

MR MARTIN BURSÍK

Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of the Environment of the Czech Republic

Martin Bursík completed his studies in the field of environmental protection at the Faculty of Natural Sciences, Charles University of Prague. In 1985, he was awarded the academic title of 'doctor of natural sciences' (RNDr.). From 1994 to 1998, he was the chairman of the Environmental Protection Committee of the Prague City Assembly, specializing in waste management and transport. In 1998, he was the Minister for the Environment in Josef Tošovský's government. The government of the time adopted his State Nature Conservation Programme and State Programme for the Support of Renewable Energy Sources and Energy Savings.



Since September 2005, he has been the Chairman of the Green Party. In June 2006, he was elected an MP of the Czech Parliament for the Greens. Between 2002 and 2005, he was an external energy and environment adviser to Minister for the Environment Libor Ambrozek. He contributed to the preparation of an alternative scenario for the ministry's energy policy, which reinforced the role of renewable energy sources and savings and defended the existence of territorial environmental limits for coal mining. He was appointed Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for the Environment by Václav Klaus, President of the Czech Republic, on 9 January 2007.