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## Chabowski will attempt to erase Lashyn's European event record at Mattoni Ústí nad Labem Half Marathon

Mattoni Ústí nad Labem Half Marathon, a RunCzech race awarded the IAAF Gold Label, will welcome in its ninth edition a diverse elite field representing nine European countries. This year the race is a part of EuroHeroes series – a RunCzech initiative aimed to support European athletes.

Polish Marcin Chabowski is a hot candidate for victory among men. This year he has already completed half marathons in Gdynia and Białystok, where he has performed solid results. The current personal best (1:02:24) of the former European junior champion in steeplechase is much better than Dmytro Lashyn's current European maximum in the race.

"I started training in St. Moritz over a thousand kilometers; I had a really good preparation. I think I could have a good result," said Marcin Chabowski before the race determined to overcome Lashyn's time 1:04:06. "It will be very important how I feel on the day of the race, but I am ready to run the time around 1 hour and 3 minutes," he declared an attack on the European race record.

Chabowski will be joined by his compatriot Arkadiusz Gardzielewski (1:03:17), as well as by Ahmed El Mazoury (1:02:39) from Italy and Spanish Jaume Leiva Beato, who took third place in České Budějovice (1:04:37).

In the women's starting field, Jess Piasecki, from Great Britain, is another favourite. She will try to chase the current EuroHeroes leader Lily Fisikovici. In Usti she has another motivation - to prove that her excellent half marathon maximum of 1:11:36 from Cardiff 2015 was not accidental, although she has been missing long distances in recent years.

Among their competitors there will be also British Louise Small (1:12:46), experienced Polish runner Izabella Trzaskalska (1:11:33) and German Katharina Steinruck (1:12:44).

"The starting field is full and we believe that it will be a very exciting race to finish the EuroHeroes series of this season," said Václav Skřivánek, the race director.

The race will kick off tomorrow, 21<sup>st</sup> September at 15:00 CET welcoming 3700 runners in the main race and 3300 in dm family run. As part of the event will be also the Spolchemie Czech Handbike Cup.

Watch the race online at [www.runczech.com](http://www.runczech.com) from 14:50 CET.