

CLEAN ENERGY, WASTE PROCESSING AND RECYCLING

ČEZ earned CZK 8.4bn in Q1, boosts RES production

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ČEZ Group reported a profit of CZK 8.4bn for Q1 2021. EBITDA decreased by CZK 6bn y/y to CZK 19.9bn, which was due, among other things, to temporary market effects of CZK 3.6bn due to the revaluation of hedging contracts for production deliveries, mainly as a result of last year's drop in commodity prices on wholesale markets following the spread of the pandemic. Electricity generation by the companies that, according to the current strategy, will remain in the ČEZ Group after the completion of the divisions in Bulgaria and Poland, decreased by 4% year-on-year. Production from renewable energy sources increased by 17% and production from nuclear power by 8%. ČEZ CEO Daniel Beneš said that the CO2 emission intensity of electricity production fell by 19%. Martin Novák, the director of the finance division, confirmed the full-year outlook for adjusted net profit of CZK 17-20bn. ■

Unipetrol tests chemical recycling of waste plastics

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ORLEN Unipetrol has launched a test pyrolysis unit for the processing of waste plastics at its plant in Litvínov. It will study the chemical recycling of plastics and the way of its implementation in the standard production there. By introducing the principles of the circular economy into production processes, the group wants to expand the production of fuel and plastic products with new resources that will help to decarbonize the Czech Republic and are in line with the policy of the European Union. Tomáš Herink, a member of the board of directors of Unipetrol, said that the ambition was to recycle materials from all over the Czech Republic in a chemical way within few years. ■

KB offers loan for home FVE; cooperates with ČEZ/innogy

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Komerční Banka (KB) offers a loan of up to CZK 2.5m with a fixed interest rate of 4.9% on domestic photovoltaic power plants (FVE). Clients have the opportunity to receive benefits from cooperating companies Čez and innogy. The retail banking strategy manager at KB, Jan Kubálek, said that according to a survey, 20% of clients would be interested in FVE. In 2020, approximately 60% more households (4,900) installed FVE in the Czech Republic. A typical price of an FVE with an accumulator after deducting the subsidy is about CZK 200,000. A household can save roughly CZK 16,000/year. The New Green for Savings program makes it possible to get up to 50% of the invested costs. A growing number of clients demand a combination with batteries or a heat pump managed by one software (smart house). ■

WATER MANAGEMENT, DROUGHT AND CULTIVATION

SmVaK plans profit of CZK 527m, investments of CZK 740m

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Severomoravské vodovody a kanalizace Ostrava (SmVaK) showed a pre-tax profit of CZK 501.35m in 2020. Total revenues related to water and sewer rates amounted to CZK 2.57bn. Sales of drinking water for final consumption reached 32.30 million m3 and the company treated 26.72 million m3 of wastewater. The company also stated in its annual report that it planned to spend CZK 740m on investments in 2021. The aim is to restore, modernize and reconstruct water and sewerage infrastructure, as well as projects through which legislative requirements will be met. The company sees an opportunity for growth in the acquisitions of water companies and tenders for the operation of water infrastructure. SmVaK's ambition is to achieve a pre-tax profit of CZK 527.01m. The company also plans to continue projects increasing the cyber and physical security of information systems and equipment. ■

MZe: 22% of land to be organically farmed

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The Ministry of Agriculture (MZe) wants to increase the areas of organically farmed agricultural land to 22% from the current approximately 15%. The acreage of arable land in organic farming and the consumption of organic food should also increase. These goals were set by the Action Plan of the Czech Republic for the Development of Organic Agriculture in the years 2021–2027, approved by the government on May 10, 2021. Organic food is expected to account for 4% of total food and beverage consumption. The plan is in line with the objectives of the EU's Common Agricultural Policy and the strategies of the European Commission. ■

MF awards public contract on remediation measures for CZK 118.95m

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The Ministry of Finance of the Czech Republic (MF) has awarded the public contract for the removal of five outbreaks of old ecological burden by remediation of groundwater in the western part of the AERO Vodochody complex and in its nearby northwestern foreland so as to prevent the spread of contamination to the surface stream and to the village of Postřizín to EKOSYSTEM and GEOSAN GROUP. The total end value of the contract is CZK 118.95m. ■

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ENVIRONMENT-FRIENDLY PRODUCTION AND RETAIL

Mondelez to support youth and environment in CR, SR

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Mondelez International has announced a grant programme in the Czech Republic and Slovakia to support local projects. These can focus on healthy living for children and youth, environmental protection, sustainable agriculture or community and regional development. The company will support them with financial and product donations. ■

Rohlik.cz to plant row of trees near Vičnov

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Online supermarket Rohlik.cz is launching challenge We love our planet. It wants to find Czech projects that will help it neutralize the carbon footprint created during the production of the Miiil brand. It is collaborating with C12 on the project. To compensate for the carbon footprint of two months of sales of the Miiil brand, Rohlik.cz has selected the first project, namely the planting of a row of trees on the cycle path near Vičnov. ■

MENDELU: Development of robot for farmers cost EUR 2.41m from EU funds

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Researchers from the Institute of Chemistry and Biochemistry of Mendel University in Brno (MENDELU) participated in the project European Green Patrol. The result is a robot moving in a greenhouse, navigated by Galileo from space. The robot is able to recognize various pathogens and apply insecticides in a targeted manner at the infected site. The project was funded by the European Union from the program H2020. Companies and institutions from Spain, the United Kingdom and the Netherlands were also involved. The total costs amounted to EUR 2.41m. ■

HP is expanding its HP Amplify Partner Program to retail and retail dealers

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HP has announced the expansion of its HP Amplify program to more than 1,350 retail partners recruited from online businesses and brick-and-mortar stores. It aims to accelerate the digital transformation through HP's knowledge and support tools. The program also provides partners with an optional path to a more sustainable future. HP Amplify Impact will be launched in the Czech Republic and Slovakia in 2H 2021. While traffic in brick-and-mortar stores declined, online sales increased by more than 27% globally in 2020. By 2025, they are expected to represent 40% of total sales. ■

GREEN DRIVES AND FUELS

ČEZ preparing pilot project with Slovak InoBat

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ČEZ is preparing a pilot project with Slovak battery manufacturer InoBat. Companies will test new energy storage technology. At the same time, InoBat is interested in the use of lithium from Cínovec, which ČEZ is researching there through the Geomet company. Geomet has already asked for an environmental impact assessment of mining. ČEZ spokesman Roman Gazdík told ČIANEWS that with the growth in the number of electric cars, the demand for lithium will increase tenfold in ten years. ■

Installed capacity of ČEZ's chargers exceeded 18.9 MW

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The total installed capacity of the network of public charging stations for electric vehicles controlled by ČEZ Group reaches 18,912 kW. A similar installed capacity is registered for hydroelectric power stations Štěchovice or Střekov, which supply emission-free electricity to 50,000 inhabitants. ČEZ wants to triple the capacity of the chargers to more than 50 MW in five years. The network of public charging stations now totals 300 points. Drivers can get emission-free power there thanks to the certification of the origin from renewable resources issued by the market operator OTE. ■

DAF presents charging stations for e-vehicles, including SW

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DAF Trucks CZ presents a range of solutions for charging the batteries of DAF LF Electric and DAF CF Electric electric vehicles, as well as other electric commercial vehicles. The company offers a complete range of stationary charging stations with an output from 20 kW up to 360 kW. In addition, mobile chargers from 24 kW to 40 kW are available to ensure maximum flexibility. The integration with fully electric DAF trucks, charging hardware and network software is taken care of by the company and its partners. It also provides maintenance for chargers. Customers can purchase PACCAR chargers from DAF service dealers and TRP stores. ■

innogy: Delivery services are drivers of CNG consumption

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According to Innogy ČR, delivery services have become the driving force behind CNG consumption in recent months. Due to the year-long restrictions on shops and restaurants, they are facing increased customer demand for online shopping with delivery to their homes. Among other things, innogy has established a partnership with Rohlik.cz in the field of CNG. The online supermarket has most of its fleet of 500 cars on CNG. In addition, it also uses the first electric cars and cargo bikes. Fleet manager Rohlik.cz Jan Bezchleba said that the e-shop wants to use only electric cars from 2025. Until then, it plans to deliver the goods using CNG trucks. ■

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ČEZ ESCO installed chargers for Porsche Inter Auto for CZK 6m

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ČEZ ESCO has installed two standardized Turbo charging stands and one wallbox in the parking lot of the Porsche Inter Auto CZ dealer network in Prosek, Prague. The special Porsche Turbo Charger DC Box battery has an output of 320 kW. The contract includes the construction and servicing of the charging infrastructure at all Porsche Inter Auto CZ branches. Director of Porsche for the Czech Republic Jan Sedláček said that in the first phase, they would invest approx. CZK 6m in the construction of the necessary infrastructure in Porsche dealerships in the Czech Republic in Prosek, Prague. ■

GREEN VEHICLES

Mercedes-Benz starts production of EQS Series

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Mercedes-Benz has started production of the EQS series of electric cars in the factory 56 hall at its plant in Sindelfingen, Germany. The hall, which, according to the carmaker, is an example of sustainable and CO2 neutral vehicle production, is based on the digital ecosystem mo360. A photovoltaic roof system is then designed to reduce electricity consumption by 30% per year. The S-Class and Maybach S-Class models are also produced in the hall. ■

ŠKODA AUTO sells electric SUV ENYAQ iV in CR

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ŠKODA's authorised dealers on the Czech market launch the official sale of the electric SUV ENYAQ iV on May 13, 2021. Customers can choose between the basic 60 version with a 62 kWh battery and the more powerful 80 version with an 82 kWh battery. A dynamically tuned version Sportline is also available. As part of the pre-sale, ŠKODA AUTO Česká republika has already registered almost 400 binding orders. At the same time, the automaker informed that in cooperation with dealers and power companies it offers 226 public or semi-public charging stations for electric vehicles. ■

PwC: Electric car sales in Western Europe doubled in 1Q

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New registrations of electric cars in the 10 largest markets of Western Europe in 1Q 2021 doubled annually (+100.1%) to 892,050. It stems from the study PwC Strategy & Electric Vehicles Sales. Sales of Plug-in hybrids grew the most (PHEV; +160% to 212,860 units). Hybrid registrations increased by 99.8% to 494,280 units and battery electric vehicles by 58.7% to 184,910 units. At the end of 2021, about 15 million cars with electric or hybrid propulsion could drive around the world, and by 2026 their number could triple. In the Czech Republic, more than 5,000 electric and hybrid cars were sold in 1Q. ■

Opel ups LCV sales by 36% in Q1, will offer new e-cars

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Carmaker Opel's sales of LCV models in the Czech Republic increased by 36% year-on-year to 181 vehicles in Q1 2021. In Europe, Opel sold 29k LCVs in the first quarter (+26%). Czech CEO Josef Šopík said that Opel will launch electric LCV models Combo-e Van and Movano-e by the end of the year. ■

Audi increased sales and profits, especially in China and USA

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Audi increased its deliveries of new cars, sales and operating profit year-on-year in 1Q 2021. The reason was the improving situation after the pandemic. The German car brand delivered 462,828 cars in this period, compared to 352,993 in 2020 when sales strengthened mainly in China and the USA. Revenues reached EUR 14.07bn (2020: EUR 12.45bn), and operating profit rose annually to EUR 1.40bn from EUR 15m. With the introduction of the fully electric Audi e-tron GT models and the Audi Q4 series, the carmaker has entered the e-mobility segment. ■

Volkswagen raises sales and profits, focuses on e-mobility and digitization

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Despite a shortage of semiconductors and restrictions due to the coronavirus pandemic, Volkswagen increased sales by 5.4% to EUR 20bn in 1Q 2021. Operating profit rose to EUR 900m compared to EUR 481m in 2020. The German carmaker raised sales by 24.6% y/y to 1.36 million cars. Volkswagen CEO Ralf Brandstätter said that the group will focus on e-mobility and digitization. ■

Audi launches pre-sale of Q4 e-tron in quattro version

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Audi launches pre-sale of the new Audi Q4 50 e-tron quattro on the Czech market. The compact SUV with electric all-wheel drive offers 220 kW. The battery with a usable capacity of 77 kWh provides a range of up to 488 km according to the WLTP standard. Price starts at CZK 1,493,900. The company is also launching an Audi now branded operating leasing offer, where it is possible to purchase the basic version of the Q4 35 e-tron from CZK 12,999 per month without VAT. The price of the monthly payment also includes complete insurance. ■

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Porsche Macan EV to start field testing, launch in 2023

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Porsche has completed the digital development phase and is beginning real-world testing of the all-electric Macan prototype outside the development centre in Weissach, Germany. The new model of the next-generation compact SUV is expected to hit the market in 2023. ■

TRANSPORT AND LOGISTICS

Packeta ups turnover to CZK 1.09bn in Q1, adds Z-BOXes

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Packeta Group, which owns Zásilkovna, raised its turnover by 163% y/y to CZK 1.09bn in Q1 2021. The number of shipments increased by 158% to 16.9 million. The number of dispatch points was higher by almost 1,000 and reached more than 6,800 (4,650 in the Czech Republic). In 2020, Packeta generated revenues of CZK 2.5bn. Simona Kijonková, founder of Zásilkovna and CEO of Packeta, said that a foreign acquisition is also in the works. By the end of May 2021, more than 500 touchless Z-Boxes, which are powered by a solar panel and controlled via a mobile app, will be installed in the Czech Republic and Slovakia. The total number of Z-BOXes in Central Europe is expected to amount to several thousands by the end of 2021. The company plans to increase the number of dispensing points to 9,000, and 5,000 in the Czech Republic. The number of depots will also grow to 43 with a total area of 100,000 m2. Packeta plans to launch services to eight more countries in the Middle East region by the end of the year. ■

VGP building hall for DHL and Verhoek in Plzeň

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Developer VGP has commenced construction of a fifth hall at its logistics park in Plzeň. The new tenants will be DHL Express, which will lease 1,113 m2, and Verhoek Europe, with a total of 2,170 m2 of logistics space. The expected date of completion of building E and its handover to use is in September 2021. The building is implemented in the degree of green certification BREEAM Very Good. VGP Park Plzeň by road E49 offers almost 50,000 m2 of areas suitable for light production, logistics and accompanying commercial activities. ■

Additional re.volt e-scooters in Ostrava

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The re.volt company will put into operation 100 e-scooters and 60 e-scooters in Ostrava. Deputy Minister for Transport Vladimír Cigánek (ODS) further stated that the city has installed and is continuously adding stands. So far, 300 Lime e-scooters and 200 Bolt e-scooters have been operating in Ostrava. Operating companies solve at their own expense the relocation of scooters to racks and their optimal placement, maintenance and a system with applications for their rental, which is charged. ■

GLS to double no. of parcels in depot in Hradec Králové

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The parcel carrier GLS moved to new premises in Hradec Králové in April 2021. The logistics facility, which was created by adapting a brownfield site, will handle twice as many shipments and employ dozens more couriers. The depot has four ramps for unloading parcels and more than 30 places for loading deliveries with the possibility of further expansion. The facility also provides for the use of green energy and the operation of alternatively powered vehicles. GLS Czech Republic CEO Pavel Včela said the company currently operates 26 depots in the country and plans to open at least two more in 2021, in addition to upgrading them. ■

PKP CARGO to transport semi-trailers to Italy with LKW WALTER

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From May 2021, international railway and intermodal carrier PKP CARGO INTERNATIONAL will be transporting additional semi-trailers between the Paskov Terminal and Verona, Italy, with Austrian company LKW WALTER. The contract was signed for two years. The cargo will be transported in both directions up to five times a week. It is also planned to expand and increase the capacity of the terminal in Paskov. Maciej Walczyk, chairman of the board of PKP CARGO INTERNATIONAL, said that by developing greener combined transport, the company supported the EU's long-term strategy of moving goods from congested roads and motorways to railways. ■

Prague Airport: EgyptAir will fly to Hurghada

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EgyptAir will launch a new route from Prague to Hurghada on May 23, 2021. Prague Airport has informed that it will offer direct flights up to twice a week. It will use the Airbus A220-300, which is more environmentally friendly. EgyptAir will operate the connection in cooperation with CK Čedok. Passengers will have access to Wi-Fi, among other things. Tickets will be available for sale directly on the carrier's website or through travel agencies. Prague Airport has also prepared a special website with an overview of all available destinations from Prague. ■

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GREENING AND CONSTRUCTION

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Airport Prague seeks framework loan of up to CZK 7bn

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Airport Prague has opened a public tender for the provision of a framework loan up to the amount of CZK 7bn. It will cover the existing obligations of the company, but also help with future ones. The loan will finance, among other things, the planned sustainable development. The airport wants to follow the so-called ESG elements, i.e. the principles of sustainable business, which is also in line with the approaches of banks. Chairman of the board of directors Václav Řehoř added that thanks to the savings, the company financed the operation from its own resources during the nine-month downturn in 2020. An external source of money was used in December. The terms of the tender were published in the system E-ZAK. ■

EPIF plans carbon neutrality by 2040

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EP Infrastructure (EPIF) plans to achieve net zero carbon emissions by 2040. It wants to reduce CO2 emissions from existing heating plants by 60% by 2030. The company expects that coal as a primary resource will be fully replaced by emission-free or low-emission alternatives such as biomass, natural gas or municipal waste. EPIF adopted a set of policies ESG in March 2021 and updated them in April. These policies cover, for instance, asset integrity management, cybersecurity and workforce diversity. ■

EY: Car prices rose 0.8 pct due to price increase by automakers

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Car prices in Q1 2021 increased by 0.8% quarter-on-quarter. Vehicles in the top variants became more expensive by 1.1%, and in the basic equipment by 0.7%. This follows from the EY price index. The increase was caused by a general rise in prices for the Volkswagen, SKODA and Mercedes-Benz brands. The increase in prices affected both diesel and petrol vehicles (0.5%). Plug-in hybrid vehicles have risen in price by 3.5%, despite an increase in the range of vehicles with this drive by 21%. The decrease was recorded for purely electric and CNG vehicles. EY's managing partner Petr Knap said that the biggest increase in prices was in the middle class segment, whose prices rose by 1.9%. ■

CTP leased 397,000 m2 in 1Q

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In 1Q 2021, the developer CTP reported a year-on-year increase in rental income by 16.9% to EUR 366 million and more than doubled the volume of new leases to 397,000 m2 of gross leasable area (GLA). CTP continues to expand its portfolio to 7.5 million m2 in 2021. As of March 31, 2021, it has more than 1 million m2 under construction, of which 70% is pre-leased. The CTP yield from this activity reached 11.5%. Occupancy is 94%. By March 31, 2021, 100% of BREEAM-certified CTP properties had achieved very good or better. ■

IMOS Brno commencing completion of IKEM for CZK 1.05bn

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IMOS Brno starts the completion of IKEM. This is the first of seven government strategic investments in the field of healthcare, in the case of which preparations, obtaining of a building permit for the completion of new pavilions G1 and G2 and competition with contractors have been completed. 14,564 m2 of new floor space will be created for transplant and cardiovascular medicine in 2.5 years. The value of the contract is CZK 1.05bn. The government supported this investment with CZK 603.7m. The building will be equipped with energy-saving technologies and intelligent energy management. A total of 83 new beds, ICU and standard, will be created. ■

EPH posts EUR 8.5bn revenue, will reduce coal sources

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Energetický a průmyslový holding (EPH) posted consolidated revenue of EUR 8.5bn for 2020 (2019: EUR 8.6bn). Proforma adjusted EBITDA remained at EUR 2.1bn. According to EPH, the year-on-year stable profitability reflects divestments of Pražská teplárenská and the share in Budapesti Erőmű heating plants in Hungary. The group transported 57bn m3 and distributed 6bn m3 of natural gas. Electricity distribution totalled 6 TWh, and heat supplies amounted to 20 PJ. Between 2021 and 2023, EPH plans to close selected coal sources in France, Germany and the UK with a total installed output of 1,865 MW. ■

MSK and Teva invested in children's health and environmental technologies

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The Moravian-Silesian Region (MSK) and Teva Czech Industries have complied with their voluntary commitments despite the COVID-19 pandemic. Regional Governor Ivo Vondrák (ANO) said that the region had carried out healing stays for 296 preschoolers and 314 primary school pupils and reduced over-limit road cleaning. Teva Czech Industries CEO Richard Szrajber said the company had invested CZK 21m in a new cryogenic unit. Another almost CZK 4m went to modifications of technologies reducing NOx emissions from natural gas combustion. In addition to the agreement, it has increased the degree of solvent recovery by recycling them, thus reducing the consumption of raw materials. ■

MMR: IROP to support cycling infrastructure with CZK 3bn

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At the end of April 2021, 233.8 km of new cycling paths and lanes were built and 7.8 km modernised in the Czech Republic with support from the IROP. This information was provided by the Czech Ministry for Regional Development (MMR), adding that cycling infrastructure would also be supported in the coming 2021-2027 programming period. The IROP counts on an amount above CZK 3bn. By the end of 2023, at least an additional 73 km of new cycling paths will have been completed under the EU's Sustainable and Smart Mobility Strategy. After the pandemic breakout, more people in cities started using a bicycle as their means of transportation. ■

HKK raises boiler subsidies to CZK 114m

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The Hradec Králové Region (HKK) will distribute approximately CZK 114m as part of the third wave of boiler subsidies. It increased the original allocation by more than CZK 56m Councilor Adam Valenta, responsible for regional development, grants and subsidies, specified that the region had succeeded in applying for support from the New Green Savings Program. The obtained funds will be used by the region to provide subsidies to applicants who have met all the conditions, but due to lack of funds, their applications ended up in the reserve. This involves 484 applicants. So far, over 6,000 old boilers have been exchanged in HKK. The applicants received more than CZK 550m. ■

ENESA to make energy of Valdice Prison more efficient

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ENESA from the ČEZ ESCO Group is implementing a project for Valdice Prison to make energy management more efficient and reduce energy costs. The investment of CZK 115m includes, for example, the reconstruction of the main gas hot water boiler room, a new steam boiler room in the laundry room or the reconstruction of the hot water distribution route with a total pipeline length of 5.6 km incl. 16 transfer stations. ■

POLITICS AND ECONOMY

MMR: Digital Czechia project continues successfully

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Many results have been achieved since 2016 in the implementation of individual measures of the Electronization Strategy. The Ministry of Regional Development (MMR) stated that, among other things, the operation of electronic marketplaces was terminated and replaced by the National Electronic Instrument (NEN). According to 2020 statistics, 2,048 contracting authorities, 17,876 suppliers and 36,507 users were registered in the NEN system. Compared to the previous year, it is an increase of 35.72% for contracting authorities, 31.88% for suppliers and 24.58% for the number of users. The financial volume of public contracts in NEN awarded in 2020 amounted to CZK 72.63bn, excluding VAT. This value corresponds to about 15% of the public procurement market. ■

Government to discuss standards related to tenders

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The government of ANO and ČSSD will meet on May 17, 2021, to discuss a proposal to join the proceedings conducted before the constitutional court under the reg. no. Pl. ÚS 24/21 on the application for annulment of § 257 section. j) Act No. 134/2016 Coll. on public procurement. Ministers will also consider a draft government regulation on the determination of the amount of state budget funds intended to provide financial compensation for indirect costs for sectors that have been identified as having a significant risk of carbon leakage due to the projection of costs associated with greenhouse gas emissions into electricity prices for 2020. ■

MMR: CR to receive EUR 38bn from EU in 2021-2027

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The National Coordination Authority at the Ministry of Regional Development of the Czech Republic (MMR) held an online discussion with representatives of the European Commission on key points for the programming period 2021-2027 on May 6-7, 2021. The meeting was primarily focused on steps towards finalising the partnership agreement as a key document of the new programming period, which will place greater emphasis on climate change and digitalisation. The Czech Republic should have at its disposal EUR 21bn from the European Union (EU) for cohesion policy (9 programmes) and another EUR 17bn under other instruments. The agreement will likely be submitted to the government for approval by the end of August 2021. ■

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