

Czech-Austrian Energy Expert Group (CZ-AT EEG) 20 years of history

www.energy-europe.org



CZ-AT EEG

CZECH-AUSTRIAN ENERGY EXPERT GROUP



About CZ-AT EEG

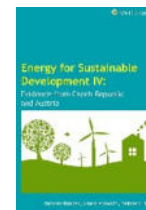
- The joint Czech-Austrian Energy Expert Group (CZ-AT EEG) was appointed by both governments **at the end of 2002** to establish the so-called “**Energy Partnership**” mentioned in Chapter III of the “Protocol on the Negotiations between the Czech and the Austrian Governments, led by Prime Minister Zeman and Federal Chancellor Schüssel, with the Participation of Commissioner Verheugen from the EU” signed on December 12, 2000 in Melk, Austria.
- The aim of this group is to **jointly study the problems of energy supply and consumption and sustainable development in both countries**. It consists of a number of energy experts from different Czech and Austrian universities and institutes. The CZ-AT EEG is convening at regular meetings both in Austria and the Czech Republic and is jointly working on energy projects of mutual interest.

CZ-AT EEG activities

- exposes topics of innovative energy policy,
- organizes common workshops and conferences,
- arranges discussions,
- **prepares winter and summer schools** and educational courses at the universities and colleges,
- elaborates expert studies,
- issues expert publications.

BOOKS

- Energy for Sustainable Development: Research Papers of the Czech-Austrian Energy Expert Group (edited by František Janouch and Stefan Schleicher), published in 2005
- Energy for Sustainable Development II: Research Papers of the Czech-Austrian Energy Expert Group (Jaroslav Knápek, Reinhard Haas, Jiřina Jílková et al.), published in 2010
- Energy for Sustainable Development III: Energy Savings-Economics and Links to other Policies (Jaroslav Knápek, Wolfgang Streicher, Ondřej Vojáček et al.), published in 2012
- Energy for Sustainable Development IV: Evidence from Czech Republic and Austria (Jaroslav Knápek, Amela Ajanovic, Reinhard Haas et al.), published in 2015



BOOKS



Books were aimed for the description of energy economics, RES role and sustainable solutions in transport: used within CZ-AT winter and summer school and courses on both sides (Erasmus students and CZ and AT students on both sides)



Winter and Summer School on Energy Systems in Austria and the Czech Republic

- Organized continually since 2006 (one week in CZ and one week in AT)
- (co) Financed by the programme AKTION, co-support from national supporters (excursions, etc.)
- For 10 + 10 students from all Czech and Austrian Universities (opened to the best motivated students)
- Almost 350 students participated in the School during last 17 years (from 8 different countries)
- Content
 - Expert lectures by researchers and practitioners
 - Excursions (small hydro-power plants, biogas stations, experimental nuclear reactor, heating plant, energy efficiency buildings, VHV station, VHV labs etc.)
 - Joint seminar papers – bilateral CZ-AT student teams
 - Final bilateral joint paper – the analysis of selected task from energy economics
- 6 ECTS points + certificate (accredited course)



Discussion seminars

- Organization of yearly international discussion seminars and workshops
- Actual topics focused on energy policy and economics
- Speakers from academia, public administration, NGOs, private sector
- Different venues
 - Carolinum
 - Czech Ministry of Foreign Affairs
 - Austrian Embassy in Prague
 - Congress rooms and hotels

Discussion seminars



Discussion seminars – selected topics

- 2006: Experiences with the EU-ETS
- 2008: 20 20 by 2020 Europe's climate change opportunity
- 2009: Implementing the 2020 energy and climate package
- 2011: Perspectives of energy in central Europe
- 2012: Critical reflection of the energy policy in Austria and Czech republic after 10 years
- 2013: Energy policy - governance and innovation
- 2014: EU Energy Policy– Implementation and Challenges
- 2015: Current Energy Issues in Central Europe
- 2016: Consequences from Paris for European and national policies
- 2017: Energy generation and uses: Policy and economics in central Europe
- 2018: Energy efficiency policies toward 2030 - opportunities and challenges for Central Europe
- 2019: Future of Energy Systems on Local and Regional Level
- 2020: Building back better: Financing the transition towards low-carbon economy
- 2021: Opportunities and Challenges for Energy Transformation in Central Europe
- 2022: Energy policy changes in Central Europe over the last 20 years in the light of current challenges

Prof. Ing. Jiřina Jílková, CSc.

†21.6.2022



Member of CZ – AT working group. Between 2011-2017 vice rector of UJEP. Close cooperation with Czech Technical University in Prague.

She was a member of academic committees in Germany and the Czech Republic and chair of the Working Commission for Regulatory Impact Assessment of the Legislative Council of the Czech Government.

Significant contribution to cooperation between the two parties involved, opening up CZ and AT cooperation to other entities, within the multilateral school to students from other countries.

As a scientist, Prof. Jílková specialized in environmental policy, regulation and impact assessment of regulatory interventions. She has worked as an expert for the OECD and the European Commission.

Prof. Ing. Jiřina Jílková, CSc.

†21.6.2022



Professor Jílková has significantly influenced the activities of the CZ-AT energy expert group. One of her primary contributions was to balance the different interest, opinions and attitude. This led to a fruitful discussion of topics, as it is done here today

Prof. Jílková had a vision of the importance of continued cooperation within the Czech-Austrian energy expert group. She tried to initiate a discussion of experts on the topics of energy transformation. At the same time, she contributed significantly to the annual preparation of the winter and summer school on energy economics and to the extension of its scope beyond students from the Czech Republic and Austria.

Her life's destiny found her in the Vienna 2022 Summer School.

Prof. Jílková was and is an example of a person who promoted discussion as a fundamental way of finding solutions to often complex problems. Her rational approach to solving problems, but also to finding new ways to support students, will be missed.

Prof. Ing. Jiřina Jílková, CSc.

†21.6.2022



Most important:

Jirina was a friend.