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Voice of the Polish energy sector at Power Summit in Brussels

During the Power Summit in Brussels, Wojciech Dąbrowski, President of the Management Board of the PKEE and PGE Polska Grupa Energetyczna, raised key issues related to Poland's energy security and pointed out that without ensuring energy security, it is not possible to achieve climate goals.

In the course of the debate “Independent Electric Power System of the Future - Security of Supplies”, President Wojciech Dąbrowski outlined the challenges facing the European energy sector and called for respecting the principle of technological neutrality: *“The pandemic has reminded us that capital does have nationality. Moreover, the full-scale war in Ukraine that has been going on for more than a year now and the preceding energy blackmail have demonstrated that energy resources also have nationality. In Poland, we intend to invest more in renewable energy sources and in nuclear power plants. To achieve this, we need financial resources and streamlined regulations governing issuance of permits, for example in the area of environmental procedures.* Technologies which contribute to the achievement of climate goals must be treated in the same way under EU regulations,” he said. President Wojciech Dąbrowski explained that diversification of energy resources supplies, technological neutrality and energy transition are now crucial issues, and that without ensuring energy security, climate goals cannot be achieved.

Participants of the panel discussion, attended inter alia by PGE Vice President and PKEE Management Board member Wanda Buk; Michael Lewis, Uniper President; Luc Rémont, EDF President and Elena Giannakopoulou, PPC Strategy Director, stressed that Europe has the tools for an effective energy transition, but the industry now faces a lot of challenges that nobody took into account not so long ago.

During the meeting at the Power Summit with the European Commissioner for Energy, Kadri Simson, President Wojciech Dąbrowski addressed the issue of conventional units as support for the electric power system and the need to preserve the capacity market mechanism as a backstop in the event of a power shortage in the system. He also touched upon the construction of nuclear power plants, an important part of the strategy for building independence from Russian energy resources. He pointed out that the Polish energy sector is currently focusing on the development of renewable energy sources, including offshore, nuclear power, energy storage, and the development of power grid systems.

Power Summit is the largest power industry conference in Europe. The event, organized by Eurelectric in cooperation with, inter alia, the Polish Electricity Association, brought together more than 600 participants. The leitmotif of this year's summit was the drastic shift in the balance of power observed in recent months - from energy policy to global industry competition.