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RENEWABLE ENERGY SOURCES AND THEIR REFLECTION ON REGIONAL ECONOMIC GROWTH IN THE CZECH REPUBLIC

Abstract:

Paper explore relation between energy and regional development and more precisely the influence of renewable energy installation and production on regional economic growth in the Czech Republic. The Czech Republic has long tradition in energy sector, more than 100 years of stable and self-sufficient energy production. The base of energy sector consist of energy production from coal, followed by nuclear energy as a second important energy resource. Renewable energy sources have the relatively small share in total energy mix, compared to the other EU member states. Their faster commercial production and usage have been existing from the recent history, after the accession of the Czech Republic into the European Union. Supported by the state, renewable energy power has fast growth, which caused different influence through regions of the Czech Republic.

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