



To: **Maroš Šefčovič**
**Vice-President of the European
Commission for the Energy Union**

December 1st, 2016

Dear Mr. Šefčovič,

The Energy Union is promising to take Europe on a new energy path. But at the same time, EU public money is conserving an old and dangerous energy sector set up in Ukraine.

Funds from the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) and Euratom are effectively used by the Ukrainian government to extend the lifetime of 15 Soviet-era nuclear reactors, in breach of international conventions and overlooking safety requirements. Moreover, the continued operation of Ukrainian nuclear units increases the country's dependence on Russian nuclear fuel.

This sets a dangerous precedent for the European energy market which has to be based on European and international law, guarantee participatory decision making and focus on safe and sustainable energy.

We call on European institutions to ensure that these principles are respected, especially where public money is involved, in Ukraine and across Europe. The European Union needs to demand a participatory decision-making process for nuclear life time extensions, in line with the Espoo and Aarhus conventions.

European citizens have been side-lined from decision making processes on some of the most crucial developments - let's use this opportunity to buck the trend.

Yours truly,

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Petr Hlobil
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