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Správa železnic in 2022

Modernisation of railway lines, junctions and stations, including station buildings, preparation of high-speed railway lines and improving safety at level crossings – these are the priorities of Správa železnic for 2022. The infrastructure manager will resume last year's successful utilising of financial resources from EU funds and used 99.9% of all available European subsidy resources for the modernisation of railway infrastructure. In 2022, Správa železnic will operate with a budget of CZK 53 billion.

"In terms of the volume of investments, we maintain pace and seek savings in maintenance mainly. The priority is further progress in the preparation of high-speed railway lines, which will connect us with Europe and bring great economic benefits," says Minister of Transport Martin Kupka. The key projects being currently executed include mainly modernisation on the first railway corridor, such as the remodelling of the Pardubice junction, reconstruction of the line between Ústí nad Orlicí and Brandýs nad Orlicí or the renewal of the line between Velim and Poříčany. *"This year is exceptional on the Czech railway network. On the one hand, traffic between Brno and Blansko will be interrupted almost all year round due to the execution of three modernisation projects in this section. On the other hand, the completely new sections of the fourth railway corridor between Sudoměřice and Votice as well as Soběslav and Doubí will open for operation, which represents 28.7 km of new lines and seven stops on the Czech railway network,"* said Jiří Svoboda, Director General of Správa železnic. In addition to the sites under construction, Správa železnic has dozens of projects in various stages of preparation aimed at modernising corridors, lines, junctions, increasing safety (ETCS, level crossings) or electrification.

The most important ongoing investments projects 2022

- Adamov – Blansko, BC (Blending Call)
- Modernisation of the railway junction Pardubice
- Brno-Maloměřice signal tower 6 – Adamov, BC
- ETCS + DOZ (interlocking system remote control) Votice – České Budějovice
- Velim – Poříčany, BC
- Double-tracking the line Pardubice-Rosice nad Labem – Stéblová
- Ústí nad Orlicí – Brandýs nad Orlicí, original track, BC
- Mstětice – Praha-Vysočany
- Renovation of the station in Vsetín
- Line modernisation Sudoměřice – Votice
- Line modernisation Soběslav – Doubí
- Junction Plzeň, 5th stage Lobzy – Koterov

Preparation of High-Speed Rail (HSR) Lines

The designing of high-speed rail lines in overall length of 300 km is planned or about to begin. In the first quarter, Správa železnic will announce the results of the architectural competition for the HSR terminal in Roudnice nad Labem and publish its design. Preparations in the area

of technological provision for HSR will enter next phase. This involves a market analysis and subsequent provision of technical model solutions as well as licences for the necessary infrastructure elements. Intensive communication with the concerned municipalities, regions, public associations, interest groups and civic initiatives will continue.

Station buildings

Currently, 53 station buildings in various stages of progress are being remodelled. This year, renovations of large listed buildings will continue in České Budějovice, Plzeň, Pardubice and at the main station in Prague. Repairs of station premises in Beroun, Písek and Veselí nad Lužnicí are expected to end. In 2021, Správa železnic has completely reconstructed 73 railway stations. The financial costs spent on construction and maintenance projects exceeded two billion Czech crowns.

Level crossings

Správa železnic will continue improving the safety of level crossings. Works in progress on at least 150 level crossings facilities will be finished and modernisation of further locations on the Czech railway network will be commenced. At present, the amount of approximately CZK 2.4 billion is allocated for the modernisation of level crossings in 2022.