

PRESS GUIDE

MATTONI
RUNNING FESTIVAL
KARLOVY VARY
17. 5. 2025

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EURO
HEROES



RUNCZECH
HALFS



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ALL RUNNERS
ARE BEAUTIFUL

RUNCZECH RUNNING SERIES 25 / 26



**MATTONI
RUNNING FESTIVAL
KARLOVY VARY**
17. 5. 2025

21.1 KM 10 KM 1.6 KM



**MATTONI
RUNNING FESTIVAL
ÚSTÍ NAD LABEM**
20. 9. 2025

21.1 KM 10 KM 1.6 KM



**MATTONI
RUNNING FESTIVAL
ČESKÉ BUDĚJOVICE**
31. 5. 2025

21.1 KM 5 KM 1.6 KM



**MATTONI
LIBEREC
TRAIL RUN**
5. 10. 2025

22 KM 12 KM 1.6 KM



**MATTONI
RUNNING FESTIVAL
OLOMOUC**
14. 6. 2025

21.1 KM 5 KM 1.6 KM



**PRAGUE
AIRPORT
VALENTINE'S RUN 7K**
14. 2. 2026

7 KM



**UNICREDIT
PRAGUE RELAY**
24.-25. 6. 2025

4 × 5 KM



**NAPOLI CITY
HALF MARATHON**
22. 2. 2026

21.1 KM 2.5 KM



**BIRELL
IOK NIGHT RACE
PRAGUE**
6. 9. 2025

10 KM



**GENERALI
PRAGUE
HALF MARATHON**
28. 3. 2026

21.1 KM



**ADIDAS
WOMEN'S
5K RUN PRAGUE**
6. 9. 2025

5 KM



**MARATHON WEEKEND:
ORLEŇ
PRAGUE MARATHON**
2.-3. 5. 2026

42.2 KM 1.6 KM

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PRESS CENTRUM

Friday	16. 5.	Spa Hotel Thermal, Červený salonek	12.00 - 20.00
Saturday	17. 5.	Spa Hotel Thermal, Červený salonek	9.00 - 22.00

PROGRAM

Bibs pick up in Hotel Thermal on Friday from 12.00 to 20.30 and on Saturday from 9.00 until 16.00 (10 km to 13.30, dm family mile until 15.00)

FRIDAY 16. 5.

12.00 - 20.30	Running Expo Karlovy Vary
17.00	Pre-race run – gathering in front of Spa Hotel Thermal
18.30	Ceremonial toast and introduction of elite athletes (invited only)

SAURDAY 17. 5.

09.00 - 16.00	Running Expo Karlovy Vary
9.00	Press Centre open
13.00	Start of accompanying program
13.00	Technical area opening for 10 km race
14.00	Start Varyáda 10k Run
16.00	Closing of the technical area for 10 km race
16.00	Start dm family mile
16.45	Start dm bambini run
17.00	Technical area open
18.00	Start Mattoni Half Marathon Karlovy Vary (Relay, VŠFS Rector's Cup)
19.02	Estimated finish of the first man
19.10 – 19.15	Estimated finish of the first woman
19.20	Award ceremony
21.00	Official closing of the race
22.00	Closing of the technical area

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MATTONI HALF MARATHON KARLOVY VARY

17. 5. 2025

Předpokládaný čas prvního a posledního běžce (časový limit)
Estimated time of the first and the last runner (cut-off time)

km	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	18:03 / 18:14	18:06 / 18:22	18:09 / 18:30	18:11 / 18:39	18:14 / 18:47	18:17 / 18:55	18:20 / 19:03	18:23 / 19:12	18:26 / 19:20	18:28 / 19:28	18:31 / 19:36	18:34 / 19:45	18:37 / 19:53	18:40 / 20:01	18:43 / 20:10	18:46 / 20:18	18:48 / 20:26	18:51 / 20:34	18:54 / 20:43	18:57 / 20:51	19:00 / 21:00

TRASA ŽÁVODU / SMĚR ŽÁVODU
RACE COURSE / DIRECTION OF THE RACE

KM VZDÁLENOST
KM DISTANCE

PŘEDÁVACÍ MÍSTO 2x RUN
2x RUN RELAY EXCHANGE

TECHNICKÉ ZÁZEMÍ
TECHNICAL AREA

SEŘADISŤE
LINE-UP

START / ČIL
START / FINISH

RUNNING EXPO
RUNNING EXPO

OBČERSTVOVACÍ STANICE
REFRESHMENT POINT

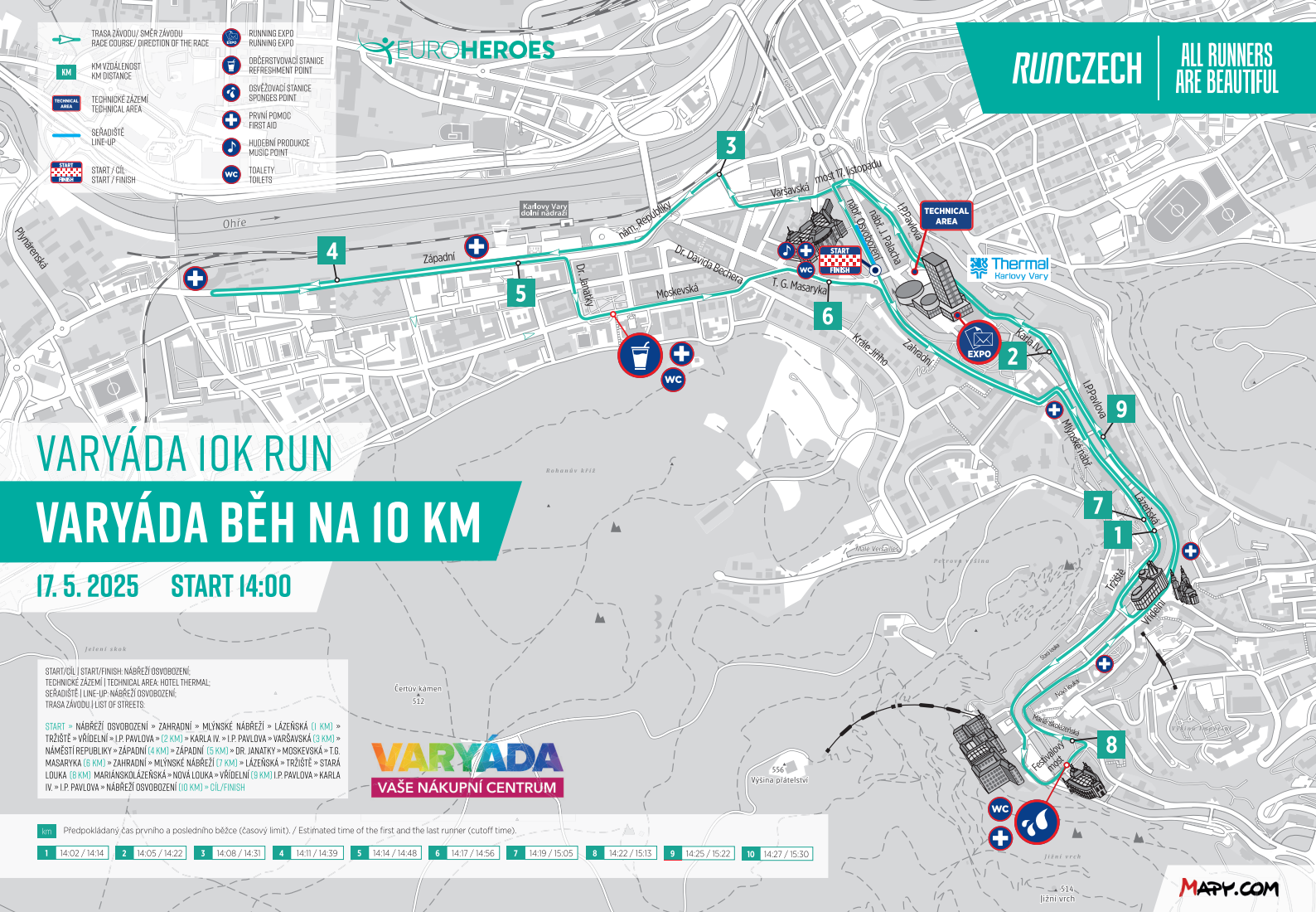
OSVĚŽOVACÍ STANICE
WATER POINT

PRVNÍ POMOC
FIRST AID

HUDEBNÍ PRODUKCE
MUSIC POINT

TOILETY
TOILETS





HIGHLIGHTS

IMPORTANT RACE INFO ONLINE
RUNCZECH.COM/INFO



Edition: **12th**

Start numbers pick-up: Running Expo Karlovy Vary – Hotel Thermal

Event record:

♂ **Wilfred Kimitei** (KEN) **1:00:54** (2017)

♀ **Yvone Jelagat** (KEN) **1:08:19** (2017)

European event record:

♂ **Yassine Rachik** (ITA) **1:02:59** (2019)

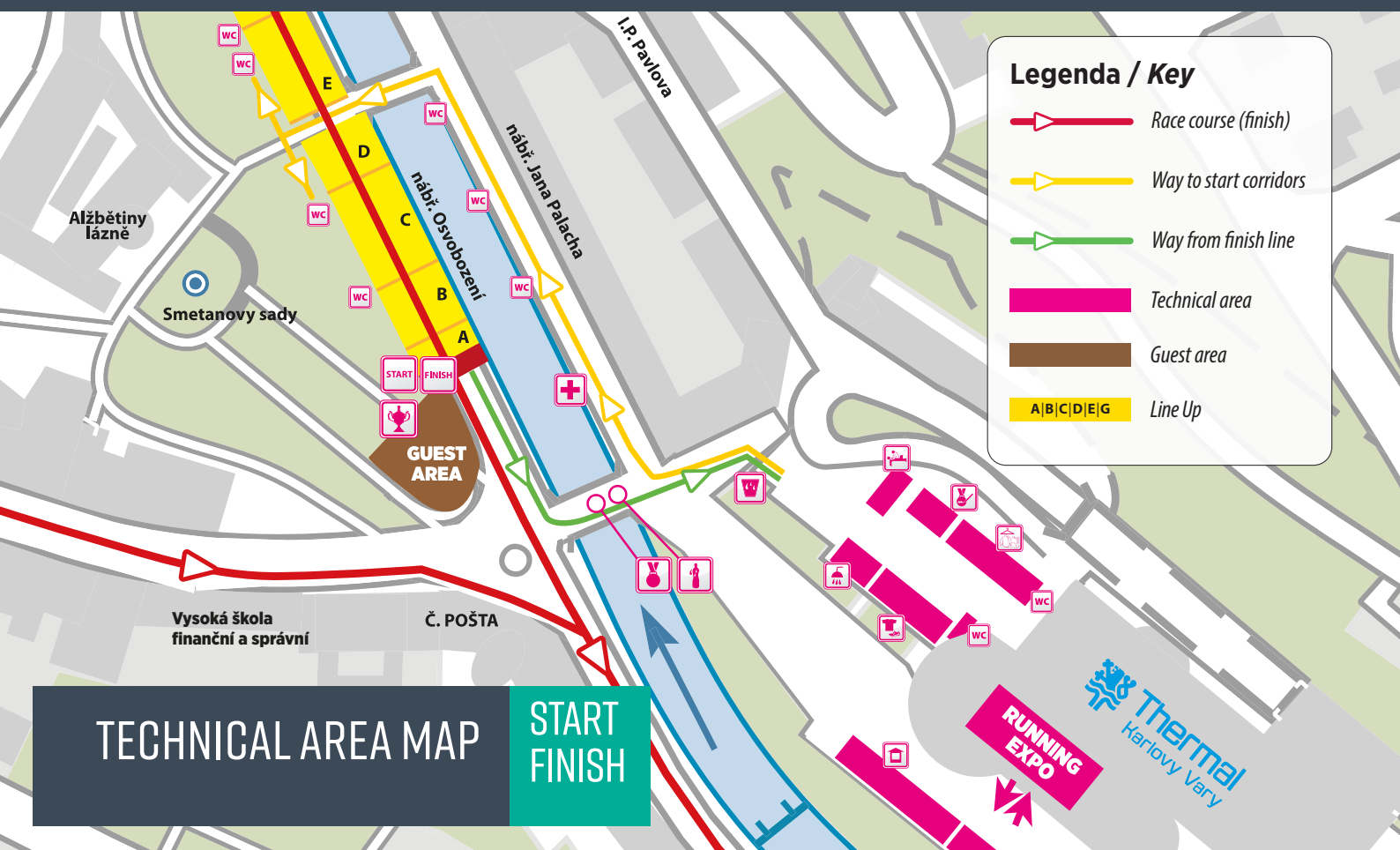
♀ **Christelle Daunay** (FRA) **1:09:17** (2014)

Czech event record:

♂ **Milan Kocourek** (CZE) **1:06:51** (2016)

♀ **Eva Vrabcová Nývltová** (CZE) **1:11:54** (2018)

START Start Start	isotonický nápoj, ovoce isotonic drink, Fruits	První pomoc First aid	Stánky partnerů Partners stands	Masáže Massage
FINISH Cíl Finish	Úschovna zavazadel Bag deposit	Vyrývání na medaile Medal engraving	Vyhlášení vítězů Award ceremony	WC
	Šatna Changing rooms	Medaile Medals	Voda Mattoni Mattoni water	Sprchy Showers



TECHNICAL AREA MAP

START
FINISH

RUNNING
EXPO

Thermal
Karlovy Vary

EUROHEROES



EuroHeroes is a RunCzech initiative created under the auspices of European Athletics. The project has three main aims:

- To make European athletes even more competitive on the world stage.
- To celebrate the greatness that exists among us.
- And to generate a fan base for local and regional runners with the hope of inspiring a new generation to follow in their footsteps.

With that in mind, we have designated four of our half marathons as EuroHeroes events, featuring only runners born and raised in Europe. Each race is awarded with a World Athletics Label and certificate from European Athletics.

EuroHeroes 2025 starts in Karlovy Vary. After successful series last year we would like to do even better this year. Let's see if we will break some race records. Few of last year's participants and new faces as well have applied for this year edition, such as Meritxell Soler from Spain followed by Nora Szabo who finished 2nd in Karlovy Vary last year. Men's field is led by Paulos Surafel from UK. Chasing after him will be České Budějovice Half 2024 winner Mykola Mevsha (UKR) or Chakib Lachgar from Spain.

EXPECTED FRONT RUNNERS MATTONI KARLOVY VARY HALF MARATHON 2025



PAULOS SURAFEL

1:01:21 - GENTBRUGGEN 2024



CHAKIB LACHGAR

1:01:45 - AZPEITIA 2023



MYKOLA MEVSHA

1:04:44 - ČESKÉ BUDĚJOVICE 2024



DAMIÁN VÍCH

1:06:10 - ÚSTÍ NAD LABEM 2023



ONDŘEJ FEJFAR

1:07:13 - PARDUBICE 2015



JIRKA HOMOLÁČ

1:03:23 - PRAGUE 2017



STEFAN GAVRIL

1:04:17 - ÚSTÍ NAD LABEM 2022



MERITXELL SOLER

1:10:21 - SANTA POLA 2024



JACELYN GRUPPEN

1:10:35 - VALENCIA 2024



VIKTORIIA KALIUZHNA

1:11:16 - WARSAW 2024



OLGA NYZHNYK

1:11:41 - ÚSTÍ NAD LABEM 2019



MARYNA NEMCHENKO

1:11:13 - WARSAW 2024

MATTONI KARLOVY VARY HALF MARATHON 2025



START LIST MEN

START LIST	BIB	NAME	NATIONALITY	PB	BEST SINCE 2023
1	PAULOS	PAULOS SURAFEL		1:01:21 - GENTBRUGGEN 2024	1:01:21 - GENTBRUGGEN 2024
2	CHAKIB	CHAKIB LACHGAR		1:01:45 - AZPEITIA 2023	1:01:45 - AZPEITIA 2023
3	LAHSENE	LAHSENE BOUCHIKHI		1:02:28 - VALENCIA 2023	1:02:28 - VALENCIA 2023
4	MYKOLA	MYKOLA MEVSHA		1:04:44 - ČESKÉ BUDĚJOVICE 2024	1:04:44 - ČESKÉ BUDĚJOVICE 2024
5	DMITRIJS	DMITRIJS SERJOGINS		1:04:43 - BARCELONA 2021	1:04:45 - BARCELONA 2024
6	PAAVO	PAAVO DE LENG		1:05:07 - BERLIN 2025	1:05:07 - BERLIN 2025
7	STEFAN	STEFAN IULIUS GAVRIL		1:04:17 - ÚSTÍ NAD LABEM 2022	1:06:46 - BUCHAREST 2024
8	ABEL	ABEL CASALI		1:06:09 - BARCELONA 2022	—
9	DAMIÁN	DAMIÁN VÍCH		1:06:10 - ÚSTÍ NAD LABEM 2023	1:06:10 - ÚSTÍ NAD LABEM 2023
10	JIRKA	JIŘÍ HOMOLÁČ		1:03:23 - PRAGUE 2017	1:05:43 - PRAGUE 2024
11	ONDRA	ONDŘEJ FEJFAR		1:07:13 - PARDUBICE 2015	1:07:20 - KARLOVY VARY 2024

START LIST WOMEN

START LIST	BIB	NAME	NATIONALITY	PB	BEST SINCE 2023
F1	MERITXELL	MERITXELL SOLER		1:10:21 - SANTA POLA 2024	1:10:21 - SANTA POLA 2024
F2	JACELYN	JACELYN GRUPPEN		1:10:35 - VALENCIA 2024	1:10:35 - VALENCIA 2024
F3	NÓRA	NÓRA SZABÓ		1:10:49 - PARIS 2025	1:10:49 - PARIS 2025
F4	MARYNA	MARYNA NEMCHENKO		1:11:13 - WARSAW 2024	1:11:13 - WARSAW 2024
F5	VIKTORIIA	VIKTORIIA KALIUZHNA		1:11:16 - WARSAW 2024	1:11:16 - WARSAW 2024
F6	TEREZA H.	TEREZA HROCHOVÁ		1:11:38 - ROME 2024	1:11:38 - ROME 2024
F7	OLGA	OLGA NYZHNYK		1:11:41 - ÚSTÍ NAD LABEM 2019	1:11:46 - LISBON 2023
F8	IZABELA	IZABELA PASKIEWICZ		1:10:13 - POZNAN 2021	1:12:15 - ROME 2024
F9	TEREZA J.	TEREZA JAGOŠOVÁ		1:19:29 - BERLIN 2022	1:20:20 - BERLIN 2025
F10	BARBORA	BARBORA VAHALÍKOVÁ		1:21:43 - KARLOVY VARY 2024	1:21:43 - KARLOVY VARY 2024

MANY THANKS TO OUR PARTNERS



PREVIOUS WINNERS

2013	Daniel Wanjiru	KEN	1:03:02
2014	Teshome Mekonen	ETH	1:01:21
2015	Elijah Tirop Serem	KEN	1:01:01
2016	Abraham Akopesha	KEN	1:02:08
2017	Wilfred Kimitei	KEN	1:00:54
2018	Roman Romanenko	UKR	1:03:58
2019	Yassine Rachik	ITA	1:02:59
2020	N/A		
2021	Vít Pavlišta	CZE	1:07:18
2022	Vít Pavlišta	CZE	1:08:16
2023	Vitaliy Shafar	UKR	1:04:53
2024	Khalid Choukoud	NED	1:04:01

2013	Mame Feyisa	ETH	1:12:48
2014	Christelle Daunay	FRA	1:09:17
2015	Mulu Seboka	ETH	1:09:11
2016	Joyciline Jepkosgei	KEN	1:09:07
2017	Yvonne Jelagat	KEN	1:08:19
2018	Eva Vrabcová Nývltová	CZE	1:11:54
2019	Lilia Fisikovici	MDA	1:12:34
2020	N/A		
2021	Hana Homolková	CZE	1:20:36
2022	Petra Pastorová	CZE	1:17:41
2023	Aleksandra Lisowska	POL	1:13:24
2024	Tereza Hrochová	CZE	1:12:29

EuroHeroes winners

2019	Yassine Rachik	ITA
2023	Sebastian Hendel	GER
2024	Sebastian Hendel	GER

2019	Darya Mykhailova	UKR
2023	Tereza Hrochová	CZE
2024	Maryna Nemchenko	UKR



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17TH MAY 2025



COMPETITIONS

REFRESHMENTS

ENTERTAINMENT FOR EVERYONE



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HERE, THE STALL NEAR THE THERMAL HOTEL

OC VARYÁDA

HOTEL THERMAL

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minerálů

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