

FORATOM welcomes Czech politicians unanimous support for nuclear

FORATOM, the trade association representing the European nuclear industry, welcomes the publication today of a statement, signed by all Czech MEPs, urging the further development of nuclear energy as a vital component of the EU's low-carbon energy mix and underlining nuclear energy's status as a major player in the fight for greater security of supply and energy independence across the Community.

This letter in support of nuclear energy, which was signed by all 24 Czech MEPs and published in the Czech press, is an unequivocal political endorsement of nuclear's vital role in the EU's low-carbon energy policy. It also emphasises how, without nuclear energy, the EU will struggle to provide an adequate, secure and reliable source of energy or reduce its over-dependence upon energy imports. The timing of the declaration, shortly before the next meeting of the European Nuclear Energy Forum (ENEF), in Prague (22 & 23 May), gives added significance to the work of the Forum and highlights how nuclear energy is now a recognised essential part of the political process. The letter also echoes a growing political commitment to nuclear energy across Europe.

Reacting to the letter, FORATOM's Director General, Santiago San Antonio, said: "We welcome this timely and significant statement of support. It is a unique political statement because all Czech MEPs, regardless of individual party affiliations, have unanimously pledged their support. It also spotlights the importance of ENEF, which should provide a clear roadmap for the EU's low-carbon energy future."

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