

## **Second progress report on the implementation of decision VI/8e on compliance by Czechia with its obligations under the Convention**

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Concerning the plans and programs procedures under Article 7 of the Aarhus Convention or an EIA procedure like the one “New Units NPP Dukovany” I just can say that a member of the public in the neighbour state Germany either is able to find such a public participation procedure and can participate or is not able to find it. Nothing has changed.

I think the decision C71 is also relevant for the EIA procedure “New Units NPP Dukovany”. Therefore I haven’t yet sent a new complaint. I still wait for the technical data of the chosen reactors in the EIA procedure in the EIA Temelin (C71) and in the EIA “New Units NPP Dukovany”. Concerning C71 nothing has changed.

The Czech Minister President Andrej Babis told in the article below that the Czech Republic will build new nuclear reactors even if in breach with European law.

<https://de.reuters.com/article/czech-nuclear/czechs-must-build-nuclear-plants-even-if-in-breach-of-eu-law-says-pm-idUKL5N27130C>

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### ***Czechs must build nuclear plants even if in breach of EU law, says PM***

*PRAGUE, Oct 16 (Reuters) - The Czech Republic will have to build new nuclear power plants (...) even if they are in breach of European law, Prime Minister Andrej Babis said on Wednesday.*

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*“We have to push it through, even if we were to breach European law,” Babis told the European committee of the lower house of parliament.*

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*The government’s preferred option is for CEZ to first build one reactor at the existing Dukovany nuclear plant to replace reactors due to be shut down after 2035. A second reactor at the other Czech nuclear plant, Temelin, could follow.*

*CEZ had cancelled a previous tender to build a new unit at the existing Temelin plant in 2014 after the previous government refused to provide state guarantees.*

*No decision on a supplier is expected until after the next election in 2021.*

*Six firms have shown interest in building the next unit - Korea's KHNP, Russia's Rosatom, France's EdF, Westinghouse of the United States, the Atmea consortium of Mitsubishi Heavy Industries and EdF, which has been taken over by EdF, and China's CGN.*

I think it is not reasonable for me to spend again quite a lot of money for a new complaint against the EIA Dukovany while it is not yet clear whether the Czech Republic will obey the C71 decision of the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee.

Concerning the hearing in the EIA procedure "New Units NPP Dukovany" only the Czech hearing was the official one. Only the protocol of this one was published from the party concerned on the website of the Bavarian Environmental Ministry (STMUV). I haven't translated the text because it's easy to understand it's the protocol from 19. 6. 2018 of the hearing in the „Winterstadion“ in Třebíč, a town which is situated in Czech Republic.  
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