



**MATTONI
RUNNING FESTIVAL
OLOMOUC
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PRESS GUIDE



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FOREWORD

OPENING WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE RUNCZECH ORGANIZING COMMITTEE, CARLO CAPALBO

Dear competitors and supporters,

We are gathering once again for another edition of the Mattoni Running Festival Olomouc. What makes this event a festival? Because it's not just about running races – it also includes a variety of accompanying runs that are suitable for all generations and runners of all performance levels.

We are very grateful to our partners, the Statutory City of Olomouc, and the Olomouc Region, whose support makes it possible to regularly organize this celebration of sport and community.

The entire running program kicks off at 3:30 p.m. on the Upper Square with the Šantovka 5K Run, continues with the dm family mile and dm bambini run, and culminates in the evening with the traditional Mattoni Half Marathon. This main race is being held here for the sixteenth time, and participants will not only enjoy the running experience but also have the chance to take in the enchanting sights of Olomouc. All of this is made possible thanks to Mattoni, RunCzech's hydration partner.

The Olomouc Half Marathon is part of this year's EuroHeroes series, which, as usual, started in Karlovy Vary. EuroHeroes is a RunCzech initiative aimed at supporting European athletes, and I'm delighted that the starting line includes not only previous champions of the series but also record holders from RunCzech races.

On behalf of the entire organizing committee, I wish all participants and visiting fans a thoroughly enjoyable time at the Mattoni Running Festival Olomouc. May you experience pleasant and unique moments in this beautiful city.

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PRESS CENTER

Friday, June 12	Central Park Hotel Flora	13:00–20:00
Saturday, June 13	Olomouc Town Hall, Mayor's Conference Room	10:00–22:30

RUNNING EXPO

Bib number pick-up for participants will take place at Moravia Sport Expo, located at Výstaviště Flora Olomouc:

Friday:	9:00–19:00
Saturday:	9:00–17:00
5K race:	pick-up until 14:30
dm family mile and dm bambini run:	pick-up until 15:30

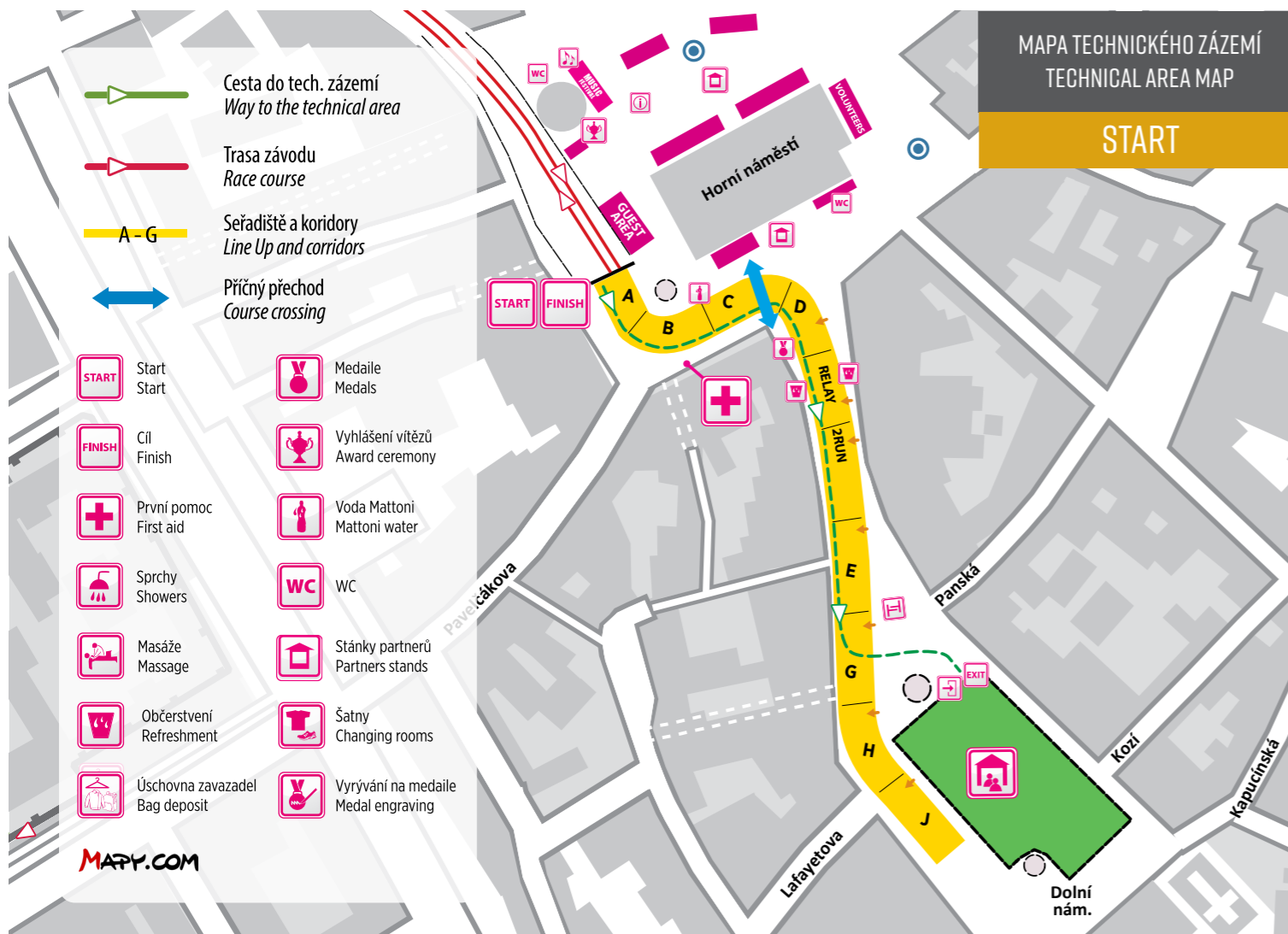
PROGRAM

FRIDAY, JUNE 12

9:00–19:00	Moravia Sport Expo – A fair showcasing sports activities, gear, and Olomouc sports clubs (Výstaviště Flora Olomouc)
11:45	Meet & Greet with Elite Athletes – all media are invited (Výstaviště Flora Olomouc)
9:00–21:00	Olomouc Wheelchair Relay (Výstaviště Flora Olomouc – Rudolfova alej)
17:00	Pre-race run (Výstaviště Flora Olomouc)

SATURDAY, JUNE 13

9:00–17:00	Moravia Sport Expo
10:00	Press Center Opens (Olomouc Town Hall)
15:30	Start of Šantovka 5K Run, Rector's Cup (Horní náměstí)
16:15	Ceremony of the Šantovka 5K Run
17:00	Start of dm family mile (Horní náměstí)
18:00	Start of dm bambini run (Horní náměstí)
19:00	Start of Mattoni Olomouc Half Marathon + Relay, 2Run (Horní náměstí)
20:02	Expected finish of the first male runner
20:10–20:15	Expected finish of the first female runner
20:20	Awards Ceremony
22:00	Race ends



MATTONI HALF MARATHON OLOMOUC 2026



START LIST MEN

START NUMBER	BIB NAME	NAT	NAME	YEAR OF BIRTH	PERSONAL BEST - PB	BEST PERFORMANCE SINCE 2024
1	JAN		GER Jan Lukas Becker	1993	1:01:20 - Barcelona 2026	1:01:20 - Barcelona 2026
2	JORGE		ESP Jorge Blanco	1993	1:01:45 - Valencia 2024	1:01:45 - Valencia 2024
3	JONA		GER Jona Bodirsky	2001	1:02:59 - Copenhagen 2025	1:02:59 - Copenhagen 2025
4	MYKOLA		UKR Mykola Mevsha	1994	1:02:51 - Warsaw 2025	1:02:51 - Warsaw 2025
5	LAHSENE		BEL Lahsene Bouchikhi	1993	1:02:28 - Valencia 2023	1:03:02 - Gentbrugge 2024
6	PATRIK		CZE Patrik Vebr	1998	1:03:24 - Valencia 2024	1:03:24 - Valencia 2024
7	MAXIM		MDA Maxim Raileanu	1994	1:03:09 - Boulogne-Billancourt 2023	1:03:31 - Barcelona 2026
8	KHALID		NED Khalid Choukoud	1986	1:01:53 - Breda 2013	1:03:31 - Den Haag 2024
9	AZIZ		FRA Aziz Boukebal	1995	1:03:54 - Barcelona 2022	1:04:22 - Grue 2026
10	JOSHUA		GBR Joshua Griffiths	1993	1:03:08 - Larne 2020	Marathon 2:16:56 - Manchester 2025
11	JIRKA		CZE Jiří Homoláč	1990	1:03:23 - Prague 2017	1:06:22 - Prague 2024
12	DAVID		CZE David Vaš	1990	1:07:11 - Prague 2026	1:07:11 - Prague 2026
13	TOMÁŠ		CZE Tomáš Krivohlávek	1995	1:07:10 - Pardubice 2022	1:07:54 - Karlovy Vary 2026
14	MATĚJ		CZE Matěj Hřebačka	2003	1:07:58 - České Budějovice 2026	1:07:58 - České Budějovice 2026
15	PETR		CZE Petr Hošna	1994	1:09:28 - Ústí nad Labem 2021	1:10:21 - Ústí nad Labem 2024
16	VÍT		CZE Vít Guldán	2004	1:09:45 - Prague 2026	1:09:45 - Prague 2026
17	VOJTA		CZE Vojtěch Bárta	1998	1:10:58 - Ostřešany 2021	1:11:47 - Pardubice 2025

START LIST WOMEN

START NUMBER	BIB NAME	NAT	NAME	YEAR OF BIRTH	PERSONAL BEST - PB	BEST PERFORMANCE SINCE 2024
F1	CAROLINA		ESP Carolina Robles	1991	1:09:38 - Barcelona 2025	1:09:38 - Barcelona 2025
F2	NÓRA		HUN Nóra Szabó	1988	1:10:49 - Paris 2025	1:10:49 - Paris 2025
F3	HANNE		NOR Hanne Mjøen Maridal	1996	1:10:50 - Warsaw 2026	1:10:50 - Warsaw 2026
F4	TEREZA		CZE Tereza Hrochová	1996	1:10:52 - České Budějovice 2026	1:10:52 - České Budějovice 2026
F5	NATALIIA		UKR Nataliia Strebkova	1995	1:11:18 - Warsaw 2026	1:11:18 - Warsaw 2026
F6	KRISTINA		GER Kristina Hendel	1996	1:10:38 - Istanbul 2022	1:12:31 - Berlin 2024
F7	MÍŠA Č.		CZE Michaela Čepová	2000	1:13:07 - Prague 2026	1:13:07 - Prague 2026
F8	MÍŠA B.		CZE Michaela Brtníčková	2003	1:15:32 - Pardubice 2026	1:15:32 - Pardubice 2026
F9	EVA F.		CZE Eva Filipiová	1986	1:16:59 - Prague 2026	1:16:59 - Prague 2026
F10	EVA V. N.		CZE Eva Vrabcová Nývtová	1986	1:11:01 - Prague 2018	1:19:52 - Prague 2025
F11	HANKA		CZE Hana Homolková	1996	1:18:08 - Berlin 2023	1:20:15 - Ústí nad Labem 2024
F12	BÁRA V.		CZE Barbora Vahalíková	2000	1:21:43 - Karlovy Vary 2024	1:21:43 - Karlovy Vary 2024
F13	JITKA		CZE Jitka Špičáková	1987	1:22:55 - Pardubice 2023	1:25:37 - Olomouc 2025
F14	PĚTA		CZE Petra Kamínková	1973	1:12:19 - Paderborn 2004	1:26:32 - Olomouc 2024



EUROHEROES



EuroHeroes is a project by RunCzech, created under the patronage of the European Athletics Association for three main reasons:

- To increase the competitiveness of European athletes on the global stage.
- To celebrate their outstanding performances.
- To build a fan base for European runners in the hopes that they will inspire a new generation to follow in their footsteps.

With this goal in mind, we have designated four of our half marathons to be part of the EuroHeroes series, featuring only elite European runners. Each race holds the World Athletics Road Race Label and a European Athletics certification.

After a successful launch of the 2026 EuroHeroes series in Karlovy Vary and its continuation in České Budějovice, we now look forward to more exceptional performances in Olomouc. We'll see if new course records will be set. We are halfway through this year's series and the situation in the upcoming races looks dramatic. In Olomouc, we can expect a tough fight between Jorge Blanco, who won his race in České Budějovice or Jan Lukas Becker from Germany. But we can also see great times from Mykola Mevsha or Aziz Boukebal, who attended medal positions in first two races of the year. Among the women, last year's winner Nóra Szabó will try to improve on her second place from Karlovy Vary, where she lost to Carolina Robles. In Olomouc, they will meet again on the starting list and we expect a tough fight for the title between them and Tereza Hrochová, who won in České Budějovice in a new European race record.

EuroHeroes Winners

2019	Yassine Rachik	ITA	2019	Darya Mykhailova	UKR
2023	Sebastian Hendel	GER	2023	Tereza Hrochová	CZE
2024	Sebastian Hendel	GER	2024	Maryna Nemchenko	UKR
2025	Khalid Choukoud	NED	2025	Nóra Szabó	HUN

EuroHeroes – Athletes

	Position	Names	Nationality	KV HM	ČB HM	Total Points
MEN	1	Khalid Choukoud	NED	990	991	1981
	2	Artur Bossy	ESP	994	951	1945
	3	Jiří Homoláč	CZE	741	835	1576
	4	Damián Vích	CZE	1050	0	1050
	5	Jorge Blanco	ESP	0	1045	1045
	6	Mykola Mevsha	UKR	0	1035	1035
	7	Jan Lukas Becker	GER	1032	0	1032
	8	Aziz Boukebal	FRA	0	1020	1020
	9	Pol Espinosa	ESP	0	994	994
	10	Lahsene Bouchikhi	BEL	0	955	955
WOMEN	1	Natasha Wilson	GBR	1067	1078	2145
	2	Michaela Čepová	CZE	1058	1053	2111
	3	Cristina Silva	ESP	987	965	1952
	4	Carolina Robles	ESP	1114	0	1114
	5	Tereza Hrochová	CZE	0	1112	1112
	6	Nóra Szabó	HUN	1083	0	1083
	7	Olga Nyzhnyk	UKR	0	1048	1048
	8	Bára Stýblová	CZE	0	1042	1042
	9	Monica Silva	POR	0	1039	1039
	10	Kristina Hendel	GER	0	1001	1001



Vyvážený obsah
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Pro vaše tělo
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ELITE AND START NUMBERS

In Olomouc, we are expecting what is probably the most exciting and balanced race of this year's EuroHeroes. Four out of six runners who have won medals in this year's series will be at the start. We can expect at least a dozen runners with best times below 1:04 to attack the lead. The European race record may also be in jeopardy. It currently stands at 1:02:12 and has held it for 10 seasons. Will any of the three Becker, Blanco or Choukoud, who have already run faster in their careers, manage to beat it?

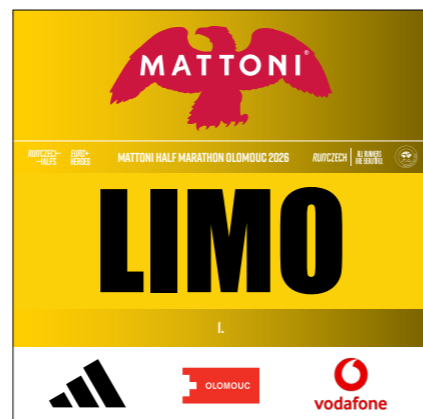
Among the women, there are two women who have run faster times than the current European race record. Biggest contenders for victoriz will be Karlovy Vary winner Carolina Robles, domestic runner Tereza Hrochová and last year EuroHeroes winner Nóra Szabó from Hungary. And interesting fact: Tereza's personal best from the last weekend in May is the best Czech time run on home soil in history!



HALF MARATHON - MEN



HALF MARATHON - WOMEN



ELITE - MEN



ELITE - WOMEN



5K - MEN



5K - WOMEN

ELITES TO WATCH - MEN

1:01:45 - VALENCIA 2024 **JORGE BLANCO**

Age: 32
Nationality: Spain
Achievements: Spain champion in marathon (2022), 3rd place in Ibero-American Championship (2022) in Half Marathon, Mattoni Half Marathon České Budějovice winner



JAN LUKAS BECKER 1:01:20 - BARCELONA 2026

Age: 33
Nationality: German
Achievements: Runner-up at the Mattoni Half Marathon Karlovy Vary, Winner of the 2025 Remich (Luxembourg) Half Marathon.



1:03:24 - VALENCIA 2026 **PATRIK VEBR**

Age: 27
Nationality: Czech
Achievements: Czech race record holder in Mattoni Half Marathon České Budějovice (2025), 3 times Czech champion (2025 Half Marathon, 2025 5 km road, 2022 5 km)



ELITE TO WATCH - WOMEN

TEREZA HROCHOVÁ 1:10:52 - ČESKÉ BUDĚJOVICE 2026

Age: 30
Nationality: Czech
Achievements: 22 times Czech champion, EuroHeroes 2023 Winner, 26th in Paris OG 2024 Marathon, 10K National record holder 31:05 - Valencia 2026, Winner of Mattoni Half Marathon 1:10:52 - České Budějovice 2026



1:09:38 - BARCELONA 2025 **CAROLINA ROBLES**

Age: 34
Nationality: Spain
Achievements: Mattoni Half Marathon Karlovy Vary winner 2026, 3 times national champion (2024 10 km, 2024, 2022 3,000 m steeplechase)



NÓRA SZABÓ 1:10:49 - PARIS 2025

Age: 38
Nationality: Hungary
Achievements: EuroHeroes 2025 Winner, 2nd in Karlovy Vary 2026, 6 times national champion (2025 Marathon, 2024, 2022 Half Marathon, 2026, 2023, 2021 10 km)



INTERESTING FACTS

IMPORTANT INFORMATION
BEFORE THE RACE
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Year: 16.

Bib number pick-up:

Moravia Sport Expo,
Výstaviště Flora Olomouc

Race record:

♂ **Stephen Kiprop (KEN) 1:00:15 (2018)**

♀ **Mary Keitany (KEN) 1:06:38 (2015)**

European race record:

♂ **Polat Arikam (TUR) 1:02:12 (2015)**

♀ **Trihas Gebre (ESP) 1:09:51 (2018)**

Czech race record:

♂ **Jan Kreisinger (CZE) 1:05:50 (2015)**

♀ **Eva Vrabcová Nývltová (CZE) 1:11:10 (2018)**

Previous Winners

Mattoni Half Marathon Olomouc:

MEN:

2010	Joseph Maregu	KEN	1:03:20
2011	Shami A. Dawit	ETH	1:00:44
2012	Nicholas Kipkemboi	KEN	1:01:48
2013	Henry Kiplagat	KEN	1:03:00
2014	Geoffrey Ronoh	KEN	1:00:17
2015	Josphat Kiprop Kiptis	KEN	1:00:21
2016	Stanley Kipleting Biwott	KEN	1:00:46
2017	Josphat Kiprop Kiptis	KEN	1:01:50
2018	Stephen Kiprop	KEN	1:00:15
2019	Yassine Rachik	ITA	1:04:26
2021	Gerron Stewart	CZE	1:09:39
2022	Vitaliy Shafar	UKR	1:05:31
2023	Sebastian Hendel	GER	1:03:55
2024	Daniele D'Onofrio	ITA	1:04:56
2025	Johannes Motschmann	GER	1:03:29

WOMEN:

2010	Ansakech Mengitsu	ETH	1:13:13
2011	Netsanet Achamo	ETH	1:10:41
2012	Yeberqual Melese	ETH	1:11:33
2013	Betelhem Moges	ETH	1:10:38
2014	Edna Kiplagat	ETH	1:08:53
2015	Mary J. Keitany	KEN	1:06:38
2016	Mary J. Keitany	KEN	1:08:53
2017	Worknesh Degefa	ETH	1:09:19
2018	Netsanet Gudeta	ETH	1:07:30
2019	Lilia Fisikovici	MDA	1:13:32
2021	Hana Homolková	CZE	1:20:24
2022	Valeria Zinenko	UKR	1:12:57
2023	Hanne Verbruggen	BEL	1:12:45
2024	Nóra Szabó	HUN	1:12:44
2025	Meritxell Soler	ESP	1:11:53

TOP 10 BEST CZECH PERFORMANCES IN HISTORY

MEN:

1:05:50	JAN KREISINGER	2015
1:06:16	JIŘÍ HOMOLÁČ	2015
1:06:20	JIŘÍ HOMOLÁČ	2018
1:06:29	JIŘÍ HOMOLÁČ	2017
1:06:50	VÍT PAVLIŠTA	2018
1:07:31	TOMÁŠ LICHÝ	2018
1:07:41	JIŘÍ HOMOLÁČ	2014
1:08:09	VÍT PAVLIŠTA	2019
1:08:12	JAN KREISINGER	2012
1:08:17	PATRIK VEBR	2023

WOMEN:

1:11:10	EVA VRABCOVÁ NÝVLTOVÁ	2018
1:12:01	EVA VRABCOVÁ NÝVLTOVÁ	2017
1:12:58	TEREZA HROCHOVÁ	2024
1:13:39	VERONIKA KUSÁ	2024
1:14:59	TEREZA HROCHOVÁ	2025
1:15:16	EVA VRABCOVÁ NÝVLTOVÁ	2016
1:17:35	PETRA PASTOROVÁ	2014
1:17:44	PETRA KAMÍNKOVÁ	2015
1:17:47	MONIKA PREIBISCHOVÁ	2016
1:17:54	IVANA SEKYROVÁ	2015

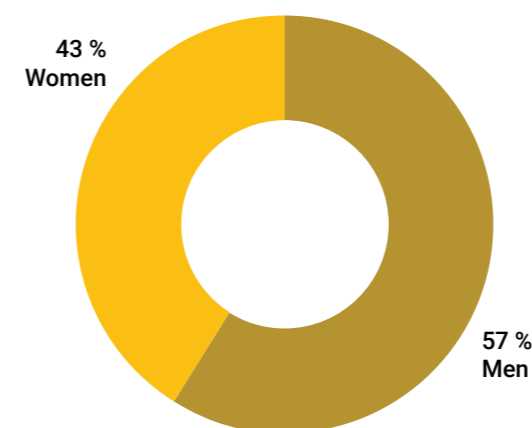
THE MATTONI HALF MARATHON HOLDS ROAD RACE LABEL FROM WORLD ATHLETICS



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NATIONALITIES

PARTICIPATION BY GENDER



OLDEST PARTICIPANTS:

♂ MEN: TREVOR WALLINGER (GBR) - 78 YEARS
♀ WOMEN: WENDY WALLINGER (GRB) - 74 YEARS

MOST COMMON FIRST NAMES IN REGISTRATIONS:

♂ MEN: JAN 316*
♀ WOMEN: LUCIE 136*

RATIO OF CZECHS TO FOREIGNERS



TOP 10 EUROPEAN PERFORMANCES IN HISTORY - MEN:

1:02:12	POLAT KEMBOI ARIKAN	TUR	2015
1:02:56	ABDI NAGEEYE	NED	2015
1:03:23	VIKTOR RÖTHLIN	SUI	2014
1:03:29	JOHANNES MOTSCHMANN	GER	2025
1:03:32	MARCIN CHABOWSKI	POL	2014
1:03:55	SEBASTIAN HENDEL	GER	2023
1:04:07	DAVID NILSSON	SWE	2023
1:04:26	YASSINE RACHIK	ITA	2019
1:04:27	KHALID CHOUKOUD	NED	2023
1:04:56	DANIELE D'ONOFRIO	ITA	2024

TOP 10 EUROPEAN PERFORMANCES IN HISTORY - MEN:

1:09:51	TRIHAS GEBRE	ESP	2018
1:09:52	CLÉMENCE CALVIN	FRA	2018
1:11:10	EVA VRABCOVÁ NÝVLTOVÁ	CZE	2018
1:11:53	MERITXELL SOLER	ESP	2025
1:12:02	NÓRA SZABÓ	HUN	2025
1:12:09	MARIIA MAZURENKO	UKR	2025
1:12:32	MARYNA DAMANTSEVICH	UKR	2018
1:12:44	NÓRA SZABÓ	HUN	2024
1:12:45	HANNE VERBRUGGEN	BEL	2023
1:12:57	VALERIA ZINENKO	UKR	2022

LIVE STREAMING

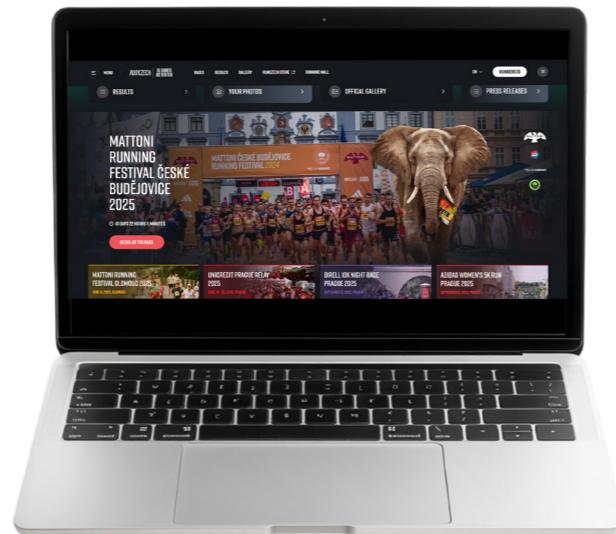
Stream on the website runczech.com and Oneplay

- Watch the race live directly from the homepage of our website and experience the race day atmosphere – wherever you are
- Czech commentary available on Oneplay
- The live broadcast of the half marathon starts on Saturday at 18:45

In the RunCzech App

- Livetracking – follow runners live on the course
- Push notifications – so you don't miss a thing

For the latest updates, visit our website.



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