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Structural limits of Czech energy policy

Since the first State Energy Policy of Czech Republic in 2004, the country has based its energy policy efforts around two concepts: independence and autarchy. This philosophical background leads to long-term support of conventional fossil fuels industry: coal, nuclear and natural gas power plants with very rigid acceptance of modern energy policy approaches. Long-term interference of Czech national strategies with EU climate neutrality reached its frontier with the European green deal and the EU taxonomy for sustainable activities, leaving the national energy policy in ashes. The presentation focuses on identification of structural in-depth reasons for Czech energy policy rigidity. The outcomes could serve as lessons learned for energy policy creation. The presentation is based upon long-term research at the Center for Energy Studies of Masaryk University in Brno, Czech Republic, focused on the Czech Energy Policy, its formation and execution. A monograph is about to be published on the topic within a year.

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