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Hearing on the theme
**„Competitiveness of the European glass and ceramics
industry with particular reference to the EU climate and energy
package“**

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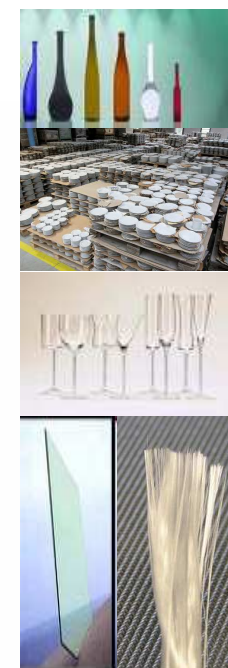
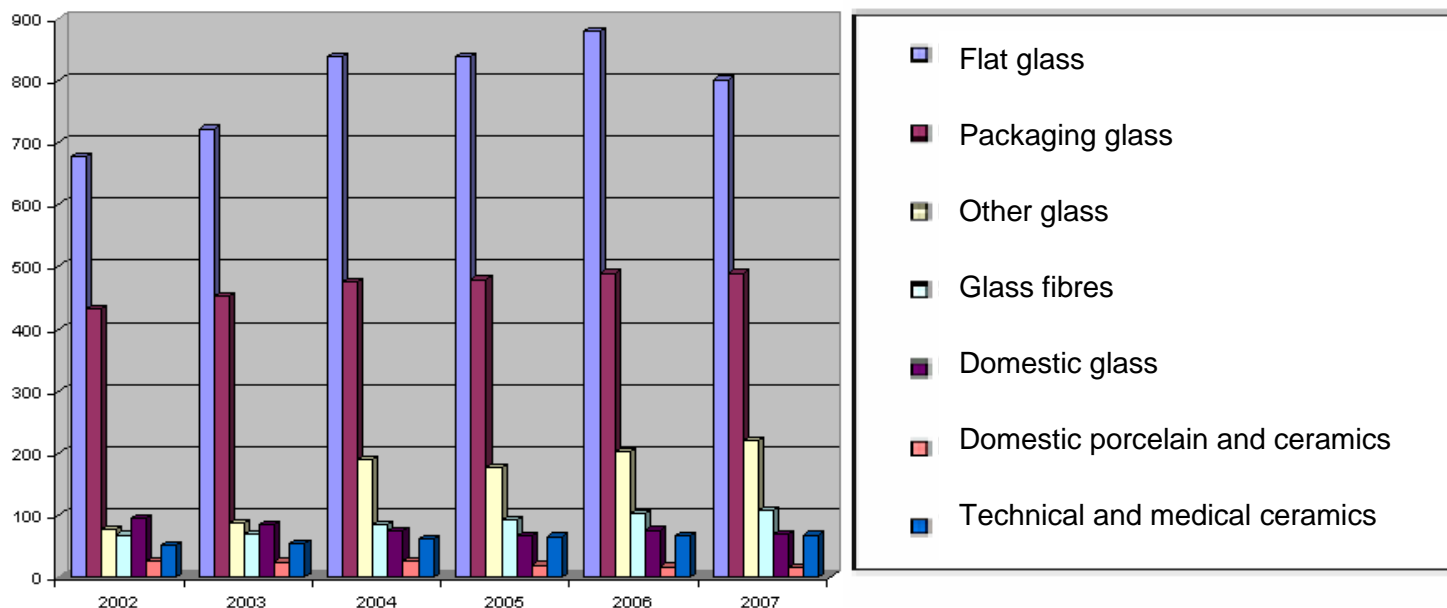
Why exactly was the glass and ceramics industry chosen for this purpose?

- They are energy-intensive industrial branches threatened by a shift of production to countries outside the EU as a result of measures of the EC package (so-called „carbon leakage“).
- These branches also contribute to climate change solutions (for example, sealing materials in construction).
- Special significance for the Czech Republic – long-term tradition and economic significance.



Production of industrial glass and ceramics in the Czech Republic from 2002 to 2007

(in mass units (thousand of t))



Export of glass and ceramics in period from 2002 to 2007

- ✓ The branch is strongly export focused
- ✓ The export in 2007 was CZK 50.56 billion

Export (in billions of CZK) / Year	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	index 07/06 (%)
Total glass	36.548	37.008	41.475	43.376	44.203	44.492	100.7
Total ceramics	5.703	4.959	5.311	5.163	5.193	6.066	116.8
<u>Total glass and ceramics</u>	42.251	41.967	46.786	48.539	49.396	50.558	102.4



Risks:

- There is a danger of a loss of continuity of production – specialised employees with a tradition of many years.

- In connection with this there is a danger of a further deterioration in the competitiveness of European industry.

- Technology at a high level – low potential in the area of improving emissions released.

- Research for attaining further technological improvements is necessary:
 - it is expensive and time consuming
 - it requires further incentives

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