

PRESS RELEASE



Demand for Natural Gas on the Rise in the EU

- **Natural gas consumption in the Czech Republic confirms the European trend**
- **The growth is mainly due to power generation and use in transport**

Prague, 29 November 2017 – Natural gas demand in the EU has been rising for three consecutive years according to an annual survey by Eurogas, which expects gas demand in the EU to increase by 5.9% in 2017 year-on-year and reach 488.9 billion cubic metres. In the Czech Republic, the Czech Gas Association (CGA) expects virtually the same results; it has estimated the year-on-year growth for the period from January to October at 6% (6.4 bcm). The rising demand in the EU-28 is primarily due to increased interest in natural gas for power generation and in transport. The key reasons for transition to natural gas include low emissions of substances harmful for human health and the environment, as well as availability and flexibility of use.