

## TASK OF REGIONAL ENERGY AGENCY IN ENERGY PLANNING

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Regional energy agency for the Ústecký region (REA ÚK) was established as an organizational unit of the ARR Euro region Labe, o.p.s. (ARR EL). Residence of REA ÚK is identical with the residence of ARR EL, which in frame of its budget allocates financial means for the activities of REA ÚK and assigns its employees according to the needs to REA ÚK.

REA ÚK continues the activities of the defunct Electricity and Gas Association of the North Czech Towns and Municipalities and the scope of REA ÚK includes mainly the following activities:

- 1) **Energy efficiency and renewable energy sources** – the goal is a sustainable energy policy implemented by means of activities on local level.
- 2) **Integrated Prevention and Pollution Control (IPPC)** – agency will support and coordinate successful implementation of integrated permission systems, which is a very complex and comprehensive task. Integrated permission is issued by the Regional Office and integrated prevention subjects in frame of obtaining the integrated permissions will have to prove, that they use energy in an efficient manner.

ARR EL presently implements a project dealing with IPPC, which is financed by the EU programme Phare – Access 99. In frame of this project, there took place already 2 seminars, which were directed towards potential participants of the integrated permission procedure. Furthermore, there was submitted an application for grant from the programme Phare Access 2000 concerning a macro project dealing with IPPC and the transfer of experience gained with application of IPPC on regional level to Slovakia, since the partners in the

project are the Slovak Clean Production Centre and Regional Environmental Centre SR.

3) **Territorial Energy Conceptions** – the agency's activities in this area include mainly:

- a) Cooperation at the development of the regional energy conception and its actualization,
- b) Support to implementation of energy conception conclusions into the activities of entities,
- c) Coordination of energy development in frame of the region,
- d) Securing the relation of the energy conception to further documents dealing with the development of the region.

4) **Protection of air** – the activities of the agency should be focused on:

- a) cooperation at development of regional and municipal emission reduction programmes,
- b) support to implementation of the results of regional and municipal air quality improvement programmes,
- c) coordination of emission trading and their exchange with other territorial units,
- d) cooperation at the development of action plan for reduction of pollutant emissions.

5) **Consulting activities for public** – relates mainly to energy management on municipal level.

Main conceptual body of REA ÚK is the Board, which consists of 9 members representing on regional and Tran regional level. The following entities are represented in the board: ARR EL, Ústecký region, North Czech Association of Towns and Municipalities, North Czech Energy, a.s., North Czech Gas, a.s. and Czech Energy Agency.