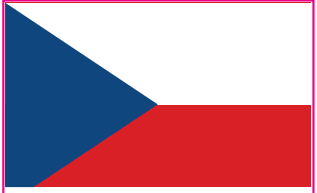
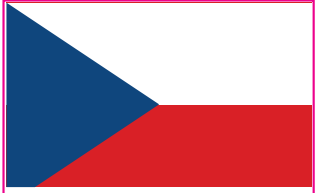


2014 is a crucial year to set a favourable and stable political framework in order to reap the multiple benefits of investing in energy efficiency in buildings. The Czech Republic is finalising its new Operational Programmes for the 2014-2020 EU Funds, and needs to develop a National Renovation Strategy accordingly to Art. 4 of the Energy Efficiency Directive. In addition, the Czech Republic should adopt a revision of State Energy Policy and start a debate on the introduction of Energy Efficiency Obligations for energy utilities.

The debate is shifting. Before, a new nuclear power plant was seen almost as the 'silver bullet' solution for our energy needs in the Czech Republic. Now, awareness is growing around the fact that economic development, employment and social cohesion resulting from



affordable access to energy may be better achieved through energy savings.

40 % of energy savings by 2030 can be reached solely through cost-effective measures in buildings, and the role of industry in achieving this task should not be underestimated.

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