 2024: How important is solar technology in achieving the 2030 goals?

In 2024, across Europe, many important steps to the 2050 climate neutrality goal are in process, but we still face many problems and issues that need to be solved to succeed. The transformation of the energy sector is also bringing new solutions, many of which are in the solar sector such as floating PV, Agrivoltaics, building-integrated PV, or Vehicle-integrated PV. These sub-parts of solar energy can be very important supplements to rooftop and utility-scale solar energy, which are still crucial. Very closely connected are battery storages, flexibility or development of electric vehicles, and related infrastructure needs. To build a strong and secure future energy mix, all above mentioned solutions need to be developed together. 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).

Date and time	12 th November 2024, 12:45 – 19:00	
Venue	Czech Institute of Informatics, Robotics and Cybernetics Penthouse, 10 floor Jugoslávských Partizánů 1580/3, Praha 6	
Audience	Policymakers; Think tanks; research institutions; NGOs; financial institutions; expert public; municipalities. The number of participants is limited to 50.	
Language of business	English	
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Programme

- 12:45** **Registration and welcome coffee**
- 13:15 - 13:25** **Opening**
Jaroslav Knápek, CZ-AT EEG, Czech Technical University, Czech Republic
Tomáš Kafka, director of the Central Europe department, Ministry of foreign affairs
Stephan Rutkowski, Embassy of the Republic of Austria in Prague, minister plenipotentiary, deputy head of mission
- 13:25 - 13:50** **Why Czechia needs solar?**
Jan Krčmář, Czech Solar Association, Czech Republic
- 13:50 - 14:15** **Czech first pilot project in vertical agrivoltaic system**
David Hájek, Research Institute of Agricultural Engineering, Czech Republic
- 14:15 - 14:40** **Renewable Energy in the Transport Sector**
Amela Ajanovic, CZ-AT EEG, Vienna University of Technology, Austria
- 14:40 - 15:05** **Empowering farmers in Central Europe: the case for agri-PV**
Tatiana Mindeková, Ember, Czech Republic
- 15:05 - 15:30** **Increasing role of solar energy – increasing risk for energy suppliers?**
Jiří Gavor, Association of Independents energy suppliers, Czech Republic
- 15:30 - 15:55** **Regulation for agrivoltaics in Czechia**
Vlastimil Zedek, Ministry of Agriculture, Czech Republic
- 16:00 - 16:30** **Coffee break**
- 16:30 - 16:55** **Legislative changes for boosting renewables - focus on solar**
Tomáš Smejkal, Ministry of trade and industry, Czech Republic
- 16:55 - 17:20** **How many megawatts can the transmission grid connect?**
Vladimír Kubeček, Czech Transmission System Operator, Czech Republic
- 17:20 - 17:45** **The Role of Renewable Energy in European Electricity Generation**
Reinhard Haas, CZ-AT EEG, Vienna University of Technology, Austria
- 17:45 - 18:15** **Discussion**
- 18:15** **Buffet dinner and networking**

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