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The Vice-President of PKEE, Filip Grzegorzczuk, spoke in Brussels about the just energy transition

The discussion of matters relating to the transformation of the European energy sector until 2050 constituted the main objective of the debate organised by the European Energy Forum in cooperation with the Polish Electricity Association (PKEE) and ČEZ. The meeting, attended by the European Union officials, Members of the European Parliament, and representatives of energy utility companies took place in Brussels on 16th October 2019.

The President of the Management Board of TAURON Polska Energia, Filip Grzegorzczuk, who represented the Polish Electricity Association in his capacity as the Vice-President of the Management Board of PKEE, stressed that the transformation of Poland's energy sector is one of the biggest challenges that Polish economy currently faced.

- The energy transition process should be taking place based, first and foremost, on the principles of fairness and solidarity between Member States of the European Union and individual sectors, so that its costs would not be passed to their citizens. The European Commission, as a follow up of the 2050 long-term strategy, should propose a mechanism for sharing the costs and benefits relating to the realisation of the vision of low-emissions EU economy, which would give consideration to the different starting points of the EU Member States – he said.
- I would like to highlight that for Poland's energy sector alone the estimated financial spending, assuming a reduction of emissions by 80 percent, may amount to around EUR 215 billion by 2045, including a EUR 68 billion cost of the CO₂ emission allowances - he clarified.

CEO Grzegorzczuk also pointed out that members of PKEE were actively working on combating the climate change effects and were already following the global trends in the development of renewable energy. He added that **Tauron, PGE, Energa** and **Enea** utilities were implementing numerous investments aimed at increasing the share of low-emission sources in their energy mixes.

- In May 2019, the Tauron Group announced an update of its strategic directions - the TAURON's Green Turn. The document assumes that, in the 2025 perspective, investments will be completed in, among others, on-shore wind farms - an additional 900 MW, and photovoltaic farms - an additional 300 MW. The implementation of the planned measures will allow the increasing of the share of low- and zero-emission sources in the Group's energy mix to nearly 30 percent in 2025 and over 65 percent in 2030 - he stressed.

The Vice-President of the PKEE also pointed to the need to ensure a stable regulatory environment at the EU level and the necessity to take into account the social, economic and technological factors in the energy transition process.

- There is no doubt that high ambitions require ensuring relevant funds that will help with an effective execution of the transition and that will ensure public acceptance for the initiatives planned. This process requires support for the transitional technologies, which include natural gas, so as to make sure that stable supply of energy to end-users is maintained - he explained.



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About PKEE

The Polish Electricity Association is an association of the power sector, whose activities focus on issues related to the functioning of the industry in a modern market economy. We engage in actions and projects thanks to which the Polish power industry can better meet the challenges related to the European integration, ensuring security of energy supply, competitive market, environmental protection and development of state-of-the-art technologies.

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