



## **CEZ Group joined the EU GeoCapacity End-User Group**

CEZ Group, the leading power company in the Czech Republic, has joined the EU GeoCapacity End-User Advisory Group. It is the first project industry partner from new EU Member States.

Currently, the CEZ Group is among ten of the largest energy companies in Europe in terms of installed capacity, number of customers, and market capitalization. Following the acquisition of three distribution companies in Bulgaria, one in Romania, two Polish power plants and one Bulgarian power plant, the CEZ Group has become a multinational enterprise comprising over 90 Czech and foreign companies. The total installed capacity of the CEZ Group power plants is 12,298 MW in the Czech Republic plus additional 830 MW in Poland (Skawina and Elcho power plants) and 1,260 MW in Bulgaria (Varna black coal-fired power plant). Recently, the joint venture with Elektroprivreda company from Bosnia-Herzegovina has been established.

The CEZ Group power plants emit 34.3 mil. t of CO<sub>2</sub> in the Czech Republic resulting in the emission factor at about 0.55 t/MWh (2006). It is planned to lower the emission intensity of electricity production mainly by increased energy efficiency and installation of the best available technologies in the near-term period; possible role of carbon capture and storage (CCS) technologies for the medium- and longer-term period is evaluated.