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Energy efficiency in the economy: 170 EnergyManagers from 22 countries get inspired at the EUREM conference in Prague

Prague, 08.11.2018 – **Energy savings have become an important factor in competitiveness. More and more companies are therefore training employees who ensure greater energy efficiency. The German-Czech Chamber of Industry and Commerce has already certified 123 company employees in this international training of further education in its course "European EnergyManager" (EUREM). Around 170 EnergyManagers from 22 countries met on the 6th and 7th of November at the International EUREM Conference in Prague to pool their know-how.**

For two days, Prague was the European capital of energy management. At the 9th International Conference for European EnergyManagers, they presented efficiency projects from their companies and exchanged views on current challenges and trends. In six different workshops, the EnergyManagers worked on topics such as energy auditing, mobility management, compressed air systems, and Industry 4.0. *"We are increasingly hearing about the importance of energy savings for the annual balance sheets from our companies. The cost of savings is comparatively low. And such an international exchange also helps to achieve the global goals of environmental protection faster,"* said the DTIHK Managing Director and host of this year's conference Bernard Bauer.

With regard to the efficiency projects, it is always necessary to consider the field of tension of economy, environmental compatibility and security of supply, explained Robert Schmidt, EUREM speaker and head of the EUREM Steering Committee, in his opening speech. It is necessary to see *"not just individual, small solutions, but the entire system of companies under the view of "energetic glasses",*" said Schmidt adding: *"Just under 6000 EnergyManager contribute to getting step-by-step towards greater energy efficiency."*

The highlight of the conference was the presentation of the EUREM-Awards for the best energy saving projects. The winners included projects from Slovenia, Germany, Egypt and Argentina. The Czech winner in the category "big companies" is Martin Vrba: *"By using the waste heat from gas kilns, we were able to save an enormous amount of natural gas, specifically 11,500 megawatt hours per year, which translates into a real cost saving of 5.7 million crowns,"* said the EnergyManager.

The extra-occupational training for the EnergyManager runs already in 12 countries, in the Czech Republic the course celebrates its first decade. 123 EnergyManagers have been trained by the DTIHK since 2008, 11 more will be taking the final exam soon.

About the DTIHK: The German-Czech Chamber of Industry and Commerce celebrates its 25th anniversary in 2018. It is part of the network of German Chambers of Commerce Abroad (AHKs) and, with around 680 members, the largest bilateral chamber of foreign trade in the Czech Republic. Its task is to promote German-Czech business and economic policy cooperation between the two countries.



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