



EDF showcases major cooperation opportunities for the Czech nuclear industry at a “French-Czech Suppliers’ Day” event dedicated to the Dukovany 5 project.

On 24 June 2021, EDF held a “French-Czech EDF Suppliers’ Day” dedicated to mobilizing the Czech nuclear supply chain in the EDF-led EPR1200 reactor offer for the Dukovany nuclear power plant. The event was placed under the high patronage of H.E. the Ambassador of France to the Czech Republic, Alexis Dutertre, and hosted at the French Embassy in Prague.

The event was a major success gathering more than 50 leading Czech companies. Among other players, the event was attended by the three Czech industrial associations CPIA, AtomEx and NSK, as well as the major Czech industrial companies active in the nuclear sector: Metrostav, Skoda JS, ZAT, Sigma Group, ÚJV Řež, I&C Energo, Hutní montáže and BAEST Machines & Structures. Czech businesses had also the opportunity to develop their relations with EDF’s key partners Bouygues Travaux Publics and GE Steam Power and explore cooperation arrangements. The Suppliers’ Day is part of EDF’s approach to precisely map local industrial capabilities by engaging with them on the ground. Since 2016, the company has pre-selected key suppliers and shortlisted more than 150 companies as potential Czech partners. The event was held in strict compliance with current sanitary measures in place in the Czech Republic.

Leveraging its localization experience in various countries, most recently for the Hinkley Point C EPR project in the United Kingdom, EDF showcased significant business opportunities for Czech sourcing on different scopes of work in the nuclear island, conventional island, auxiliary systems and civil works. The company reaffirmed its vision and commitment to partner with the Czech nuclear industry. It will devote the coming months to developing its local anchoring in Prague and secure the industrial scheme for the delivery of the EPR1200 reactor in the Czech Republic.

H.E. Alexis Dutertre, the Ambassador of France to the Czech Republic, expressed his full support to the Czech nuclear program and confirmed France’s commitment alongside EDF to promote the EPR1200 European technology for the competitive process to be launched in the coming months by CEZ. He said: *“The Czech Republic and France share the same long-term vision on the key role of nuclear energy in our security of supply and our capacity to meet the climate goals within the EU and the Paris Agreement framework. By fully supporting EDF’s offer for the Dukovany 5 project, the French government is committing to a long-term partnership with the Czech Republic, bringing European added value: the EPR technology already licensed in three European countries; a proven capacity to fully embark the local supply chain, for this project as well as for future ones in Europe; an ally on nuclear energy within the EU institutions, to strengthen our European energy and technology sovereignty”.*

Vakis Ramany, *EDF Senior Vice-President New Nuclear Development*, said: *« EDF is the sole partner able to deliver a fully European Project, leveraging the strengths and capabilities of the Czech nuclear industry from development through to construction and operation. EDF has mobilized a dedicated team and is actively engaged in its preparation ahead of the tender procedure for Dukovany 5. With the organization of this French-Czech Suppliers’ Day event, we wish to say loud and clear that EDF is committed to partnering hand-in-hand with CEZ and the Czech supply chain to successfully deliver the EPR1200 at Dukovany 5. We are committed to lead the decarbonization of the European energy mix with the best European technology, leveraging the best capabilities of the European industry. »*

EDF's proposal for Dukovany 5

The EDF Group has been very active in the Czech Republic since 2016, supporting CEZ and the government in the path towards the materialization of the process for Dukovany 5 and acknowledging the very important milestones reached successfully over the years until the launch of the security assessment last 21 June 2021.

EDF proposal to CEZ and the Czech Republic for Dukovany 5 is a comprehensive and fully integrated offer, relying on 4 key pillars:

- (i) A proven technology with the highest standard of safety, the EPR1200 reactor, entirely based upon the fully proven EPR design already licensed in three countries in Europe;
- (ii) EDF's outstanding experience in design, engineering, construction, commissioning and operation of nuclear power plants worldwide as well as EDF subsidiary Framatome's unique expertise in supplying key nuclear systems;
- (iii) EDF's experience in the involvement of local supply chains with tailor-made localization programs;
- (iv) A European fleet approach based on the EPR reactors in operation and being constructed in Europe with synergies and cross-opportunities in Europe for the benefit of the European and Czech industries.

EDF has significant experience in leveraging local know-how. EDF is currently building 2 EPR reactors at Hinkley Point C in the United Kingdom: 64% of the project related investments benefits the UK economy and is meant to be spent with UK businesses.

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(1) Since 2018, customers are counted per delivery site. A customer can have two delivery points: one for electricity and another one for gas.

(2) Including ÉS (Électricité de Strasbourg).

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