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Investments in Rail Network in 2021

Completion of 92 kilometres of modernised lines, the commencement and continuation of modernisation and reconstruction of railway lines and stations, further steps in the preparation of the construction of the first HSR sections or the reconstruction and repair of station buildings with an emphasis on their barrier-free accessibility. This is the year just ending from the point of view of Správa železnic. The infrastructure manager administered a record budget of CZK 60 billion in 2021, of which CZK 37 billion was allocated for investments.

"Thanks to the prepared projects, Správa železnic has been very successful in using financial resources from EU funds; their share in investments slightly exceeded the amount of CZK 20 billion. For the modernisation of the railway infrastructure in the Czech Republic we used 99.9% of all European grant funding available," stated Jiří Svoboda, Director General of Správa železnic. Across all financial sources, 99.8% of the available funds were used for the modernisation of the railway infrastructure.

Key constructions include mainly projects on the first railway corridor, such as the modernisation of the Pardubice junction, the reconstruction of the railway line between Brandýs nad Orlicí and Ústí nad Orlicí or the renewal of the line between Poříčany and Velim. A few weeks ago, the implementation of three projects between Brno and Blansko began, due to which trains will not run in that section for a year. On the route of the fourth railway corridor, the sections between Votice and Sudoměřice and between Soběslav and Doubí are significantly closer to being put into operation thanks to this year's intensive construction activity. The modernisation between the Prague Main Station and Praha-Hostivař station was completed, and significant progress was achieved in two other constructions in the territory of Prague or in its immediate vicinity – reconstruction of the line between Smíchov and Radotín and modernisation of the Praha-Vysočany station and the related section to Mstětice.

Selected constructions with commissioning in 2021:

- Electrification and capacity increase Uničov – Olomouc
- Modernisation Praha hl. n. (Prague Main Station) – Praha-Hostivař
- Optimisation Beroun – Králův Dvůr
- Revitalisation and electrification Oldřichov u Duchcova – Litvínov
- Speed increase Oldřichov u Duchcova – Bílina
- Extension of pedestrian underpasses at Prague Main Station
- Modernisation and electrification Šakvice – Hustopeče u Brna
- Reconstruction of the station Sklené nad Oslavou
- Track modifications in the station Žďár nad Sázavou
- ETCS Praha-Uhřetěves – Votice

Selected line and station upgrades starting in 2021:

- Construction works in the section Brno-Maloměřice – Blansko
- Modernisation Ústí nad Orlicí – Brandýs nad Orlicí
- Double-tracking Pardubice-Rosice nad Labem – Stéblová
- Electrification and capacity increase Šumperk – Libina
- Electrification and capacity increase Libina – Uničov
- Reconstruction of the Vsetín station
- ETCS Mosty u Jablunkova
- ETCS and remote control Votice – České Budějovice

A number of station buildings have undergone a significant transformation. In 2021, Správa železnic has completely reconstructed 73 station buildings. The financial cost of the construction and maintenance works will exceed CZK 2 billion. Modern passenger check-in areas, barrier-free access and new technical facilities have been built.

Examples of completed buildings at the following railway stations: Milevsko, Havířov, Hanušovice, Protivín, Strakonice, Žihle, Sušice, Kolinec, Nýrsko, Blovice, Horažďovice, Hrušovany nad Jevišovkou-Šanov, Dětrichov nad Bystřicí, Louny, Křižanov, Třebíč, Sklené nad Oslavou, Kadaň, Mnichovo Hradiště, Ivanovice na Hané, Ostrov nad Ohří, Kunčice pod Ondřejníkem, Holice, Šumperk, Kroměříž, Lhotka nad Bečvou, Litvínov, Krnov-Cvilín or Skrochovice.

We have reported on the progress of HSR preparation in 2021 in a separate press release, which can be downloaded here: <https://www.spravazeleznic.cz/-/sprava-zeleznic-v-uplynulem-roce-vyrazne-pokrocila-s-pripravou-vrt>