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Karel Kovanda took the post of Head of representative office of CEZ Group on 1 June. Prior to this, he served as Deputy Director General of External Relations in the European Commission from April 2005 until the end of 2010. He simultaneously served as the European Commission's Political Director, in bilateral as well as G8 contexts.

From 1991 to 2005, he worked as a senior diplomat in the Czech Foreign Service. He served as ambassador to NATO and to the UN, including leading his country's delegation as a non-permanent member of the UN Security Council (1994-95).

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